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# The Palo Alto *VOTER*

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto  
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## Don't miss LWVPA's Fall Kick-Off

with special speaker

### Hillary Gitelman



Palo Alto's Director of Planning and  
Community Environment

Wednesday, September 17, 7 - 9 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto  
505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto

Open to the public - bring your  
friends!

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## Come to LWVPA's Summer Social!

featuring a screening of

### "When Fosters Speak"

a film created by  
New Voices for Youth at Menlo-  
Atherton High School and  
Youth Leaders About Change!

Tuesday, August 26, 7 - 9 pm

Garden Court Hotel

520 Cowper Street, Palo Alto

Bring a friend and enjoy summertime  
desserts and good conversation.

## Election Day is November 4!

Mark your calendar for these LWVPA  
Candidate Forums.

### Palo Alto Unified School District Board Candidates Forum\*

Tuesday, September 16, 7 - 9 pm  
25 Churchill, PAUSD Board Room

### Palo Alto City Council Candidates Forum\*\*

Tuesday, September 30, 7 - 9:30 pm  
Congregation Etz Chayim, Social Hall  
4161 Alma Street, Palo Alto

For information on how you can help at these  
forums, see page 6.

\*Co-sponsored by the Palo Alto Council of PTAs, Palo  
Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online and the Media Center.

\*\*Co-sponsors to be announced.

## Message from our President

Ah, September.... School is back in session, and celebrations are in order for Labor Day (September 1); California Admission Day (the 9<sup>th</sup>); Patriot Day (the 11<sup>th</sup>); Constitution Day, commemorating the 1787 signing of the U. S. Constitution in Philadelphia, as well as Citizenship Day, recognizing all who have become U. S. citizens (both on the 17<sup>th</sup>); plus two lesser known holidays—United Nations International Day of Peace (the 21<sup>st</sup>) and Native American Day (observed in California on September 26 this year).



For the League, of course, September is the “season opener” for the **November election**. Because vote-by-mail ballots will start going out on October 6, we want to provide nonpartisan election information as early as possible. By early October, **Liza Taft**’s concerted efforts to **register voters** will be well underway, including time at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital on **September 23, National Voter Registration Day**. Teams of volunteers will also go to Campbell on August 21 and September 18 to provide materials for **newly naturalized citizens** to register to vote. (See page 3.)

After thirty years in LWVPA, I continue to learn more details of what goes into producing our **Voters Guide**. Only after six deadlines have passed in a ballot measure’s move through the process can LWVC begin generating Pros and Cons of each state measure. The *Guide*, put together by **Veronica Tincher**, includes LWVC’s analysis of the state ballot measures and Pros and Cons of our local Palo Alto measures.

Now think about coordinating **Candidates Forums** among a dozen or more City Council candidates plus five running for the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) board. **Trina Lovercheck** has worked tirelessly to find dates that (a) work for as many candidates as possible and (b) do not conflict with other important city events - and then arranged the forum venues and recruited event helpers. Her efforts will allow you to see and hear the contenders in person, on local television or via online rebroadcast. (See page 6.)

Meanwhile, **Mary Jo Levy** is setting up multiple opportunities for League members to explain the **Pros and Cons** of the ballot measures. (See page 6.) **Veronica Tincher** is making sure that all candidates for our Congressional, State Assembly, Foothill-DeAnza Community College District, Palo Alto City Council, and PAUSD submit their candidacy information and priorities, as well as their answers to three League questions to **Smart Voter**. And importantly, **Betty Gerard** is providing the **publicity** for our Voter Service events.

Don’t forget: for answers to your election inquiries, go online to **Smart Voter**. In addition to the home page, <http://smartvoter.org>, check <http://smartvoter.org/2014/11/04/ca/state/> for its wealth of information.

*Ellen Forbes*

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## August Board Meeting Summary

The LWVPA Board of Directors met on August 5, 2014.

