



# League of Women Voters Of Alameda

## 2010 Annual Meeting Kit

### CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

*All members of the League of Women Voters of Alameda are invited to the Annual Meeting to approve a budget, issues of emphasis for action, and to elect a new Board.*

**Saturday, June 5, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Gold Coast Grill 1901 Park St., Alameda**

*Lunch reservations are due by May 28<sup>th</sup>. See reservation form (back page).  
You may attend the meeting beginning at 12:15 p.m without lunch.*

### AGENDA

12:15 pm

**Speaker – Ann Marie Gallant, Interim City Manager**

Call to Order

Credentials Report

Introduction of Parliamentarian (Juelle Ann Boyer)

Adoption - Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting

Approval- Minutes of Annual Meeting of June 27, 2009 (Miriam S, Juelle Ann B, Gretchen Lipow)

Appoint Committee to Review 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

Introductions of Guests & Former LWVA Presidents

State of the League

Treasurer's Report (Robertamarie Kiley)

Presentation of 2010 2011 Budget (Li Volin)

Presentation of Program for 2010-2011

Recommended Program (No new program recommended)

Re-Adoption of Continuing Positions

Debate and Adoption of Program

Debate and Adoption of Budget

Nominating Committee Report Audrey Lord-Hausman, Chair

Election of 2010-2011 Board and Officers / Request for Committee Participants

Directions to the New Board and Committees

Announcements

3:30 pm

Adjourn

**BRING THIS KIT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!**

## **RULES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING**

### **1. QUORUM**

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. In accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the By-Laws, fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

In accordance with Article IX, Section 6 of the By-Laws, the Board has set the record date for establishment of notice and voting rights to the 2010 Annual Meeting as MAY 1, 2010. Members who are current in payment of dues as of that date are eligible to receive notice and vote at the Annual Meeting. Article IX, Section 3 prohibits absentee and proxy voting.

### **3. WRITTEN MOTIONS**

Main motions and substantive amendments shall be given to the secretary in writing, with the name of the maker of the motion included. Forms will be provided.

### **4. DEBATE TIME**

There shall be two minutes per member for debate. Members and guests who are not eligible to vote on motions may not speak to them during debate. No one may speak for a second time on a given item until others wishing to speak have had their turns. Each speaker shall address all remarks to the Chair and shall limit such remarks to the item being considered. There shall be no interruption of the speaker while the presentation is being given. The moderator of the Meeting shall have the authority to announce the total time dedicated to debate on a given matter when there are many wishing to speak. Time will be allowed at the end of the meeting, as is our custom, for "Directions to the Board", following which guests may add brief comments.

### **5. PROGRAM ADOPTION (Referring to New and Ongoing Studies, Position Updates or Position Review for Adoption of Concurrence with another League's Position)**

- a. Each recommended program item shall be moved and seconded, but there will be no vote on any item until all items (recommended and non-recommended) have been discussed. A majority vote is needed to adopt a recommended item.
- b. Any non-recommended program item may be moved for consideration by a majority vote of members present and voting. A two-thirds vote in favor is needed to adopt a non-recommended item.
- c. The vote will be taken on recommended items (with possible amendments) in the order moved, followed by the vote on non-recommended items. Amendments may be deletions from, but not additions to, program positions.

### **6. NOMINATIONS**

Additional nominations for Officers, Directors, and the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured in advance.

### **7. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

Must be related to existing positions, either local, State or National, and are not considered to be the same as Program. An action item may be adopted by a simple majority of those voting. Debate of Board recommended action items is limited to ten minutes and will be moderated by the President.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 27, 2009

The meeting was preceded by a talk on the state of the Alameda Unified School District, given by Mike McMahon, President of the AUSD Board of Trustees, who was introduced by Kate Quick.

The meeting was called to order at 12:50 PM by Kate Quick at Otaez restaurant.

Earleen Hamlin gave the credentials report: 30 members present. Kate Quick declared a quorum, in accordance with the By-laws.

Sally Faulhaber was introduced as the parliamentarian.

