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March Lunch with League

Sustainability and the Proposed Palo Alto Climate Action Plan



with

Gil Friend

Palo Alto Chief Sustainability Officer

As part of the Comprehensive Plan Update the City is updating its state-mandated Climate Action Plan. Should we reduce our carbon footprint 80% by 2030? How would we do it? Is it possible?



Tuesday, March 15

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

**Bay Café Restaurant
1875 Embarcadero Road**

Buffet lunch: \$20 per person

Reservations Required: lwvpaoffice@gmail.com

or (650) 903-0600

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Saturday, March 19, 9:30 am-2 pm

Reservation Required

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**A Forum On The
Effects Of Sea-
Level Rise**

Wednesday, April 6, 7 pm

**Facebook building 10,
1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park**

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The League is a broadly based, nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and involved participation in government through voter service, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Message from our President

Dear Everyone,

The big news is all about elections and voting. I am delighted to report that many of you have enlisted as volunteers to help with Voter Services this year. We will need every one of you and others who are still to enlist. Thank you all. The June election, only four months away, involves Primary's for US Senator and Representative, CA Senate and Assembly, County offices and judgeships, and at least one ballot measure. Both Palo Alto City Council members and PAUSD member elections will be in November. For June and November there will be pro and con presentations for the ballot measures, voters to register, Candidate Forums to arrange and conduct, a Voter's Guide to publish and distribute, and Smart Voter (see below) updates and monitors.



Volunteer work is varied in time, place, and task. Whatever you can do will be valuable, from computer skills, writing, speaking, handing out question cards at a presentation, and mailing or delivering literature. A mailing party is shared fun. Oh yes!, and on Election Day, the Santa Clara County Voter Registrar is looking for help as well. In my opinion working at the polls is far more fun than listening to the news staff predicting the outcomes. No media is allowed at the polling place.

A special note that SMART VOTER, our well-known voter information website, has a new name and new content. It is now VOTER'S EDGE. The site will maintain all the non-partisan features of information for voters that we are used to, including direct access by candidates to the public, via the information from candidates about themselves and their candidacies. In addition VOTER'S EDGE offers more, especially concerning campaign finance information for both candidates and ballot measures. Users will have easy reference to campaign finance data and financial contribution data, such as top contributors, geographic source of funds, and donations by industry.



On your way to the election, do not forget to join in the other interesting League happenings: the CA Public Higher Education consensus meeting, Lunches with League, the Annual Meeting and more. Of course, bring a friend with you. Everyone is welcome. I look forward to seeing you soon!

*Phyllis Cassel
Your 2nd Vice President*

p.s. Your President, Ellen Forbes will be back soon. She is has been off playing somewhere in the wild, wide world.

BLUE HIGHLIGHTS in the VOTER are linked to pertinent websites. To access the VOTER in PDF format, go to our website at www.lwvpaloalto.org/VOTER.html or email lwvpaoffice@gmail.com to start receiving the VOTER as a PDF via email.

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February Board Meeting Summary

Program Planning

This was a major subject for Board discussion as it involved League programs at various levels.



LWVUS, LWV Bay Area, LWVSCC The Board reviewed the input from the January LWVPA Program Planning Meeting and formed recommendations for Program at the National, Bay Area and County levels. These recommendations will be compiled with those of other leagues to make recommendations for the appropriate annual meetings.

LWV Palo Alto. The Board declined to review all of our local positions and chose instead to do a review/update of Natural Resources and Housing positions with an emphasis on climate issues, and to approve an updated Emergency Operations Plan. Several changes to the Emergency Management Plan will be proposed to the membership at the LWVPA Annual Meeting.

LWVPA Board Action

The Board voted to co-sponsor with Palo Alto Forward a talk about Accessory Dwelling Units on March 3, 2016. Rachael Ginis, a founder of LilyPad Homes, will give the presentation.

The Board supported an action by the Housing and Transportation Committee to support an amendment to the Stanford General Use Permit (GUP) to allow additional bed spaces to house graduate students. Our League will seek support from the LWV South San Mateo as well.