- Our Treasurer, **Doris Petersen**, reported that our **financial position** remains strong due to contributions with membership renewal and from non-members. The LAT fundraising is \$2,000 ahead of last year. It is pleasant to consider how these funds may support additional League services to the community.
- The Board discussed at length plans for the **fall election activities** including approving questions for candidates for *SmartVoter* and the scheduling of **Candidates Forums** for both the City Council and PAUSD candidates. Watch the *VOTER* for specifics as they develop.
- The **Speakers Bureau** will again be active to educate the public on the Pros and Cons of various ballot measures, one of the most educational and useful activities of the League, given the variety and complexity of many of the issues. Watch for the schedule as it develops. **Mary Jo Levy** will chair this effort.
- There was discussion of how or whether to staff the **telephone at the League office on Election Day**. There is always a wide range of questions that League members deal with.
- The Board ratified the Emergency Action Committee's (EAC) action to support the LWV of Santa Clara County **support for the Santa Clara County Open Space District ballot measure to increase the parcel tax from \$12 to \$24** for the purpose of acquiring land and managing of park district property. (*Editor's note: Palo Alto is not included in this District – we are in the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.*)
- **Program planning** has produced a busy schedule as well. Watch for specific information in the *VOTER* regarding the Summer Social, August 26, the Fall Kick-Off, September 17, the Winter Luncheon, December 5, and Lunch with the League meetings on the third Tuesday in October, November, January, February, March and April.



Submitted by **Marlene Prendergast**, Secretary

## Voter Registration Opportunities

### New Citizens



We are proud to be able to assist the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) in registering new citizens to vote after the **New Citizen (Naturalization) Ceremonies** in **Campbell**, at the **Heritage Theater, 1 West Campbell Avenue** on

**Thursday, August 21, and Thursday, September 18; Two sessions per day: 10:30 - 11:30 am and 1:30 - 2:30 pm.** We are welcome to attend the New Citizens Ceremonies which start at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm.

The ROV would like 6 people at each of the 4 sessions to help. You can help at either one or both sessions. There is time between sessions to get lunch within walking distance in downtown Campbell.

It's a very rewarding experience to help welcome new citizens! Please let me know when you can help.



### Veterans on September 23, National Voter Registration Day!

We will be registering voters at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital on **Tuesday, September 23**, from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. If you can just be there for an hour and a half, that would be fine.

### High School Students

We will be registering high school students in early October at Gunn and Palo Alto High School (PALY). More information in the coming issues of the *VOTER*.



Email me at [edtphoto@comcast.net](mailto:edtphoto@comcast.net) or call me NOW if you want to help with any of these voter registration events. My phone number is in your membership directory.

**Liza Taft, Voter Registration Chair**

## Taking Stock of the Water Supply by Robin Meadows July 2014

Water. It flows out of the tap every time we want, cool, clear, and clean. We take it for granted even now, three years into one of California's driest stretches on record. But we can't go on like this for much longer — the Bay Area's water could start to run short in just two decades.

"Population growth will increase demand, and climate change will reduce the supply and increase demand," said Heather Cooley, director of the Water Program at the **Pacific Institute**, an Oakland-based nonprofit dedicated to sustainable resource research.

The Bay Area's population is projected to rise about 25 percent in the next two decades, from 7 million people today to 9 million in 2035. And without preparation there won't always be enough water for us all.

Our expected water demand will exceed the supply by nearly 7 percent in a dry year, and by more than 11 percent in the worst case scenario of multiple dry years, according to the **2013 San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**, which was developed by representatives from local water supply and treatment agencies, local and state government, and nonprofit organizations.

Our future is likely to be drier, partly due to warming from climate change. "Increased evaporation off watersheds could decrease water supplies by 5 to 10 percent," said Jay Lund, director of the **UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences**. In addition, when it's hot out, water demand rises because people use more for their landscaping.

Moreover, climate patterns going back thousands of years raise the possibility that upcoming droughts could be worse than any we've experienced lately. "California has seen much bigger, longer droughts," Lund said. "In medieval times, there were a couple of droughts in Southern California and the Eastern Sierras that lasted about 100 years." This conclusion was reached by **UC Berkeley paleoclimatologist Lynn Ingram**, who used indicators like tree rings, which are wide during wet years and narrow during dry ones, forming a record of the past.

While the future may be daunting, it isn't here yet and California cities are using almost as much water as usual despite the extreme drought. In January of this year, Governor Jerry Brown requested a 20 percent voluntary reduction in urban water use. But we were only using 5 percent less at the end of May, revealed a June 2014 survey by the **State Water Resources Control Board**, which divvies up state water.

That said, the Bay Area's water use is already relatively low. About half of California's urban water goes to landscaping, and the Bay Area uses less water outdoors because much of our land is urban with a cool climate. Daily use per person is less than 100 gallons in San Francisco compared to 200-300 gallons in the Central Valley, according to the 2013 report **Future-Proof Water: Where the Bay Area Should Get Its Water in the 21st Century** by **SPUR**, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that focuses on Bay Area planning and government.

In addition, while supplies are down in much of California - reservoirs were at 54 percent of the average volume statewide in July - water remains sufficient in much of the Bay Area. "It's not dire there yet," Lund said.