The order of business was adopted, M/S (Jon Spangler, Li Volin); passed.

Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting: The review committee ( Li Volin, Golda Mason, Bill Smith) approved the minutes as printed in the kit. M/S (Jon Spangler/Miriam Schiffman) to adopt the 2008 minutes: passed.

Appointment of the Committee to Review the Minutes of this Meeting: Miriam Schiffman, Juelle Ann Boyer, Gretchen Lipow.

Former LWVA Presidents were introduced including Connie Hanna, Donna Vaughn, Lena Tam, Lyn Groh, and Karen Scanlon.

State of the League: Kate supplemented her remarks with a written copy highlighting the past year. These include the participation of a full board of directors, educational activities in several elections and receiving two awards at the State Convention – Communications, for our outstanding website and Action, for securing the endorsement of Prop 11 by the Alameda City Council. (See attached kit.)

Treasurer's Report: It was M/S (Earleen Hamlin/Jon Spangler) to accept the 2009 Treasurer's Report as printed in the kit and reviewed by the Board; passed.

Budget: Li Volin presented the 2009-2010 budget noting a proposed increase of dues from \$65 to \$68 for individuals and \$80 to \$85 for family memberships. This increase is to accommodate the increase of PMP for national. The budget also includes moving \$1000 to Undesignated Reserve for future emergencies. It was M/S (Li Volin/Jon Spangler) to accept the budget including the increase in membership dues to \$68 and \$85.

Presentation, Debate and Adoption of Action Item Recommendation Regarding the Proposed Alameda Point Development Ballot Measure. (See attached kit.) Karen Butter introduced her ad hoc review committee: Sally Faulhaber, Miriam Schiffman, Robby Kiley, Li Volin.

The committee recommended that League action focus on neutral education about the issues related to the A.P. initiative. The Sun Cal proposal will probably be on the ballot June 1010 so there is time to develop more information. It will be possible for the League to take a pro/con action at later date. Gretchen Lipow suggested the committee also review what the financial implications are to the city. Bill Smith discussed the Development Agreement and the DDA (Development and Disposition Agreement). It was clarified that the Development Agreement had been included in the SunCal initiative and the DDA inference was included but not in detail. Member and City Council Member, Lena Tam offered some clarifications and possible scenarios for future ballot and Council actions in light of changes in negotiations with the Navy now taking lace. Much is undecided as yet.

The issues the committee may focus on in its study, presentations and in the In Depth and Easy Voter Guides, as well as forums, include:

- i. What is Measure A and how would it impact development?
- ii. The Development Plan in relation to transportation and transit-oriented development.
- iii. The Development Plan in relation to environmental clean up
- iv. The Development Plan in relation to housing.
- v. The Development Plan in relation to commercial development and job creation.
- vi. What are the options if there is a "no" vote? "
- vii. To consider the Development Agreement.
- viii. What are the financial implications to the city?
- ix.

It was agreed to remove "by late summer" as the suggestion to the committee working on developing the materials.

M/S (Karen Butter/Liz Rogers) the LWVA take no position at this time on the proposed Alameda Point Revitalization Initiative and, instead, provide educational support to the community as amended in the annual meeting report; passed.



Sally Faulhaber provided a detailed written report on State/Bay Area and Local positions related to the Alameda Point Revitalization Initiative.

Program for 2009-2010: No new program recommended.  
M/S (Lena Tam/Liz Rogers) to readopt our continuing positions.

Budget debate and adoption: There was no debate. Motion passed on voice vote.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Shuba Fansie reported the slate as printed in the kit. All positions filled except Administrative Vice-President. There were no nominations from the floor. Juelle Boyer recommended we cast a unanimous ballot. Passed on a voice vote.

2009-10 Nominating Committee (Audrey Lord-Houseman, Cindy Silva, Lena Tam) elected by voice vote.

Directions to the Board: none submitted.

Request for volunteers:

Shuba Fansie for the Health Care Committee; Anne Spanier for a New Members committee; Connie Hanna for the Educational Committee, Li Volin for the committee on the Alameda Point Development Initiative.