LWVPA Annual Meeting Plans

The meeting will occur on May 14, 9:30 am–12 pm. The Board issues for the event concern a potential speaker, a location, items for discussion and action, and formation and distribution of meeting kits, and the least expensive method of informing the membership of the meeting and the issues to be considered. This important and busy effort will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

Marlene Prendergast, Secretary

Call to the 2016 LWVPA Annual Meeting



The LWV Palo Alto Annual Meeting will be **Saturday May 14, 2016 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.** Business will include election of officers, approval of the 2016-2017 budget, and approval of the 2016-2017 Program. The speaker and the place will be announced later. The LWVPA Board recommends the following program for next year:

LWV Palo Alto Program Recommendations 2016

1. An update/review of the Natural Resources and Housing positions with an emphasis on climate issues. Consider updates and potential deletions and coordination among the positions. Look at the positions with a climate issue lens. Look forward to what would be desired in the next 15 to 20 years.

2. Approval of the Updated Emergency Management Plan: Support of the City of Palo Alto Emergency Operations Plan for utilization in all disasters.

Support of:

1. Regularly scheduled review and approval by the City Council of an updated Emergency Operations Plan
2. Adequate funding in annual budgets
3. Ongoing staff training
4. Ongoing citizen education and continuing citizen training in preparation for a major emergency
5. Cooperation with other agencies, cities, region and state
6. Effective communication systems with residents including:
 - a. a community early-warning system
 - b. rapid dissemination of accurate instructions and information
 - c. timely access to emergency information and,
 - d. support of emergency service volunteers

3. Continuation of all current LWVPA positions with the above amendments.

Recommended LWVPA Program Emphases

1. Advocacy emphasis on justice issues such as in education, police, and community services.

2. Advocacy emphasis on development and completion of the Comprehensive Plan

If you wish to introduce program proposals that are different than or in addition to the Board-recommended Program you must submit your proposal to the Board no later than March 31. Any Program recommendations not approved by the Board must be included in the official notice of the meeting that will be sent in April. Only proposals included in the official notice of the meeting will be considered at the Annual Meeting. Please send your recommendation to the office by mail or e-mail. Please come to this annual membership meeting. Participate in our grass-roots decision making.

Phyllis Cassel

Advocacy Report by Phyllis Cassel



The “STEP UP For Pro Choice” rally, which LWVPA cosponsored, was held on January 22 in Los Altos and featured Jennifer Conti MD, MS OB/GYN Stanford, and Linda Williams CEO Planned Parenthood, Mar Monte. They gave updates on the critical issues concerning the medical, legal and political fronts. Both felt that this election is a critical year in the fight for women’s right to choice. The pro-life advocates have been steadily changing state laws to limit access to abortions and the laws usually have no direct relationship to the health and safety of the mother but simply make it near to impossible to obtain services. The Supreme Court decision to protect the right to abortion has only a slight majority and the selection of the next Supreme Court justice could be a tipping point to again make abortions illegal. There were a few protestors outside in the rain.

Stanford requests an increase in beds above the General Use Permit (GUP) limit. Stanford is proposing to add 2,000 bed spaces to their graduate student housing supply. There are currently 4,000 graduate students living off campus and this project will house 50% of those students on campus, reducing the demand for housing in the community and off campus traffic as well. A request for an increase in the bed space numbers was anticipated in Stanford’s GUP. The decision regarding the increase will be made by the Santa Clara County Planning Commission unless the decision is appealed. LWV Palo Alto and LWV South San Mateo County are reviewing this proposal.

Accessory Dwelling Units

LWVPA is cosponsoring a talk on Accessory Dwelling Units presented by Rachael Ginis, Founder of Lilypad Homes. See announcement on page 8. LWVPA has supported accessory units in the past. The current Palo

Alto zoning laws severely restrict the number of units that can be built and only four units per year have been developed. Although the numbers will never be high, the options for increasing our housing supply with this technique is worth exploring.