The San Francisco Bay Area hydrologic region, a major drainage basin that is smaller than the nine-county region, gets nearly 40 percent of its water from Sierra Nevada-fed reservoirs that are close to full. Much of the East Bay's water is from the **Pardee Reservoir** in the Sierra foothills, which was at 87 percent capacity in mid-July. Likewise, much of San Francisco's water is from the **Hetch Hetchy Reservoir** in Yosemite, which was at 97 percent capacity in mid-July. Hetch Hetchy also supplies considerable amounts of water to Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo counties.

The rest of the Bay Area's water comes from local sources and government water projects. Local surface waters and groundwater account for about 30 percent of our water, and another nearly 30 percent is delivered by the federal **Central Valley Project (CVP)** and the **State Water Project (SWP)**. These projects, which funnel water through the **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**, have curtailed water deliveries sharply this year. The CVP is giving the **Contra Costa Water District** only half of its historic supply, and SWP allocations are down to just 5 percent of usual.

For now, water conservation is voluntary in most of the Bay Area, with water agencies asking us to use 10-20 percent less. The few exceptions where mandatory restrictions have passed are primarily in hotter, more suburban areas, according to the **Association of California Water Agencies**. These include Cloverdale, Healdsburg, the Santa Clara Valley, Fremont, Newark, Union City, Pleasanton, Dublin, and part of San Ramon, which have mandated 20-25 percent cuts, and Livermore, which has mandated cutting outdoor use in half.

"Our water problems are solvable," said David Sedlak, co-director of the **Berkeley Water Center at UC Berkeley**. "The worst thing would be being caught

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unprepared — we don't want to respond to a water shortage in panic mode." Citing Australia's recent decade-long drought, Sedlak explained that when Brisbane's reservoir was down to just a year or so of water, major cities there built costly desalination plants that for the most part are little-used today.

We can save a lot of water with technologically simple fixes such as repairing the leaks that waste 11 gallons per person per day in California, switching to the front-loading washing machines that use a third as much water as top-loaders, and replacing lawns with drought-tolerant plants. Such efficiency measures could decrease the Bay Area's water use by 40 percent, according to the 2014 report *The Untapped Potential of California's Water Supply* by the Pacific Institute and the **Natural Resources Defense Council**.

We can also create new supplies by capturing the stormwater that now runs off into the sea, and by recycling graywater — from sinks, bathtubs, showers, and washing machines — for use in toilets and on landscaping. Together, these sources could provide more than 30 percent of the Bay Area's water, the report stated. Recycling can also turn wastewater into drinking water. Orange County has replenished groundwater with ultrapurified wastewater since 2008.

Updates to our water supply will take time to finance, design, and put in place. "Cities are usually insulated from the worst of droughts but our water systems are not designed for megadroughts or climate change," Sedlak said. "We need to start planning today — we'll be lucky if our new systems are built in 20 years."

**Robin Meadows** ([www.robinmeadows.tumblr.com](http://www.robinmeadows.tumblr.com)) is the reporting fellow for the 2014-15 Water Education Initiative. Created by the **League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Education Fund** to promote better understanding of regional water issues, the initiative is underwritten by the **Association of Bay Area Governments**, **Bay Area Biosolids to Energy**, the **East Bay Municipal Utility District**, the **League of Women Voters of Marin County**, Louise Anderson, the **Marin Municipal Water District**, Marion Taylor, the **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**, the **Santa Clara Valley Water District**, and the **Sonoma County Water Agency**.

### LWV Santa Clara County Council

The County Council, which consists of the five Leagues in Santa Clara County, voted to support a **ballot measure** that increases the parcel tax from \$12 to \$24 for the **Santa Clara County Open Space District (SCCOSD)** and to sign the ballot measure. The parcel tax money is used to support operations and land acquisition. Currently all the tax money is used to manage the operations with little left for acquisition or development of land that has been purchased. The SCCOSD covers most of Santa Clara County south of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD). Last spring the County Council voted to support the bond measure for the MROSD which includes Palo Alto and to sign that ballot measure. Fortunately our bond measure passed! LWVPA wishes South County the same good fortune.

### LWVUS

**An Action Alert** Please send a letter of support to Representative Anna Eshoo and urge her to move **the Voting Rights Act of 2014** forward.

**HR 3899**, which has been stalled in the House, will provide legislative remedies to the Supreme Court decision of June 2013 in *Shelby v Holder*. For more information please go: [http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=9864](http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=9864)

**Limit Carbon Pollution** LWVUS has been actively seeking support of the **EPA's Proposal to Limit Carbon Pollution**. Like the previous proposal to limit carbon pollution from new power plants, this proposal is a game changer that will protect us from the health risks and impacts of climate change. Join the League and tell the EPA you support their groundbreaking proposal to limit carbon pollution from existing power plants. Go to the LWVUS website: Our Work, at <http://www.lwv.org/our-work> to see all of the current LWVUS advocacy work and easy links to support our action.

