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The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

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Be a Part of Program Planning!



Saturday, January 23
9:00 am to Noon
Sandra Slater's home
1001 Emerson, Palo Alto
(entrance on Addison)

Help us decide our 2016 focus on issues at the National, Bay Area and Local Levels



Continental Breakfast provided by your board

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Open to all members, please join us!

February Lunch with League

Featuring

Dr. Anna Waring

Executive Director of the Foundation for College Education



For 20 years the Foundation for College Education has helped East Palo Alto youth prepare for and complete a college education. Visit the [FCE website](#) for more information.

Public Welcome!

Tuesday, February 16

11:45 am - 1:00 pm



Bay Café Restaurant
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Buffet lunch: \$20 per person

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

Message from our President



Happy New Year—and what an exciting year it will be! A fresh new year calls for a check of **where we've been and where we're going**. Lately, League “Program” has been front-and-center. Voter Services work will kick into high gear as the election season heats up.

Locally, we've finished our part in national studies of the Constitutional Amendment (CA) Process, and Money in Politics (MIP). Similarly, we're doing a *state* study right now on Public Higher Education. We should find out whether there is enough consensus on the studies for the League to craft new positions by these dates: late January for CA, early April for MIP, and August for Higher Ed. If we have MIP consensus, we'll be able to advocate with those positions in the June and November elections.



We did these studies because the grassroots membership chose them. Now it's time to say what we want LWVUS to emphasize in 2016-2018. That's the purpose of our **Program Planning Meeting on January 23** at Sandra Slater's home from 9 am to noon. **Come have your say!** We'll also make our choices there for local, county and Bay Area emphases—and winnowing local priorities to just two or three can make for lively debate!

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

LWVPA has three special events coming up on January 21, 22 and 23:

- ✓ **January 21** – We're invited to a mixer with Stanford in Government students. SIG is a 50-year-old nonpartisan, student-run organization that increases political awareness on campus and connects students with public service opportunities. The mixer is a place for the students and League members to talk about politics and professional life beyond college in a welcoming, inclusive environment fostering one-on-one conversations. Come join us! See page 9 for details.
- ✓ **Jan. 22** – Celebrating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we will co-sponsor **Step Up for Pro-Choice!** See page 9 for details.
- ✓ **Jan. 23** – Program Planning!

In February, we'll join members of other Santa Clara County Leagues for legislative interviews with Assemblymember Rich Gordon and State Senator Jerry Hill. This can be your chance to meet one of our representatives. You'll be helping both the state and local League. Please tell me soon if you'd like to do this.

More than just a slogan, **Making Democracy Work®** is what we do!

Ellen Forbes

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

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What in the world is "missing middle housing"? On November 5, our League co-sponsored a local presentation from urban planner Daniel Parolek that tried to pin down one key aspect of the housing crisis hitting the Bay Area and elsewhere. According to Parolek, there is a very strong demand in urban areas for housing units smaller than a standard single-family unit, but this demand is not being met, often because existing zoning codes do not allow for such units. Smaller units set within walkable urban contexts are what he calls the "missing middle".

"Middle" units, and there are many in Palo Alto from earlier generations, will have a small footprint, in no case larger than a single-family home, but a greater density than one might at first perceive. Their design and size are compatible with nearby single-family units but they may be duplexes, fourplexes, bungalow courts, etc. When designed well, they foster community and bridge the gap between single-family neighborhoods and denser areas.

There are many barriers to producing this housing type but one that stands out is a style of zoning that focuses on density limits before considering good design. A well-designed but "dense" fourplex may fit with the design of a neighborhood much better than a single-family home that is badly designed, yet the fourplex will be prohibited by zoning even though it would be the better choice (and afford more and cheaper housing).

Are there ideas here worth pursuing in Palo Alto? If you are curious, you will find more information at <http://opticosdesign.com/category/missing-middle/>.

Jeff Rensch, Committee Chair

January Board Meeting Summary - Jan. 12, 2016



Membership. The membership directory will be available soon. There is a new approach this year. A number of the directories will be printed but most will be print-on-demand. The League has entered the existing new paperless era, including the posting of all Board documents on Google Docs!

Money in Politics Consensus Discussion. The Board concluded that the consensus meeting on this topic on January 9, 2016 was excellent. The Board considered and approved the consensus report from the Committee. The Board agreed that there was a benefit to holding the consensus meeting after the holiday period, which allowed for more information gathering and preparation.