Audrey Lord-Hausmann reported that \$102 was raised by the raffle today for MYPO.

Kate honored the 2008-09 officers, board members and others contributing time and talent to the LWVA in the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm

Respectively submitted;  
Earleen Hamlin, Secretary

**League of Women Voters of Alameda  
Interim Financial Report  
April 15, 2010**

BANK OF ALAMEDA Checking Account  
Balance 6/01/09 **\$5,843.72**

Total Income until 4/15/10 **\$ 8,331.09**

Total Expenses same period **\$10,199.84**

Balance, after Expenses and Income **\$3,974.97**

EDUCATION FUND

Balance 3/31/09 **\$7,435.69**  
Income \$1,008.

Disbursements **\$3,131.13**

Balance 4/15/09 **\$5,312.56**

Current Reserve for Contingencies and Emergencies **\$6,965.09**  
held in an interest bearing CD at Union Bank.

Respectively submitted;  
Robby Kiley, Treasurer



<b>PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL 2010-2011</b>					
	FY 09/10	FY 09-10 YTD	FY 10/11		<u>Comment</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EST. ACTUAL</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>		
1. Dues (project xx members)	\$ 5,974	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,780		40 families
2. Contributions	800	593	800		
3. Projects escrip, aff, museum	550	140	400		
4. Fundraising	2,000	<b>1,600</b>	2,100		MYPO
5. Education Fund (state)	500	<b>705</b>	670		Ed Fd Voter Svc
Transfer forward from previous year	4,878	-	3,325		Use of w/cap
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 14,702</b>	<b>\$ 8,645</b>	<b>\$ 13,075</b>		
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
<b>A. OPERATING COSTS</b>					
1. P.O. Box rental	\$ 100	\$ 72	\$ 100		
2. Government Fees	40	185	200		Postal permit
3. Insurance	265	320	320		
4. Voice Mail	200	<b>395</b>	395		1/2 from AAUW
5. Easy Web Maintenance	160	160	160		
6. Dues Assistance	130	-	130		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 895</b>	<b>\$ 1,132</b>	<b>\$ 1,305</b>		
<b>B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION</b>					
1. Officer Expenses	\$ 150	\$	\$ 150		Pres/Sec/Treas
2. Board Tools	120		120		
3. Administration/Comm. /Membership	150	144	150		
4. Retreat	100		100		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 520</b>	<b>\$ 144</b>	<b>\$ 520</b>		
<b>C. CONVENTION/ANNUAL MEETING</b>					
1. National/State/Conv./Council	\$ 2,500	\$ <b>1,000</b>	\$ 1,000		
2. Annual Meeting	500	<b>100</b>	250		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,250</b>		
<b>D. PER MEMBER PAYMENTS</b>					
1. County Council	\$ 20	\$ <b>20</b>	\$ 20		
2. LWV Bay Area @ \$1.00 per	99	<b>99</b>	100		
3. LWVC @ \$21.00 per	1,911	<b>1,681</b>	2,100		
4. LWVUS @ \$29.60 per	2,657	<b>2,011</b>	2,960		\$0.40 inc in US
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,687</b>	<b>\$3,810</b>	<b>\$5,180</b>		
<b>E. PRINTING &amp; SUPPLIES</b>					
1. Voter printing	\$ 1,500	\$ <b>1,464</b>	\$ 1,500		10 issues
2. Voter Postage	550	<b>300</b>	550		
3. Other Printing	500				
4. Other Postage	200				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,750</b>	<b>\$ 1,764</b>	<b>\$ 2,050</b>		
<b>F. EDUCATION</b>					
1. Publications/Position Support	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100		
2. Program Study	250	65	250		
3. Voter Service	500	<b>705</b>	670		Ed Fund Support
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 850</b>	<b>\$ 770</b>	<b>\$ 1,020</b>		
<b>G. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS</b>					
1. Meet Your Public Officials	\$ 500	\$ <b>575</b>	\$ 500		
2. One Time Expense	500	580	250		Movie
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,155</b>	<b>\$ 750</b>		
<b>H. TRANSFER TO RESERVE</b>					
	\$ 1,000	=0=	\$ 1,000		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 14,702</b>	<b>\$ 9,876</b>	<b>\$ 13,075</b>		
Undesignated Reserve Balance	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000		CD Int Bearing