City Government is buzzing with activity. The Comp Plan Community Advisory Committee is holding monthly meetings on different elements of the proposed Comprehensive Plan, as is the Council. Council review of the Community Services and Facilities Element was held on Feb 8. The Council is scheduled



to consider amendments to the Housing Element this month. The Comprehensive Plan EIR has been published. The EIR is available for review on the City’s project website, <http://www.paloaltocompplan.org>, and at city hall and public libraries. Comments must be submitted by May 5 at 5 pm. There are also committee meetings to discuss transportation proposals including grade separations for the train lines and TMA proposals. Several League members were seen at the Sustainable and Climate Action Plan Summit on Sunday, Jan. 25. Shall we reduce our carbon footprint by 80% by 2030? The city has already reduced its footprint by 35% from 1990 levels. At its annual retreat on Jan. 30, the City Council decided to keep the same priority headings it had last year, but add in Housing and Mobility. For 2016, the Council's priorities are: The Built Environment: Housing, Parking, Livability and Mobility; Infrastructure, Completing the Comprehensive Plan and Healthy City/Healthy Community. LWVPA is trying to observe and, at times, comment on as many meetings as possible.



Forum on the Effects of Sea-Level Rise

With Santa Clara and San Mateo counties particularly vulnerable to the effects of sea-level rise, the Palo Alto and San Mateo Leagues will host their third community forum about SAFER Bay on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at Facebook building 10, 1 Hacker Way in Menlo Park, starting at 7 pm.

The SAFER Bay project is led by the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (JPA) which seeks to identify feasible options such as new levees for providing tidal flood protection -- given sea-level rise -- along the bayfront of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. Len Materman, executive director of the JPA, will present the current status of this project at the forum. The JPA, comprised of three cities and two countywide agencies, is scheduled to release its feasibility report this March with presentations to participating cities in April.

Many cities along the bayside are considering increases in land-use intensity in areas that are at risk due to future sea-level rise. San Mateo County is the single most vulnerable county in California when it comes to economic damage due to potential sea-level rise. Justin Murphy, Public Works Director for the City of Menlo Park, will provide information at the meeting about the city’s proposed land-use changes and its thinking on incorporating sea-level rise into its planning program.

The two presentations will be the basis for a discussion not only on sea-level rise protection but also about what the Leagues may want to consider regarding funding for tidal flood protection and urban development in vulnerable areas.

Betty Gerard

Study of California Public Higher Education



Why this study?

Public Higher Education in California is at a crossroads. Almost daily, there are news articles about public higher education and the need for reform in terms of accessibility, which includes funding, affordability, preparedness, equity, and opportunities & barriers for success. Although the League has positions on Community Colleges, they need a fresh look; and the League does not have a position on public higher education in California that includes the CSU and UC systems. This means that the League cannot comment on or advocate for or against any legislation concerning the entire system. This study was proposed and approved in order to remedy this situation and in recognition of the fact that education is the bedrock upon which democracy is built and sustained.

In this *VOTER* you will find the consensus questions that we, members of our local League, will discuss and seek areas of consensus at our **Consensus Meeting of March 19**. Leagues across California are addressing these questions and the LWVC Board will ultimately consolidate our reports to form the final positions for League action.

Veronica Tincher,
Chair, LWVPA Higher Education Study Committee

LWVPA Higher Ed Consensus Meeting

March 19

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

LWVPA Office Building
3921 E. Bayshore Road

Lunch available for \$10

Reservations Required
lwvpaooffice@gmail.com
or phone 650-903-0600.

All Members Welcome

LWVCEF STUDY OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

Note: Each question should be answered on a range of agreement to disagreement:

1.Strongly agree 2.Agree 3.Disagree 4.Strongly disagree 5.No consensus

•EQUITABLE ACCESS

Discussion Questions: Should everyone, regardless of preparation for college, have access to higher education? To what extent should access be apportioned proportionally according to the state population, i.e. should there be a distinctive focus on such issues as gender, race, ethnicity, and age? In admissions? Enrollments? Completion of degrees? With the elimination of affirmative action policies, there are no longer statutory requirements regarding university admission. The Master Plan's specified criteria for eligibility still hold sway and restrict enrollment at CSU and UC. Do these criteria meet the needs of California's changing demographics? Do they facilitate a seamless transition path from the California Community Colleges (CCCs) to 4-year colleges? Do they address the need for many more graduates of 4-year universities?