Program Planning. Thornton and Cassel led a discussion of plans for the Program Planning meeting on January 23 at the home of Sandra Slater. Some members have been asked to review and comment on the relevance/timeliness of our program positions ahead of time, in order to provide efficiency in the discussions.

Job Descriptions. The Board considered an "almost final" draft of LWVPA job descriptions as finally edited by Forbes, after other reviews. This document will be helpful and very important for the Nominating Committee to consider in their work.

Voters' Right to Know Initiative. This initiative is being circulated for signatures throughout California. Supporters have asked the League to help in this effort, however, the LWVC has decided to not take a position at this time on this initiative. LWVC will review the initiative if it qualifies for the ballot at the same time it reviews all ballot measures. (The LWVC statement is included on page 6). The Board agreed that our League cannot publicly support this initiative but proponents may seek signatures outside of League events, as with any petition.

Marlene Prendergast, Secretary

Opportunities for Involvement

- * Be a part of LWVPA Program Planning on January 23. See page 1.
- * Get involved with the Early Childhood Education Committee. See page 4.
- * Help form the LWVC position on Higher Education. Come to the February Lunch with League and participate in the Higher Ed Consensus Meeting on March 19, 2016. See page 6.
- * Use your creative flair to enhance our website! Make our site a go-to place for this election cycle and beyond. Contact Valerie Stinger if you are interested.
- * Voter Services is gearing up for the 2016 elections. There are many different ways to help educate the voters: Candidate Forums, Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures, preparing a Voters Guide. Please contact Jeannie Lythcott if you would like to be involved.
- * The County Leagues would like at least one representative from each local LWV for their Juvenile Justice work. The article on page 8 describes the topic.

The Dynamic Start of the LWVPA's Early Childhood Education Committee (ECE) with a Mighty Assist from Supervisor Joe Simitian

The LWV Palo Alto's Early Childhood Education Committee has a goal of action and results, not just study and discussion. League advocates for Early Childhood Education emphasize the research showing that ECE is critical to America's future, because a child's brain is 80% developed by age 3.

We are fortunate to have a committee with much expertise, experience, energy, and especially vision. Members of the LWVPA's ECE Committee are: Arona Blachman, Heidi Emberling, Catherine Crystal Foster, Sharon Keplinger, Alice Smith and Carole Stein. The two Co-Chairs are Sigrid Pinsky and Diane Rolfe. We believe that to remain a strong democracy and a world leader we need to be #1 in education and that means universal, high quality pre-school.

Our group decided we should meet with Supervisor Joe Simitian, due to his passion for education and his astute understanding of how to achieve results in Sacramento. We wanted his perspective on priorities for ECE in our County. In December, committee members met in person with the Supervisor and his policy aide, Kris Zanardi.

Supervisor Simitian's legislative knowledge and insights on the history of Pre-School Funding in Sacramento are extensive. He suggested we tackle a significant change regarding Transitional Kindergarten (TK). Currently, 125,000 kids are served in TK in Santa Clara County. We were inspired by the meeting to work to expand this number by encouraging policy change that would allow kids to be accepted to TK mid-year. We think this could be a countywide effort. Supervisor Simitian assured us that his Policy Aide, Kris Zanardi, would be there to assist us in this undertaking. We are in the beginning stages of this effort.

Sigrid and Diane represent our LWVPA on the Strong Start Steering Committee. Strong Start is a coalition led by the SCC Board of Education. Its mission is expanding access to high quality early learning opportunities for all children age 0-8 in our County. Ellen Wheeler, Chair of the County LWV's Education Committee, and Julie Cates of the LWV Mountain View/Los Altos, have agreed with Sigrid and Diane to work together in a unified coalition of the Leagues in our County.

Stay tuned and do join us. If you want to become involved, please contact Sigrid Pinsky 650-856-6511, sigridkp@yahoo.com or Diane Rolfe 650-326-6328, onedianerolfe@comcast.net. Perhaps we should call this committee: An Equal and Excellent Education for CA's Children. Do join us in this Committee for California's and America's children!

*Sigrid Pinsky and Diane Rolfe
Co-Chairs, LWVPA ECE Committee*

Advocacy Report by Phyllis Cassel



LWVPA

The Comprehensive Plan

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) met on December 15 to begin their review of the Land Use Element. LWVPA sent a letter indicating some of our positions in the areas under discussion: maintain the growth boundary, housing, complete streets, and climate change. The statement is on the [LWVPA web site](#). On January 19 there will be a joint Council/CAC

meeting to review the Draft Comp Plan EIR proposal. January 24 from 12:30 to 5:30 pm, the Council is holding a Climate Action Summit and on January 26, 5:30 to 8:30pm, the CAC is reviewing the revised Draft Transportation Element.