**Budget Committee Report**  
**Li Volin, Kate Quick, Robertamarie Kiley, Dorothy Fullerton,**  
**Juelle Ann Boyer**

**Budget Committee Report**

Dues: At the 2008 Annual Meeting, the membership directed that increases in US and CA dues be applied to locally collected dues as well. In January 2011, the US dues will increase by \$0.40 per member. No increase in locally collected dues is being recommended for 2010 -2011. Please note that in the budget, you cannot arrive at the actual figure by simply multiplying \$68 times our projected 100 members, as formulas were applied to account for family members, student members, etc.

Designated Reserve: The current balance of the CD held for the Designated Reserve is approximately \$7,000. It is recommended that no contribution be made to the CD at the close of this year as it appears that we will have spent more than income received. However, adding another \$1,000 during this 2010/11 year to the interest bearing CD is included in the budget. This would bring the balance at the end of 2010/11 to \$8,000. Our goal is to achieve \$10,000 in the next few years. The purpose of the designated reserve is to have money set aside for emergencies or unanticipated expenses.

Education Fund: the LWV Alameda has a balance of approximately \$5,850 which is held by the LWV Calif. This money is used to offset the costs for voter education projects and materials and US and CA dues to a limited extent. Payments for dues are directed from this fund but reimbursements for voter education costs are obtained on request to the LWV Calif.

**Program Report**

This past year our League chapter presented five community-interest programs on local, national, and international topics. Attendance varied from 30 to 75 people. All the speakers were well received and answered many questions and concerns from the audience. Below is a recap. For more detailed information on the programs, please refer to the issue of the *Voter* published after the program.

September: ***Is Alameda headed down the same path as Vallejo?? What lies ahead for our City's financial health?***

City Treasurer Kevin Kennedy presented highlights of "***The Long Range Financial Forecast, 2009-2010***" commissioned by the City Council. The report serves as a guideline on how Alameda can live within its means, maintain its economic health, and attempt to avoid filing for bankruptcy as the City of Vallejo did. He warned that this would be extremely difficult for our city due to the domino effect of the State's economic crisis and the national recession.

October: ***The United Nations: It's More Than You Think, But Less Than You Like***

Prof. Norman Bowen of Cal State University East Bay, Hayward presented a broad overview of the different services that the UN provides to countries worldwide. Starting with the genesis and evolution of this complex organization, he focused on some of its most important but lesser known programs. He addressed not only its successes but shortcomings and identified ways that individuals and groups could become more involved with the work of this international aid organization.

November: ***A Doctor's Insight Into the Real Issues in Health Care Reform***

This program was jointly sponsored by our League's Health Care Committee with Alameda's Rotary Club. Dr. Lonnie Bristow, former President of the American Medical Association, spoke about his personal perspective on the issues and costs of health care reform. He gave a historical overview on the birth and growth of the health insurance industry and how its current profit-making focus has impacted health care and costs.

February: ***Iron Jawed Angels***: starring Hilary Swank and Anjelica Huston.

Co-sponsored with the Alameda chapter of AAUW, Girls' Inc. of Alameda, and Isle City Business and Professional Women. This free movie was shown in celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of two significant events: the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U. S. Constitution giving women the right to vote and the birth of the League of Women Voters. This Cannes Film Festival award-winning film depicted how our foremothers' struggled and physically suffered to secure the right to vote

March: ***The Struggle for National Health Care Reform: What's at Stake?***

This program was jointly sponsored by the League's Health Care Committee And Mastick Senior Center. Dr. Deborah LeVeen, Professor Emerita at San Francisco State University, addressed the key provisions of the Health Care Reform Bill that had just passed and what effects it would have on health insurance plans in the coming months and years ahead for young and old alike.