1. Equitable access in public higher education is evidenced by:

- a. an increase in the diversity of enrollment and completion rates in the CCCs, CSUs, and UCs that reflects the diversity of the state's population.*
- b. an increase in the initial freshman enrollment in both CSU and UC of qualified high school graduates from low income and under-represented minority groups.*
- c. the provision of specialized services for at-risk students in higher education to facilitate their successful certificate or degree completion.*
- d. a transparent and seamless transfer path from the CCCs to 4-year colleges.*

•FUNDING & AFFORDABILITY

Discussion Questions: Should tuition for public higher education be free? Currently, only the CCCs do not charge tuition although they do charge "fees" per credit. The State Universities and the University of California charge both tuition and fees with exact amounts varying from year to year due to dependence on changing allocations from the state budget. In addition to this lack of stability, there are issues of affordability for students and families, especially for those with special needs, e.g. for remediation, for assistance due to disabilities, and for those who have to interrupt their studies to seek gainful employment. Assistance through financial aid is available to those qualified, but is it sufficient? Are the tuition and fees charged an obstacle for students and families? How can students cover the full cost of attending college, which is much more than just tuition and fees? What is the state's responsibility for assisting students for whom affordability is an issue?

2. In funding California's system of public higher education:

- a. the state should pay for all higher education tuition and fees.*
- b. government and students or their families should share the full cost of attendance in public higher education based on their ability to pay.*
- c. the state should provide additional funding for services for students with special needs, such as students with disabilities, aged-out foster care students, and veterans.*
- d. the state should provide stable and predictable funding that is sustainable, adequate, and timely to support public higher education.*
- e. the state should develop additional funding streams to support public higher education.*
- f. a broad-based tax should be levied to specifically increase state funding for public higher education.*

3. California's financial aid policies should:

- a. ensure that higher education attendance, including tuition, fees, housing, transportation, books or other educational materials, is affordable for all students regardless of their family's financial circumstances.*
- b. provide that student and family share of the full costs of attendance be reasonably proportionate to their discretionary income.*
- c. include effective counseling to enable students to plan and access financing for their college education.*

•PREPAREDNESS

Discussion Questions: How well are K-12 students prepared for higher education? Is there adequate counseling? Should students be able to start earning college credits while still in high school? Do students and families have sufficient knowledge about enrollment procedures and the availability of financial aid? Will the implementation of current K-12 school reforms be sufficient to prepare students to meet college-readiness criteria? Other reforms and opportunities available to assist students in mastering the requirements have been suggested. Which of these seem appropriate or useful? How essential is K-12 preparedness?

4. To increase student success

- a. when students graduate from high school, they should be prepared for college-level coursework or career/occupational employment.*
- b. the state should support programs that foster coordination between and among school districts and colleges, with a focus on better utilization of the senior year of high school, to ensure that more students graduate from high school prepared for college-level work without needing remediation.*
- c. California should expand opportunities for more high school students, especially students from under-represented groups, to begin earning college credits in high school, for example by taking Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and/or dual or concurrent enrollment classes.*
- d. services should be available to ensure that at-risk, low income and under-represented minority students are advised about the wide range of appropriate career and college opportunities.*
- e. outreach to disadvantaged, low income, minority and first generation students is needed to encourage college applications for admission and financial aid.*

• OPPORTUNITIES/BARRIERS TO SUCCESS

Discussion Questions: Limited capacity and strict adherence to the 1960 eligibility requirements for 4-year colleges have contributed to California's low baccalaureate attainment. Lack of articulation and coordination among the three sectors has also created barriers to student access and success. Many students experience barriers to enrollment and successful completion of their degrees in post secondary education while others lack opportunities for lifelong learning as well as training or retraining. Some reforms and opportunities have been made available or proposed to assist students in meeting eligibility requirements, such as: the use of multiple measures of assessment for entry placement status; the development of a variety of innovative curricula and instructional strategies; development of satellite locations offering BA degrees; and the use of new and expanding technologies. Are they enough? Are they effective?