Lunch with League In November, we were honored to have Helen Hutchison, President of the LWVC, discuss "Money in Politics." December 17 featured Kenneth Duecker, JD, Director of Palo Alto Emergency Services. He reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in a general way and a number of other issues directly related to our Emergency Operation Services. Several members came who are active with volunteer groups that support the EOP, which added an extra dimension to the discussion. On Monday January 11, the 2016 EOP was on the Council consent calendar.

There is no Lunch with League in January.

Step Up for Pro Choice LWVPA agreed to co-sponsor the celebration of Roe v. Wade, "Step Up for Pro Choice" on January 22, 12:00 to 1:15 pm in the Youth Center at the Los Altos Community Center. AAUW Los Altos/ Mountain View is the sponsor. Linda Williams, Chief Executive Officer of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, will be the keynote speaker. Come and invite your friends!

Early Childhood Education. LWVPA voted to join the Santa Clara County Strong Start Coalition. This is a group of organizations working towards better opportunities for early childhood education along with the Santa Clara County Board of Education. Diane Rolfe and Sigrid Pinsky will act as our representatives.



A Provocative Talk about Marijuana at the Winter Luncheon

With 12 initiatives underway for the November ballot, Dr. Keith Humphreys' talk "Ballot Measures on the Regulation of Marijuana: Safe and Smart?" provided a valuable guide to understanding the differences among them. He spoke at the LWVPA Winter Luncheon on Wednesday, December 2, to some 80 attendees.

Dr. Humphreys is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Director of Mental Health Policy at Stanford University, and Co-Chair of California's Blue Ribbon Commission on Marijuana Policy.

He began by defining cannabis and its effects. "It is an overstatement to declare there are no risks, and an understatement to say there's no harm." It is not a cure, as claimed. Nor is it true that "kids may get in trouble but adults can't."

What do we know about addiction? Some 9 to 10 percent of marijuana users are addicted. Use before the mid-20s, when the brain is plastic, makes addiction more likely. However, some people writing initiatives do not believe pot is addicting. Dr. Humphreys commented that a key consideration is that young people are most at risk for addiction and are whom commercial industries will most target to build a long-term commercial market.

Pointing out that there is a range of choices for legalization, he advised, "If you are for legalization, you have to decide what kind." Elements for voters to consider are the number and size of industries permitted, age limits, programs around kids' health, the kind of



advertising allowed, the money generated and what will happen to it, taxes (and beware of optimistic projections since prices will fall), big industry or small, environmental concerns from water use for this thirsty plant, and what happens to people currently selling illegally or now in prison.

An initiative needs good regulation from the outset. "Start in the right place – it is hard to tighten afterward."

Legislation related to marijuana is still in the process of being straightened out. It is still illegal under federal law, but the states of Colorado, Washington and Alaska, as well as Washington D.C., have passed laws

permitting recreational use, with some cultural variances. He concluded, "Legalization of marijuana is something on which reasonable people can disagree."

Betty Gerard



Dr. Keith Humphreys and Senator Jerry Hill at the Winter Luncheon

New Voices for Youth Update

This Fall the New Voices for Youth students from Siena Youth Center participated in the *Patient No More* youth and policymaker event

hosted by the San Mateo County Office of Education and the San Mateo County Youth Commission. Our youth learned about the history of the Section 504 sit-in in San Francisco to demand rights for people with disabilities, visited a traveling exhibit and talked with community leaders including County Superintendent Anne Campbell, Milton Reynolds with Facing History and Ourselves, and Ravenswood School board member Marco Chavez. Many of the community leaders were impressed by the students' enthusiasm: Anne



NV4Y Students at Patient No More

Campbell encouraged our youth to visit her office and return for a tour of the County office of Education.

It was a lively night where NV4Y students not only learned about how policies are implemented, but offered wisdom and insights into the challenges youth continue to face today. NV4Y students were excited to meet elected officials and other youth leaders in the community.

This semester NV4Y students are collaborating with the Leadership Class at the Siena Youth Center. Students learn about different issues youth face today including peer pressure, bullying, conflict, drugs and alcohol, and loneliness. Leadership students pair up with New Voices students and staff to create PSAs and scripted videos that reflect their learning.