### **Membership Report**

The membership committee maintained a stable membership this year with 90 paid members by January 2010. Late membership dues payments brought the numbers up to 104 by March 2010. A committee of 6 members reviewed and revised membership materials and publicity strategies. The first offering was a social network workshop using Twitter, Facebook and other methods of communication with League outreach as the goal.

A new member event is planned for late May at the High Street Café. The board voted to institute MGIK (Membership Growth Is Key), a program to recruit and maintain memberships, initiated by the LWWUS which should be implemented in the coming year.

## PROGRAM

A league position is the stand of the League on a public issue. It serves as the basis for advocacy/action. Action includes lobbying, legislative testimony, public statements, media campaigns and joining coalitions. A League position is established after members have studied an issue and achieved consensus on policies and practices that best serve the public interest. Local League positions are used in conjunction with positions adopted by the national and state levels of League and may not be in conflict with them, if they are on the same subject.

### LOCAL POSITIONS

#### The Board Recommends re-adoption of the local positions as adopted at the last Annual Meeting.

##### \*CITY CHARTER (1978)\*

Support measures providing simplicity in the City Charter through clarification of meaning and elimination of obsolete or inapplicable provisions.

Objectives:

- I. Remove from the Charter provisions which inhibit flexibility of governmental action to meet changing conditions including:
  - A. Inflexible monetary limits.
  - B. Definition of the operating procedures of Boards with references in the Charter made only as to purpose, power, and limitations.
- II. Encourage and support a wide and balanced representation of all segments of the community on the City Council.

##### \*DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (1997)\*

The LWV Alameda supports measures that designate the City as the lead agency during an emergency or disaster. The City is charged with the responsibility to formulate a plan that addresses the four phases of disaster preparedness: mitigation, training, response, and recovery.

- I. Alameda's Emergency Management Operations Plan (MOP) should be current and comply with all Federal and state regulations. The plan should:
  - A. Clearly define the roles and responsibilities of public officials and employees
  - B. Integrate public and private agencies, organizations, utilities, and other entities related to public health and safety and social services into the overall plan
  - C. Establish Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with neighboring communities and agencies to coordinate and share services during emergencies and disasters
- II. The City should train its public officials and employees in disaster preparedness and develop a community-wide disaster training program. The City should:
  - A. Hold periodic emergency and disaster drills.
  - B. Encourage citizens to maintain and restock emergency supplies and know emergency procedure.
- III. The City should establish and maintain a command center equipped with reliable communication systems. The City should identify all available groups or individuals with the capability to assist in dissemination of information during an emergency or disaster.
- IV. There should be sufficient funding to support appropriate levels of response and recovery.
- V. Zoning laws and building codes should take into consideration the different underlying seismic and geologic soil conditions throughout Alameda. Buildings regularly open to the public should be retrofitted to meet or exceed current building codes.



**\*ELECTIONS\***

**\*FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES (1985)\***

Support the adoption of a Fair Campaign Practices Code/Agreement by the City Council for the local election of Public Officials.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (1992):** Alameda elections should coincide with the date of the June primary or general elections as set by the State of California. (Note: has been instituted.)

The League will continue to monitor voting patterns in Alameda to determine whether ethnic populations are fairly represented.

(The Alameda League of Women Voters does not currently support district elections.)

**VOTING BY MAIL (1998):** Local special elections should be held by mail ballot with return postage provided. Adequate time should be allowed for voters to become informed about the election and to return the mail ballot. Procedures should be instituted to ensure widespread publicity and effective distribution of the ballots.

**\*CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (1981)\***

Support measures that would establish by ordinance administrative duties and responsibilities for City Boards and Commissions, and would prohibit City Council members from serving as ex-officio members on City Boards and Commissions.

