



League of Women Voters Of Alameda

2012 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 9, 2012 – 11:30 a.m.

ASENA RESTAURANT 2508 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda

*Lunch reservations are due by June 1 . See reservation form (back page).
You may attend the meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m. without lunch.*

AGENDA

12:00pm

Speaker – Council Member Doug deHaan

Call to Order

Credentials Report

Introduction of Parliamentarian (Donna Vaughn)

Adoption - Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting

Approval- Minutes of Annual Meeting of June 18, 2011 (Joanne McKray, Bill

Smith and

Kate Quick – correction: Add Connie Hanna as introduced Past President and add

1 to

membership count.)

Appoint Committee to Review 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

Introductions of Guests & Former LWVA Presidents

State of the League (Jeff Cambra)

Treasurer’s Report (Robertamarie Kiley)

Presentation of 2012-2013 Budget (Ted Frey)

Recommended Program (no new local programs recommended)

Re-Adoption of Continuing Positions

Debate and Adoption of Program

Debate and Adoption of Budget

Nominating Committee Report (Joanne McKray)

Election of 2012-2013 Board and Officers / Request for Committee Participants

Directions to the New Board and Committees

Announcements

RULES OF THE 2012 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 2011 Annual Meeting as MAY 4, 2012. 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
Saturday, June 18, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm.

Credentials Report: 33 voting members present, given by Kate.

The Parliamentarian (Donna Vaughn) was introduced.

M-Li Volin, S-Jon Spangler, Carried to adopt the Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting.

Bill Smith reviewed the 2010 Minutes and they were accepted as corrected. Under Directions to the New Board and Committees "Ted Frey and Li Volin (not Liz Rogers) were appointed to investigate the tax situation....."
The Committee to Review the 2011 Minutes was appointed, to consist of Joanne McKray, Bill Smith and Kate Quick.

Former LWVA Presidents were introduced including Alice Huie, Joan Narahara, Kate Quick, Lyn Groh, Lena Tam, Karen Butter, Donna Vaughn

State of the League: Anne Spanier

Membership is up 7% to 107. All the offices and committees have been filled.

Programs include a successful MYPO, participation in Next Ten and events where members were encouraged to bring friends and neighbors.

Steps were taken to achieve financial stability; the books are in order and the budget balanced with careful oversight.

Treasurer's Report: Robby Kiley

Note two corrections to the report as printed. The CD is in US Bank, not Union Bank. LWVA has applied for 501c (not 510c) status.

Treasurer's Report M-Felice, S-Donna Carried was accepted as amended.

M-Kate, S-Jon, Carried to change LWVA to 501-c-3 (from 501-c-4) tax status.

When the 501c-3 is effective, Educational Fund monies will be held in Alameda and donations will be tax deductible.

Recommended Program:

Action Items for 2011-2012

The Board recommends that the membership participate in the following Action items:

- 1) The Sunshine Ordinance/campaign finance
- 2) Fiscal Sustainability.

National Studies:

The Board recommends that the membership participate in the LWVUS study on "Privatization". Also that the membership consider participation in the LWVUS study on the Role of Education and the Federal Government.

M-Kate, S-LuAnn, Carried to Re-Adopt the programs and continuing positions as listed on pages 9-14 in the Annual Report.

Adoption of the Budget:

M-Karen, S-Lena, Carried, with one nay vote to adopt to 2011-2012 Budget.

The budget included a dues increase to \$70/individual and \$27 for additional family member.

Increase the Number of Board Members:

M-Karen, S-LuAnn, Carried with a Substitute Motion as follows:

Article IV, Section 1 "The authorized number of directors shall be up to 20 until changed by amendment of the Articles or by a Bylaw....."

Nominating Committee: (Karen Scanlon, LuAnn DeWitt, Donna Vaughn, Tracy Jensen, Shuba Fanse)

Addition to the Report: Tracy Jensen, VP/Program; Membership, Anne Spanier

M-Karen, S-Miriam, Carried to accept the Elected Officers.

M-Felice, S- Donna, Carried to accept six elected Directors and six appointed Directors.

2011-2012 Nominating Committee: Cindy Silva, Joanne McKray



Directions to the Board:

Miriam asked that LWVA participate in the national study on Privatization.