*Sheila Botein, LWV South San Mateo County
Veronica Tincher, LWV Palo Alto*

STUDY OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA

Access To Public Higher Education In California is the focus of our next State Study. It addresses the always thorny issues of: **Funding, Affordability, Preparedness, Equity and Opportunities/Barriers to Student Success.** The CA Leagues will employ our study and consensus process to create a position on these important issues. When that is done, the LWVC will be able to lobby the Legislature and Governor to try to turn our position into state law. We have 2 important dates ahead for our study:

1. **Lunch with League, February 16.** The speaker will be Dr. Anna Waring, Executive Director of the Foundation for College Education. This organization prepares youth in East Palo Alto and nearby communities to be ready for college, finds sufficient funds and then sees them through to completion of a degree or program. More on page 1 of this *VOTER*.
2. **Our consensus meeting, March 19,** will give members the chance to discuss the topics of the study so that our voices will be added to those of members in the other California Leagues.

The next *VOTER* will provide the questions for our March 19 consensus meeting and more details.

Until then, **try taking this VERY LITTLE QUIZ** on ways in which high school and college interface in CA.

1. How many and what courses are required of all graduating high school seniors? (Just two: English and US Government)

2. What percentage of CA public college students attend Community Colleges? (74%)
3. What percentage of community college students must take remedial/non-credit English or Math courses before they can begin college work for credit? (80% !!!!!)
4. Does family income influence whether a student completes a Bachelor's degree? (99% of students from the top quartile graduate, while 21% from the lowest quartile achieve a Bachelor's.)
5. Who pays for the cost of education at the UCs and CSUs? (It's almost equal -- UCs: 48% California, 46% student tuition, CSUs: 54% California, 45% student tuition.)
6. What is the best predictor of achievement in college? (Intensity of academic work in high school, not test scores.)
7. Are on-line courses the solution for loss of funding in Higher Education in California? (Their value is inconclusive.)
8. What proportion of jobs requires a Bachelor's degree today and what was it in 1960? (31%, 11%)

Now you understand why we are doing this study and need a comprehensive position to lobby the Legislature and the Governor and educate the public.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Veronica Tincher, Interim Committee Chair

LWVC's Stance on the Voters' Right to Know Act

Below is a statement from LWVC President Helen Hutchinson :

We have received a number of questions and comments about an initiative currently in circulation, #15-0068, Voters' Right to Know Act.

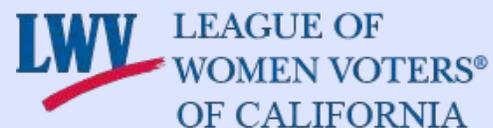
This is a reminder that the League [has no position on this measure.](#)

The League rarely takes a position on a ballot measure until that measure has qualified for the ballot. Among other things, this allows us to have a better sense of all of the measures likely to be on a ballot, and evaluate them together. The exceptions to this rule are almost always measures in which we have had a major role in proposing and drafting. **This measure does not qualify as such an exception:** while we were consulted, we had only a minor role in the language of the measure.

While we generally support the provisions included in the measure—in fact, have supported bills containing many of them—there is a key provision that is missing. This is the removal of the ban on public financing that is currently in state law for all governments except charter cities.

The League believes—strongly—that public financing of elections is one of the key ways that we will counterbalance the effects of money in politics. In order to experiment and innovate in local government, we need to repeal the current ban on public financing. We also believe that a repeal of the ban needs to be part of a package of reforms, that it is unlikely to pass if it is the single issue in a ballot measure. The Voters' Right to Know Act includes a number of the “easy” reforms – those most appealing to the electorate. We believe that those are the ones that would be the best package to pass the repeal of public financing.

If and when this measure qualifies for the ballot, we will consider it as we do all measures which qualify.



League of Women Voters of the Bay Area
Presents

Bay Area League Day 2016

Reinventing Bay Area Transportation for the 21st Century

Saturday, February 6, 2016

9:30 am-2:30 pm

Registration and Refreshments 9:00 am –9:30 am
Maple Hall, 13837 San Pablo Ave

Located at Alvarado Square inside the City Hall
Complex

13831 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806

Keynote Address – Senator Jim Beall,
Chair, California Senate Transportation
Committee

**Panel 1: - Allowance? Passing the hat for
funding**

- Funding: are self-help taxes helpful or enough?
- Infrastructure: how do you prioritize upkeep vs expansion?
- Social equity: Is social equity overlooked in funding proposals?

**Panel 2: - Innovation & Technology - Back to
the Future**

- Last Mile Problem: What are some of the ideas for solving this problem?
- Social Equity: How do we make tech serve the underserved?
- Technology: What will the highway of the future look like?