**\*LAND USE (1974)\***

Support land use policies in Alameda which are designed to improve the quality of life. Support the revision of the Alameda General Plan with this purpose in mind. Support existing open space and conservation elements. Support public input in determining community and neighborhood qualities with the following objectives:

- I. General welfare of the citizens of Alameda in such areas as housing, public and social services, noise and odor control, beautification, and commercial and industrial development
- II. Immediate attention should be give to improving existing traffic patterns, including public transportation and access to BART. Alternatives to increased auto usage, such as bike paths and walkways, should be considered.
- III. Light industrial and commercial development should be actively pursued. Existing commercial areas should be upgraded and rehabilitated.
- IV. The existing conservation and open space elements should be supported and effectively implemented. The City has the responsibility to see that the existing shoreline is developed and maintained for public use.
- V. The concept of planned growth development should be supported.
- VI. The general plan and related elements should be subject to mandatory review, with revisions made at intervals of five years or less. Adequate public input should be an integral part of the process. There should be public hearings and input at the pre-draft, draft and adoption stages of all future plans and revisions.
- VII. Included in the General Plan should be a plan for acquisition and use of federal lands when they become available.
- VIII. Land use related policies and civic positions should satisfy the following criteria:
  - A. Are the elements clearly expressed?
  - B. Are there concrete objectives?
  - C. Are the objectives defined so as to meet the goals?
  - D. Has there been citizen input?
  - E. Does the policy fairly reflect this input?
  - F. Is the Plan too specific?
  - G. Does the policy fit in with existing policies?
  - H. Have cost factors been fairly considered?
  - I. Does it protect environmental goals?

**\*TRANSPORTATION (Updated 1989)\***

Support revision and regular review of the General Plan that would include policy which would:

- A. Maintain livability of residential streets.
- B. Decrease increasing volumes of traffic on residential streets.
- C. Encourage the consideration of alternate forms of public transportation.
- D. Encourage measures to safely control entrances/exits to business and shopping areas.

Parties responsible for the increased traffic density should assume financial responsibility to ameliorate impacted intersections.

The City should establish a policy requiring traffic impact studies. This policy should be subject to periodic review.

**\*REDEVELOPMENT (1993)\***

Support citizen participation in the ongoing process of Redevelopment under the California Community Redevelopment Law of 1951 in the City of Alameda.

To achieve this goal:

- I. There should be an Environmental Impact Report for each individual project within the Project Area and the overall plan.
- II. The Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should form a citizen group representative of the diversity of the community to develop civic priorities to be addressed in all Disposition and Development Agreements (DDAs) and Owner Participation Agreements.
- III. Citizen participation should be encouraged at all phases of the planning and implementation of redevelopment in Alameda.
- IV. The Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should provide information about the Project Area in a timely manner, in a form easily understood and readily available to its citizens.
- V. Quarterly financial statements of the Community Improvement Commission (Redevelopment Agency) should be made public.
- VI. Disposition and Development Agreements and Owner Participation Agreements should specify the benefits to the City and these should be made public by the Community Improvement Commission.

**\*LIBRARY (1991) \***

The library should continue working toward meeting the diverse needs of all Alamedans (all cultural groups, age groups, students, handicapped and military). Open hours, evening and days, should be increased. Space of primary functions of the Library should be increased. The current emphasis on popular materials, reference and children's sections should be continued. Funding should be increased in order that the Alameda Free Library meet and surpass the minimum standards for library funding set by the state. Funding from the general funds should be raised, and if the library tax is raised the general fund should not be reduced. Written rules of procedure for communication and library mission and goal statements should be adopted by both the City Council and the Library Board to ensure Council commitment to a viable library for Alameda.

**\*THE PORT OF OAKLAND (1992)\***

The Alameda League of Women Voters recommends and supports the revision of the Oakland City Charter to include representatives from cities affected by Port activities on the Port of Oakland commission.

The League supports the establishment of policies at local and state levels to implement the following measures that would protect the quality of life of the community.

- I. The City of Alameda staff should attend all Port of Oakland meetings and report on actions and proposed plans to be undertaken by the Port which would affect Alameda.