### LWVC

**AB 280 Voting Rights Procedures** Please thank State Senator Hill for co-sponsoring this bill which is in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision weakening the Voting Rights Act and the lack of action in Congress. It was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee this past week and hopefully will be voted by the full Senate this month. This bill will establish a state preclearance system to ensure that changes to voting laws or procedures do not deny or abridge Californians' voting rights. See <http://www.lwvc.org/act-now/alert/2014/jul/tell-your-senator-ab-280-will-safeguard-voting-rights-californians>

**SB 52 Disclose Act** The bill would modify certain identification and disclosure statement requirements relating to advertisements for or against any ballot measure paid for by a committee. By introducing new disclosure requirements, the violation of which would be a misdemeanor, the bill would create a new crime, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. It was heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 6 and hopefully will be voted upon by the Assembly this month. If you would like to help pass this bill, please contact **Nancy Neff** whose contact information is in your membership directory.

To link to the **BLUE HIGHLIGHTED** websites in the **VOTER**, you need to read this in a PDF format on a computer. Go to our website at [www.lwvvaloalto.org/VOTER.html](http://www.lwvvaloalto.org/VOTER.html) or email [bbpucker@comcast.net](mailto:bbpucker@comcast.net) to start receiving the **VOTER** as a PDF via email.

## Getting ready for the November 4 Election

### Recruitment is OPEN! Join our election Speakers Bureau NOW!

If you are looking for a one-time way to actively participate in one of the **League's primary missions**—to provide unbiased nonpartisan information about elections to the public-- consider joining other League members to prepare and present the **Pros and Cons of state and local ballot measures!**

Each election cycle, our League representatives speak before a variety of community organizations, church gatherings and informal groups providing the background and arguments for and against ballot measures that voters will be encountering on their ballot. In November 2014, there are **seven state-wide measures and three Palo Alto measures** for voters to understand and make a decision about.

This service is popular and highly visible. Two years ago, more than 20 presentations were made to over 500 Palo Alto voters. Can we surpass these statistics in 2014?

You can help the League by:

- **volunteering as a presenter.** (Yes, there will be training, hand-holding and a glass of water to keep your voice smooth.) You need not go alone—all presenters are paired with another member who shares the agenda.
- **recruiting another member as a presenter:** someone who you know is a captivating speaker.
- **suggesting organizations to be contacted** as likely sponsors for League presenters.

If you will commit to participate in this important program (and at least one group appearance), and can be available in late September and/or early October, please contact **Mary Jo Levy**, [mjlevy612@gmail.com](mailto:mjlevy612@gmail.com) or by phone (number is in the member directory).



## New Voices for Youth

The Menlo-Atherton New Voices for Youth (M-A NV4Y) program is coming back to school from summer break. The June screenings at Round Table and Siena Youth Center were well attended and students enjoyed the opportunity to respond to questions from the audience about why they chose a particular topic (they didn't know anything about it), what was hard about finishing their project (the editing) and what they'd like to work on next. **You will have an opportunity to see their video, "When Fosters Speak" at the League Summer Social on August 26.**

This month, members of the NV Steering Committee met with **YLAC (Youth Leaders About Change)** program staff to plan how to leverage our support from the YWCA in the Fall Program at Menlo-Atherton. How can we encourage students to choose rich subjects and to dig more deeply?

The Siena program is also on break, but Erendira Parra, an alumna from M-A's NV program and now a college sophomore, has been hired as a Siena summer intern and is working with three students who are making videos. Great experience for her and for the students!

Members of the NV Steering Committee attended the end-of-year celebration of the North Fair Oaks Youth Initiative sponsored by the **San Francisco Foundation's Koshland Civic Unity Initiative.** Each year, 35-40 youth from North Fair Oaks (NFO) complete leadership training and learn how to work in teams, conduct meetings, make presentations and award mini-grants. (NV4Y won a mini-grant.) The Koshland program in North Fair Oaks has moved under the umbrella of Siena where a group is planning for its continuation after Koshland funding ends. This fall, NV4Y hopes to offer weekend video workshops to NFO youth initiative participants!