Jon referred to issues of public safety and asked LWVA encourage a Public Safety Commission.

Linda asked LWVA to consider regionalization issues, e.g. the animal shelter issues.

Li asked for consideration of outside training for the new board re. new ways of communication/social media to develop an ongoing policy.

Karen asked the Board to review our position on the Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Earleen Hamlin, Secretary

LWV-Alameda Treasurer's Report for 2012

INTERIM ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT April 15, 2012

BANK OF ALAMEDA Checking Account
Balance 7/01/11 \$8,052.90

Total Income until 4/15/12 9,627.80
Total Expenses same period 7,079.75

Checking Account Balance, after Expenses and Income \$8,412.22

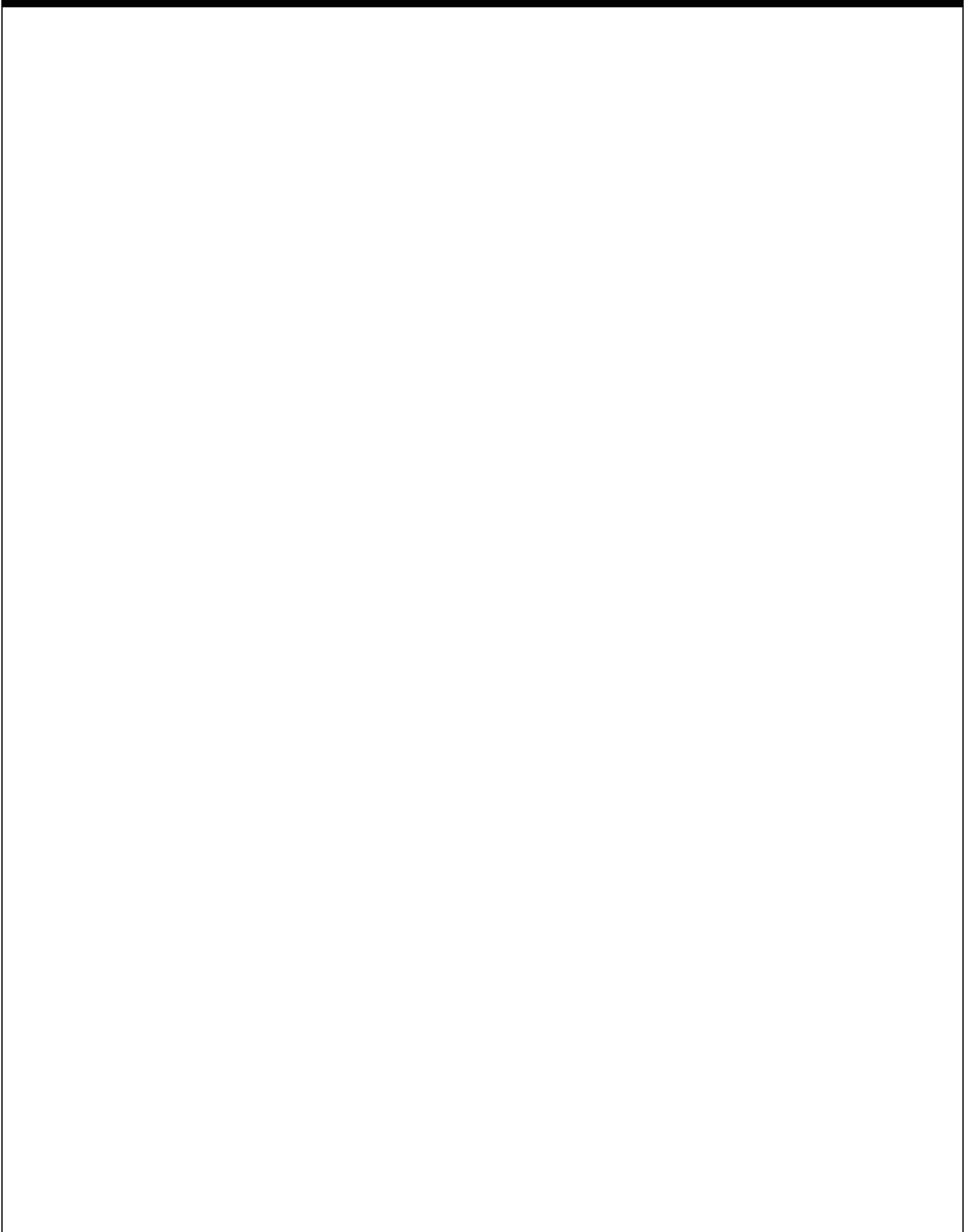
EDUCATION FUND
Balance 7/01/11 \$3,724.29