II. There should be ecologically and environmentally sound disposal of dredge spoils from the Port of Oakland's dredging of the Inner and Outer Harbor Channels.

III The League supports regionalization of California ports and airports.

IV. When adverse effects generated by the Port of Oakland impact on the health and welfare of Alameda residents, the City of Alameda should take appropriate action.

### **HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION (2005)**

The League of Women Voters of Alameda supports new housing developments that fulfill Alameda's needs for housing at all economic levels. New developments should have a variety of densities and amenities that will support continuation of the quality of life now enjoyed in Alameda.

We support housing development design that provides maximum feasible open space, defined as sufficient communal green space, walking paths, play grounds, tot-lots and other naturally landscaped areas to encourage and enhance livability and strong community identity.

We support housing development designs that maximize the use of public and alternative modes of transportation. An appropriate number of off-street parking spaces should be provided for, for each type of housing in the mix.

We support designs that meet or exceed current standards for energy efficiency. All designs should show consideration for minimum negative impact on air, water and surrounding natural environment.

### **POSITIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY LEAGUES**

These positions were adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Leagues of Alameda County. Changing or dropping one of these positions must be approved by a majority (5) of the seven Leagues of Alameda County. Action on any of these positions must be approved by a majority of the Leagues.

#### **The Board recommends re-adoption of support for the following positions**

#### **ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION (Adopted 2007)**

- I. Position in Brief: Support an efficient, effective and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of governance with accountability to the public and that results in providing services that best meet needs of students and the local school districts.
  - A. Efficiency: Provide those services (education, training, fiscal, oversight) to county school programs and district school programs that do not duplicate those provided by districts or other agencies
  - B. Effectiveness: Provide those services that best meet the needs and interests of local districts. Constantly monitor services to determine their effectiveness and remove or improve those that are not meeting district goals.
  - C. Equitable Balance of Responsibility and Authority for Governance
    1. Establish policies that delineate the powers and functions of each entity where not covered explicitly in the Education Code to ensure an equitable balance of responsibility and authority for governance and to enhance accountability.
    2. Provide for consolidation of functions between and among county offices of education to deal with area-wide problems. Consider consolidation of functions to achieve cost savings and improve the quality of service and equity.
  - D. Accountability to the Public
    1. Ensure that both the Board and the Superintendent abide by the tenets of the Brown Act, and the Freedom of Information Act and the California Public Records Act.
    2. Maintain public visibility by utilizing technology to keep constituents informed about actions taken by the Board and the County Superintendent.
    3. Advertise upcoming elections for Board members' and the County Superintendent's seat to encourage contested elections. This will allow the public to learn about the candidates' credentials and the issues so they can make informed choices.

4. Develop a collaborative Annual Work Plan to set up measurable goals to be used in the annual evaluation of both Board Members' and Superintendent's performance. These evaluations will then be helpful in the Superintendent salary-setting process and for measuring progress toward established goals.

## II. Monitoring

The League's role should be to:

- Continue observing County Board of Education meetings to ensure compliance with the Brown Act and Education Code.
- Monitor the County Office website to ensure that constituents have access to current and complete information concerning actions taken by the County Office/Superintendent and the Board.
- Review Grand Jury comments and recommendations pertaining to the County Board and County Superintendent and support those that support the improvement of efficient, effective, and appropriate governance and fiscal management of those entities.
- Monitor the governance model to determine if there is any interest by the public in changing the method of selecting a County Superintendent.

### \*JUVENILE JUSTICE\*

Support policies which promote services to meet the needs of Alameda County youth and minimize delinquency.

A. The County Council supports effective and responsible decision-making for youth at the county level. Specifically, the Council supports:

1. Continuing evaluation of the Alameda County Probation Department Juvenile Division to ensure that its goals and functions are clear and effective.
2. Continued citizen input into all Countywide juvenile justice programs.
3. Coordination of all community programs for Alameda County youth to ensure that the needs of the communities are met and that duplication of services is avoided.
4. Citizen involvement in setting priorities for diversion and prevention services.
5. Continued evaluation and accountability to the public of programs funded by public moneys.
6. County decision-making bodies:
  - a. Appointment to commissions that reflect the diversified population of the County
  - b. Guidelines for commission members which are clear statements of their responsibilities and authority
  - c. Assessment of limited number of terms
  - d. Reimbursement to commissioners for personal expenses, i.e., transportation and babysitting.