5. California should utilize multiple strategies and models to increase baccalaureate degree attainment and coordination of the three (3) sectors, such as:

- a. increase CSU and UC enrollment capacity to serve more transfers and entering freshman.*

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- b. allow more CCCs to offer 4-year programs with BA/BS attainment.*
- c. promote the implementation and evaluation of evidence-based improvements in curriculum, instruction and placement to enhance student success and degree attainment.*
- d. promote greater flexibility among the three sectors' eligibility requirements to increase student access for transfer and completion of 4-year degrees.*
- e. develop university centers and/or university branches to increase access to baccalaureate degree attainment.*
- f. increase articulation among the three higher education sectors to construct curriculum pathways helping students to transfer smoothly to 4-year colleges, for degree attainment of baccalaureate degrees.*
- g. develop a longitudinal student database to track enrollment, transfer and completion rates across all three sectors and provide feedback to high schools.*
- h. expand the use of new technologies, including online education, to the extent that they expand access and success for students.*
- i. provide credit and non-credit adult education courses that support lifelong learning and provide opportunities for training/retraining that can lead to better jobs and/or postsecondary education.*
- j. provide programs leading to Certification in Career Technical Education to fulfill labor needs and enable people to be trained/retrained for meaningful jobs that do not require a Bachelor's degree.*
- k. create a mechanism, such as an oversight body, to provide coordination and articulation among the three sectors, to continuously evaluate the functioning and efficacy of higher education as a system, and to provide non-partisan analysis and recommendations for improvement.*
- l. maintain a comprehensive system of post-secondary education/higher education that will have viable access points for all adult Californians, including such populations as disabled students, incarcerated students, veterans, dreamers, those seeking to re-train or change careers, and older adults.*

SUMMARY – PURPOSE OF HIGHER EDUCATION:

Note: These questions are answered on a range of importance:

1. Very important 2. Important 3. Less important 4. Not important 5. No consensus

6. Among the purposes of public higher education listed below, indicate your rating of each item's importance:

- a. to provide educational opportunities that serve the personal, professional and/or occupational goals of students.*
- b. to provide and maintain a steady stream of leadership from all sectors of society.*
- c. to promote upward economic mobility across all populations groups.*
- d. to advance the economic and civic goals of local communities and the state.*
- e. to continue to emphasize the dual values of access and excellence that were embedded in the Master Plan and are still relevant and important today.*

Opportunities for Involvement

- * Help form the LWVC position on Higher Education. Participate in the Higher Ed Consensus Meeting on March 19. See page 5.
- * Voter Services is gearing up for the 2016 elections. There are many different ways to help educate the voters: Candidate Forums, Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures, preparing a Voters Guide. Please contact Jeannie Lythcott if you would like to be involved.
- * Voter Services will be registering new voters at the local high schools this spring. Contact Liza Taft if you are interested in participating.
- * Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on May 14. Participate in the finalization of our Program for 2016.

Get Engaged with Our League!

As excitement grows for our next national election, undoubtedly civic engagement is on your mind! If you would like to find new ways to engage with the League of Women Voters, please complete our membership survey and let us know how you would like to be involved: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N7BSOWQ>



Welcome, New Members!

**Abbie Dorosin
Maureen O’Kicki
Beckie Callahan
Susan Usman**

We are so glad you have joined the League.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

AKA “Granny” or “In-Law” Units



A Presentation by

**Rachel Ginis,
Founder of Lilypad Homes**

Thursday, March 3, 2016 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Location: 1001 Emerson St. Palo Alto;
Entrance on Addison

Please join us and our co-sponsors for a presentation and discussion with **Rachel Ginis** about the opportunities to increase Palo Alto’s housing options by encouraging the development of second units - Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) as infill housing.

Through her career as a LEED accredited designer and general contractor, as well as her advocacy efforts, Rachel has concentrated on ADUs as a sustainable housing practice. She is the founding director of Lilypad Homes, a nonprofit dedicated to creating affordable housing by facilitating the development of second units of all types - carve outs, conversions and cottage homes.

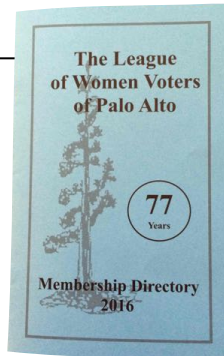
Rachel will discuss various types of units, and the greatest barriers to their development. She will also share her work establishing a simple and inexpensive permitting process for a special type of ADU that offers the lowest-cost, lowest-impact, and highest benefit of all the new housing options.

Rachel has become a strong supporter of sustainable housing initiatives at the local, state, and federal level. With her broad knowledge of the intersection between development and policy, we hope to have a lively discussion focused on ADUs and their potential to promote more diverse, self-reliant communities, and a healthier world for generations to come.

RSVP Required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adu-presentation-tickets-20768232342>

Membership Directory for 2016 is Now Available!