*Submitted by Veronica Tincher*

## We need your help at Candidates Forums!!!

There are local elections for the Palo Alto Unified School District Board (two seats) and the Palo Alto City Council (five seats) this November. LWVPA has scheduled two candidates forums:

- The **School Board Candidates Forum** will be on **Tuesday, September 16, 7 - 9 pm** in the PAUSD Board Room at 25 Churchill.
- The **City Council Candidates Forum** will be on **Tuesday, September 30, 7 - 9:30 pm** at Congregation Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto

**Volunteers are needed the night of each forum.** Please contact me if you are available to help. No experience necessary! **Trina Lovercheck, Voter Service Director**

## Communications Workshop

On **Saturday, August 23**, from 9:30 am -12 pm, LWVPA will host a communications workshop for **eight**

**Leagues** in Santa Clara County, South San Mateo County and Fremont/Newark/Union City. The workshop will feature a panel of resource people from State and Bay Area Leagues and will provide an opportunity for League members involved in creating communication tools (website, print Voter, email Voter, eblasts, social media, news publicity, etc.) to share ideas and experiences. For more information, please contact Mary Alice Thornton or Bonnie Packer.





## Housing and Transportation Committee

The Housing and Transportation Committee took off the month of July but did continue to monitor the Housing Element community input process, for which Doris Petersen is our official LWVPA representative. The Housing Element looks to be on schedule for 2015 certification, barring surprises. The Comprehensive Plan update, planning through 2030, may be more controversial. We have unofficially participated in what seemed to be a good staff-driven community input process with a variety of perspectives on our future. City Council now hopes to revise this process very thoroughly. Our committee is scheduled to meet next on **August 18 at 4:30 pm** at the League office, but contact **Jeff Rensch** at [jrench@gmail.com](mailto:jrench@gmail.com) to verify the date.

*Submitted by Jeff Rensch, Committee Chair*

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all the board and off-board members who reviewed this *VOTER* and a special thanks to **Ellen Forbes, Betty Gerard** and **Trina Lovercheck** for their extra careful and invaluable proofreading.

*Submitted by Bonnie Packer, VOTER editor*



## Thanks to all of you who have sent in your dues!

**But there are still many of you have not. Please send in your dues renewal NOW so we can be sure any changes will go in the membership directory. And don't forget to indicate that you want to receive the *VOTER* via email!**

*Chris Logan, Membership Chair*



## Welcome, New Members!

**Jack Owicki  
Bonnie Schwid  
Phillip Smaller  
Edna Yanofsky**

**We are so glad you have joined our League!**



## The LWVPA Book Club Goes to Asia! On Friday, August 22,

the League's Book Club will discuss

### "Asia's Cauldron: the South China Sea and the End of a Stable Pacific"

by Robert D. Kaplan

Kaplan includes personal reports on the countries in the contentious area.

The meeting is at the home of **Betty Gerard** at 10 am. **Visitors welcome.**

**More Election News!!!!** The Los Altos/Mountain View League of Women Voters is hosting a "Meet the Candidates" event for candidates for the El Camino Hospital District, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Foothill/DeAnza Community College District, Superior Court Judge Office 24 and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on **Sunday, September 28, 1-3 pm** at the Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Rd. There will be statements by all candidates followed by informal exchanges between the citizens and candidates. Contact is [natalie.elefant@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.elefant@gmail.com).



**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**

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**LWVC GUIDE TO GOVERNMENT**

Locate your elected officials with your street address  
<http://www.guidetogovernment.org/>

**CALENDAR**

**Mon, Aug 18, 4:30 pm**  
**Housing Committee**  
League office

**Thu, Aug 21**  
**Naturalization Ceremony**  
Campbell

**Fri, Aug 22, 10 am**  
**Book Club**  
Gerard

**Sat, Aug 23, 9:30 am**  
**Communications Workshop**  
PCC building

**Tues, Aug 26, 7-9 pm**  
**Summer Social**  
Garden Court

**Tues, Sep 2, 7-9:30 pm**  
**Board Meeting**  
Prendergast

**Fri, Sep 5, 9 am**  
**VOTER deadline**

**Tues, Sep 16, 7-9 pm**  
**PAUSD Candidates Forum**  
25 Churchill

**Wed, Sep 17, 7-9 pm**  
**Fall Kick-Off**  
Unitarian Universalist Church

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Campbell

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**National Voter Registration Day**  
Palo Alto Veterans Hospital

**Tue, Sep 30, 7-9:30 pm**  
**Candidates Forum**  
4161 Alma (Etz Chayim)

**Tues, Oct 7, 7-9:30 pm**  
**Board Meeting**  
Gerard

**Fri, Oct 10, 9 am**  
**VOTER deadline**