B. The County Council supports a coordinated multidimensional concept of service which could include:

1. Vocational training
2. Programs that provide jobs and job training for youth
3. Recreational opportunities
4. Counseling for youth and their families, both long-term and for crises
5. Mental health services which meet the needs of youth, supported by adequate funding, i.e., residential treatment centers for juveniles
6. Youth diversion programs
  - a. Staff volunteers having close ties to the community of the juveniles being served
  - b. Involvement of youth in program planning, implementation and evaluation
  - c. Integration into projects available with other than just delinquent youth
  - d. Adequate program facilities

### **ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE POSITION**

C. The County Council encourages school districts to deal effectively with pupil welfare and pupil attendance, i.e., truancy, child neglect, child abuse and severe behavior problems.

D. The County Council supports greater community awareness of the problems and needs of youth and programs that are currently available.

**\*CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES\***

- A. Increase the priority given Children's Mental Health Services in the County Mental Health program and budget
- B. Retain present services and ensure equal access to Day Treatment Service throughout the County.
- C. Focus on prevention and early intervention by:
  - 1. Increased education of parents and public
  - 2. Utilization of school resources where feasible.
- D. Finance these services by:
  - 1. Active pursuit of all available sources of funds.
  - 2. Coordination of County, State and Federal budget deadlines
  - 3. Sufficient funds for a service from the level of government that mandates that service
- E. Make most efficient use of funds by:
  - 1. Retention and expansion of contracts with private providers
  - 2. Support for Case Management system of services
  - 3. Increased coordination and communication among all public and private service providers and continuation of the Interagency Council.

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Submitted by 2009 2010 Nominating Committee**

Audrey Lord-Hausman, Chair

**Elected Officers**

President	Anne Spanier
Vice President/Admin.	Kate Quick
Vice President/Program	Cindy Silva & Jon Spangler (Publicity)
Secretary	Earleen Hamlin
Treasurer	Robby Kiley

**Elected Directors (6) – Six Agreeing to Serve**

- Action - Karen Butter
- Voter Service – Joanne McKray
- At-Large – Dorothy Fullerton, Laurel Pantel, Mike Robles-Wong, Sally Faulhaber

An additional 5 directors will be appointed by the Board in Accordance with the LWVA By-laws

**2009-2010 Nominating Committee**

Lena Tam, Audrey Lord-Hausman, Anne Spanier, Juelle Ann Boyer

**2010-2011 Nominating Committee**

Three members to be appointed.

An additional two members will be appointed from the Board in accordance with the LWVA By-Laws

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy, through education and advocacy.

LWV does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. It does, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

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### **DIVERSITY POLICY**

The League of Women Voters of Alameda, in both its values and practices, affirms its commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWV on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.



# League of Women Voters Of Alameda

## 2010 Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, **JUNE-5-2010** 11:30 a.m.

**Gold Coast Grill 1901 Park Street , Alameda**

(Some parking behind the restaurant and on the street)

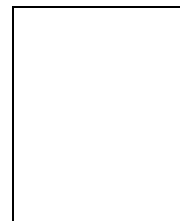
\$26.00 for either a Vegetarian Pasta Dish, Grilled Flatiron Steak, Pan Seared Atlantic Salmon w/ Caper Vinaigrette or Sautéed Chicken Breast Piccata. Includes tax and tip. No host bar. Please indicate choice of entrée when paying your reservation.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY MAY 28, 2010.** Send this reservation with check for \$26.00 ea., payable to LWV Alameda to: Robby Kiley, Treasurer, LWVA, P.O. Box 1645, Alameda, CA 94501

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