Income 0
Disbursements \$1,826

Balance 4/15/12 \$1,898.29

Current Reserve for Contingencies and Emergencies \$10,000 held in an interest bearing CD* at Bank of Alameda. The CD balance on July 1, 2011 was slightly under \$7000. To that amount we added money from the checking account so that we would have \$10,000 in a CD.

Respectfully submitted; Robby Kiley, Treasurer



**FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 UPDATE AND 2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	FY 11/12 Budget	Receipts To Date	Mar-Jun Estimate	2011-2012 Estimate	2012-13 Proposed
INCOME					
1. Dues-Proj. 74 Members/26 Family Memb.	\$5,700	\$5,773	\$ 291	\$6,064	\$6,000
2. Contributions	800	2,428	0	2,428	1,500
3. Ed Fund Donations	500	0	0	0	0
4. MYPO In-kind Donations	0	0	0	0	0
5. Subtotal Contributions and Donations	1,300	2,428	0	2,428	1,500
6. MYPO	2,200	0	2,200	2,200	2,200
7. Other Fundraising (Angela's Wine Flights)	0	909	0	909	500
8. Sub-Total Development	2,220	909	0	909	2,700
9. Projects (Affadavit, recycling, Escrip	300	119	0	119	300
10. Other operating income	0	0	0	0	0
11. Subtotal Operating Income	9,500	9,229	0	9,229	10,500
12. Interest Income	0	0	30	30	45
13. TOTAL INCOME	\$9,500	\$9,229	\$2,531	\$11,760	\$10,545
EXPENSES					
A. Operating Costs					
1. P.O. Box Rental	\$ 72	\$ 266	\$ 0	\$ 266	\$ 266
2. Government Fees	200	20	0	20	50
3. Insurance	320	196	0	196	200
4. Voice Mail	395	395	0	395	395
5. Easy Web Maintenance	160	160	0	160	160
6. Dues Assistance	175	0	0	0	0
Subtotal Operating Costs	1,322	1,037	0	1,037	1,037
B. Board and Administration					
1. Officer Expenses	\$ 150	0	0	0	\$ 150
2. Board Tools	100	0	0	0	100
3. Administration/Comm/Membership	150	0	0	0	150
4. Retreat	100	0	0	0	100
Subtotal Board and Administration	500	0	0	0	500
C. Convention and Annual Meeting					
1. National/State/ Conv. And Council	\$ 2,000	0	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,000
2. Annual Meeting (Net)	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal Convention and Annual Meeting	\$ 2,000	0	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 2,000
D. Per Member Payments					
1. County Council	\$ 20	0	0	\$ 20	\$ 20
2. LWVBA \$1.50 per memb/fam memb	100	76	0	76	76
3. LWVC @ \$23/11.50 per memb/ fam memb	2,001	2,024	0	2,024	2,024
4. LWVUS @ \$30/\$15 per memb/fam memb	2,610	2,740	0	2,740	2,740
Subtotal Per Member Payments (PMP's)	4,731	4,840	20	4,860	4,860
E. Printing and Supplies					
1. Voter Printing	\$ 1,000	\$ 355	\$ 645	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2. Voter Postage	300	440	0	440	300
3. Other Printing	100	0	0	0	100
4. Other Postage	300	116	184	300	300
Subtotal Printing and Supplies	\$ 1,700	\$ 911	\$ 829	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,700
F. Education					
1. Publications/Position Report	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
2. Program Study	100	0	100	100	100
3. Voter Service/SV	1,100	0	1,100	1,100	1,100
4. Publicity	0	0	0	0	800