If you would like a copy of the new membership directory mailed to you, contact Lynne Russell at lynnerrussell1@gmail.com or call 650 303-1505.



LWVPA Volunteers Will Help Register New Voters at High Schools and Veteran’s Hospital



This Spring we will again be registering voters before the Tuesday, June 7 primary election.

Volunteers from our league will be at Palo Alto and Gunn High Schools and at the Palo Alto Veteran’s Hospital. At this time, dates are not yet set, but they will be sometime in April and May. Watch for the dates and times in an e-blast or in the April *VOTER*.

If you are unable to help in the Spring, there will be more opportunities later in the year. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us for this inspiring activity.

*Liza Taft
Director Voter Registration*



Thank you to the following volunteers for such an efficient League-a-thon mailing to our membership in January. **Rosalie Lefkowitz,**

Lynne Russell, Doris Petersen, Jeannie Lythcott, Sue Hermsen, Ruth Consul, Liza Taft and Sallie

VOLUNTEER



Voter Education

If educating voters and getting out the vote are important for you, we would love and can certainly use your help this year. Please get in touch directly with Jeannie Lythcott, our co-ordinator of Voter Services at jlythcott@gmail.com

A **Thank You** to all who wrote personal notes to our donors for our once a year **League-a-thon fundraiser:**

Phyllis Cassel, Doris Petersen, Marlene Prendergast, Betty Gerard, Chris Logan, Trina Lovercheck, Jeannie Lythcott, Diane Rolfe, Lynne Russell, Liza Taft, Joyce Tavrow & Veronica Tincher.



Thanks, Mary Alice

Local League Leaders: Make a difference! Challenge yourself or others! Step up and seek LWVC Board Office!



The LWVC Nominating Committee (NC) is looking for proven leaders for the LWVC Officers and Board of Directors slate for the 2017-2019 term of office. Nominate yourself or nominate another League member before the October 3, 2016 deadline.

The nomination form is available for completion online on the members only web site, or contact NC Chair Kathy Souza at kathysouza2003@yahoo.com for information and/or forms. The NC may also be reached at nominating@lwvc.org.

Nominating Committee Members:

Kathy Souza, Jeanne Brown, Robbie Davis, Ann Havlik, and Gloria Chun Hoo

The LWVPA Book Group

will meet

Friday, April 1, at 10 am

to discuss:

“Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right”

by Jane Mayer



The meeting will be at the home of Veronica Tincher. Visitors are welcome.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the board and off-board members who reviewed this *VOTER*, and for the invaluable proofreading of **Ellen Forbes** and **Betty Gerard**.

Sue Hermsen, VOTER Editor

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It's easy to join the LWVPA —Do it now! You will be glad you did. Joining at the local level makes you a member at all levels: National, State, Bay Area and Palo Alto. Men are encouraged to join. Dues grants are available. For more information, call the League office (650) 903-0600.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ email _____

Annual membership: \$70. Additional membership, same address: \$35. Student membership: \$35.

Mail check with this form to LWVPA, 3921 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 209, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

You can also join or renew online via PayPal at <http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/join.html>

Membership dues to the LWVPA are not tax deductible.

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(650) 903-0600

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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/>

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<http://feinstein.senate.gov> - click "email me"

Senator Barbara Boxer (415) 403-0100
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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Supervisor Joe Simitian (650) 965-8737
joe.simitian@bos.sccgov.org

OTHER AREAS in CALIFORNIA

Locate your elected officials with your street address
<http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>

Tue, Feb 16, 11:45 am -1 pm
Lunch with League
Bay Café Restaurant

Tue, Mar 1, 7-9:30 pm
Board Mtg
Hermsen

Thu, Mar 3, 6 - 7:30 pm
ADU Presentation
1001 Emerson, Palo Alto

Mon & Tue, Mar 7 & 8,
League-a-Thon

Wed, March 10
VOTER deadline

Tue, Mar 15, 11:45 am -1 pm
Lunch with League
Bay Café Restaurant

Sat, Mar 19
Higher Ed Consensus Mtg
PCC Building,
3921 E. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto

Fri, Apr 1, 10 am
Book Club
Tincher

Tue, Apr. 5, 7-9:30 pm
Board Mtg
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Wed, Apr 6, 7 pm
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