G. Special Functions					
1. Meet Your Public Officials	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 200
2. One Time Expense Items	500	0	200	0	500
3. Forums (Rent & Videography)	0	0	0	0	900
Subtotal Special Functions	\$ 700	0	900	900	1,600
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$12,253	\$ 6,788	\$ 3,849	\$ 10,637	\$13,831
OPERATING "CONTRIBUTION"	\$-2,753	\$ 2,441	\$ - 1,318	\$ 1,123	\$ -3,331
1. INTEREST INCOME	0	0	30	30	40
NET INCOME	\$-2,753	\$ 2,441	\$ - 1,288	\$ 1,153	\$ -3,291

**BUDGET PROPOSAL
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 needs to be viewed from the perspective of this year's budget and projected operating results. As one can see from examining the first column, LWVA budgeted an operating loss of \$2,753 for the current fiscal year. One can see from examining the fourth column, however, that your Budget Committee anticipates and operating gain of \$1,123. Stating it differently, our projected gain vs. budget in the current fiscal year is \$3,876.

The Budget Committee believes that a "worst case" budget is appropriate. A conservative revenue forecast needs to be matched against potential expenditures that may or may not occur. This policy effectively created this year's \$3,876 gain over budget, and it is reflected in the proposed operating loss of \$3,331 which is proposed for the forthcoming fiscal year.

If one compares the estimated revenues for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 with this year's projected results, there's a difference of \$1,215 (column 5 vs. column 4). Donations in the current fiscal year exceeded previous years' contributions markedly. The Budget Committee has projected a more normal level of donations. Otherwise, the projected revenues roughly match the results anticipated for the current fiscal year.

Regarding expenses, there are differences in four major categories compared with the current year's projected results. First, the proposed budget anticipates that \$500 in Board and Administration expenses will occur despite being obviated this year. Similarly, the Budget Committee has included the full \$2,000 in potential expenses for attendance at conventions to ensure that sufficient funds are budgeted if candidates wish to participate. Third, the MYPO expense for next year is projected to be \$700 lower than this year assuming that LWVA returns to the Harbor Bay option. Finally, an additional \$1,700 in expenses has been budgeted to reflect publicity, venue rent and videography costs for the planned forums in this coming election year.

Yes, the budgeted operating loss of \$3,331 which is proposed for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 is a very big number. Compared with last year's budgeted operating loss, however, it's only \$578 greater. LWVA is already in a strong financial position, and the projected \$1,123 from this year's operations enhances it. The Budget Committee fully believes that unbudgeted revenues and expenditure savings will reduce the negative \$3,331 significantly as the next fiscal year unfolds.

Alameda League of Women voters Membership Report May 2012

Paid membership on January 31, 2012 (end of renewal period) was 93 members.

Paid membership on April 26, 2012 was 108 members.

The Alameda League added 20 new members in the current period 2011-April 2012. Of these persons, 18 were new to the League. Two persons were returning members and 4 of the total were family of League members.

Of our new non family members:

- Two members who joined our book club
- One member who has agreed to become active with in a co-Leadership position in 2012-13
- One member who agreed to work with Publicity and the Voter Publicity as a committee member
- One member who took on the chair of MYOP this year
- Two members who have attended our board meetings and privatization study meetings the within the first month of joining us
- Other members who have not yet become active in our League or who have indicated an interest in workshops only
- All have received or will receive welcoming letters on League letterhead and have or will have an orientation meeting with the membership chair.

The Alameda League lost 4 family memberships (8) this year as well as five persons to illness or death this year. In addition about 10 persons chose not to renew for various reasons. Several members who did not renew by January 31, 2012, did indeed renew in February or March so were added in the new totals.

In spite of this large number of non-renewals, we were able to maintain our membership at around 100 members with many new first time memberships.

Board members are asked to take an active role in welcoming these new members and contacting and applauding them for joining. The League is committed to retaining new members and continued interest in them is key to retaining them.

Anne Spanier, Membership Chair 2011-2012

Program Report

After getting off to a great start in September (or was it October?) with a public presentation from then newly-appointed City Manager John Russo about the City's budget challenges, the Program Committee kicked off a series of presentations designed to help members better understand the opportunities and challenges faced by our elected representatives. In the "State of the ..." presentation series, League members and public attendees heard from Mayor Marie Gilmore about the "State of the City", from Alameda Healthcare District Board President Jordan Battani regarding the "State of Alameda Hospital", and from Alameda School Board President Margie Sherratt with information about the "State of the Alameda Unified School District".

On May 24 we will hear from Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan about the "State of the County", and in early July we are scheduling a meeting with Senator Loni Hancock who will advise us of the challenges facing California in our final program, aptly titled "The State of the State". Supervisor Chan also presented information to the public when she moderated a panel of social service administrators and advocates for a League-sponsored March meeting about the unraveling social service safety net.

These educational presentations were great but we also recognized the need for League members to relax and socialize. In March we had a successful fundraiser - the Friday Night Flight at Angela's Bistro, after which members sat down together for a nice dinner at the same venue. Our President raised more money for the League in February during a Mojito Monday, also at Angela's. We are looking forward to our annual fundraiser; MYPO which with your help will continue to be a big success. And we can't wait to see you at the Annual Meeting luncheon for League members in early June - being held this year for the first (but not the

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.

Action Items for 2012-2013

The Board recommends that the membership participate in the following Action items;

- 1) Working with the AUSD on developing a Sunshine Policy for its Board of Trustees

Volunteers will be needed to work with the AUSD staff and trustees in developing its Sunshine Policy. This work has begun already.

The Action Committee continues to track legislation of interest to the League and at Board direction, respond to Calls to Action and local action needs. Karen Butter chairs the Action Committee.

National and State Studies

The LWVA has participated in a national study on Privatization this year and has submitted its consensus findings. Anne Spanier chaired the study committee. Another study, on the California Initiative and Referendum process is just getting underway. The committee will be chaired by Felice Zensius and assisted by Kate Quick.

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

- 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 given 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

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 areas with

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

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**Submitted by 2012- 2013 Nominating Committee**

Joanne McKray, Chair

Elected Officers

President	Jeff Cambra
Vice President/Admin	Kate Quick
Vice Presidents/Program	Tracy Jensen & Ruth Dixon-Mueller
Secretary	Earleen Hamlin
Treasurer	Ted Frey

Elected Directors (9 agreeing to serve)

Action - Karen Butter Voter Service – Dorothy Fullerton E- Communications - Donna Vaughn
Budget and Smart Voter Coordinator –Juelle Ann Boyer Membership – Gayle Thomas

At Large - Felice Zensius, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Linda Hudson, Alice Fried

Additional directors will be appointed by the Board in Accordance with the LWVA By-laws.

2012-2013 Nominating Committee - Sally Faulhaber and Gayle Thomas

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

2011-2012 Nominating Committee

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.

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.

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NON-PARTISAN POLICY

Definition: The League of Women Voters as an organization neither supports nor opposes political candidates.

Policy Statement: Responsibility for the maintenance of the League's reputation as a non-partisan group rests with the League Board. The League Board must be consulted if questions arise. In making decisions, the Board will rely to a large extent upon the whole situation.

- 1) League Board members may serve on appointed Boards, Commissions, or Committees
- 2) League Board members who run for or hold an elected or party office may not retain their position on the Board
- 3) The President, Action Director and Voter Service Chair may not take a public or active role in elections or recalls of candidates.



League of Women Voters Of Alameda

2012 Annual Meeting Reservation Form

Saturday, JUNE 9 2012– 11:30 a.m.

Aseña Restaurant, 2508 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda

(free parking available across the street at Jerry’s Garage lot)

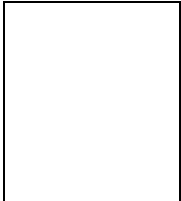
\$30.00 for either Sautéed Petaluma chicken w/ mushroom Marsala sauce OR Sliced, grilled eggplant, layered with vegetables & mozzarella w/ oven-roasted tomato sauce OR Pan seared Tilapia, lemon-caper butter. Dessert Includes tax and tip. No host bar. _____

Specify Choice of Entrée Here, Please

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 1, 2012. Send this reservation with check for \$30.00 ea., payable to *LWV Alameda* to: Robby Kiley, Treasurer, LWVA, P.O. Box 1645, Alameda, CA 94501 Call Tracy Jensen, Program VP, with questions or reservation adjustments at 865-6350 e-mail tjalameda@gmail.com

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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012 ANNUAL MEETING KIT