**Panel 3: - Who Moved My Cheese? How and
Where Do We Change the Culture?**

- Crystal Ball: Can agencies be agents of change or not?
- Social Equity: How do we make access affordable for all?
- Drones vs Semis: how do we change the way we deliver the goods?

Register by Feb 1 at:

<http://lwwbayarea.org/2016LeagueDay.html>

Why the LWVC Cannot Support the WaterFix Twin Tunnel Plan

This is the introduction to a letter documenting why the LWVC cannot support the WaterFix plan to build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to carry water south. The full letter is posted at: <https://lwvc.org/sites/lwvc.org/files/press-releases/WaterFix-comments-from-LWV-of-CA.pdf>

The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/ California WaterFix, the Administration's plan to build twin tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The LWVC has long-standing policies supporting nonstructural alternatives for water supply in California. With respect to the Delta, these policies align with principles established by the 2009 Delta Reform Act that are now part of the California Water Code and the Public Resources Code.

Were the LWVC to support any new infrastructure for conveying water through or around the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, we would have to be persuaded that the proposed infrastructure conformed to League policies, such that

1. realistic limits have been placed on the amount of water to be exported
2. strategies such as water conservation and wastewater reclamation have been employed and will continue to be employed to the fullest extent by both agricultural and urban users to minimize reliance on water exported through the Delta
3. federal and state entities intend to abide by high water quality standards in the Delta and the estuary
4. the conveyance plan includes strong, binding environmental safeguards, including reserving stream flows for protection of fish and wildlife and their habitat, and for other in-stream uses
5. the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the project have been fully assessed.

In all these areas, the RDEIR/SDEIS fails not only to meet the League's criteria for supporting new conveyance infrastructure in the Delta but also to conform to established law. We therefore cannot support the Administration's California WaterFix.

Below, we consider these points in order, with references where applicable to the California Water Code.

(Remainder of letter is available at the link listed at the top of this article.)

Why Early Childhood Education?

If we wish to remain a great world power, with a vibrant economic working force, more college graduates, less drug abuse and crime, and increased equity in our society, there is one thing we can do--invest in Early Learning. During the last 40 years, nearly one hundred studies have all reached the same conclusion: Early Childhood Education, now known as Early Learning, is the best investment Americans can make in producing a more educated, more stable, more equitable, and more economically vibrant society. It is the best way to overcome the negatives of poverty and despair that plague so many American communities today.

For every \$1 invested in Early Learning, the public saves anywhere from \$7 up to \$16 in social and economic costs. As the Nobel Laureate economist James Heckman stated at the Advancement Project Conference in Sacramento in March, 2015: "High quality early childhood education can offer one of the highest returns of any public investment . . . \$8.60 for every dollar spent." Professor Heckman further stated: "These savings come in the form of fewer students being held back or getting involved in crime, and more graduating from high school and college and earning higher salaries in their careers." Also, children involved in Head Start or other Early Learning Programs grow up to experience more stable marriages and families, and they are less likely to be involved in drug or alcohol or public safety problems.

The studies on Early Learning also point out that the earlier the child receives a nurturing, early learning environment, the greater the benefits to the child and our society. Ninety percent of a child's brain is developed in the first 5 years of life with the greatest growth being in the first 3 years. In the first three years of a child's life, more than 700 neural connections are created each second. Differences in development start early as well; by age 2, low-income children are already six months behind their higher-income peers in language development and by age 5 are more than two years behind.

America has an incomplete educational system. Unless we start investing in the education of our youngest children, our dismal international ranking presently at 38th in quality and educational equity will slip further. It is impossible to remain the premier political and economic power with a failing education system that is caused by poverty and a lack of investment.

We must develop the political will and activism to turn this negative situation around. In Santa Clara County we have over 8,000 children living below the poverty line and only 88 are enrolled in a State or Federal

Welcome, New Members !

Dawn Billman, Heather Brownlee,
Jane Garvey, Lauren Janov,
Erika Krugler,
Lucinda Lenicheck,
Anna Thayer, Karen Vesey

We are so glad you have
joined the League.



A Public Forum on Juvenile Justice

A Public Forum on Juvenile Justice in Santa Clara County, sponsored by the Leagues of Santa Clara County, was held late last year in the Mountain View City Council Chambers. The keynote speaker, the Honorable Patrick Tondreau, Supervising Judge, Juvenile Division of the Santa Clara County Superior Court, introduced the topic with a description of the County's efforts to prevent and help troubled youth through sustained and effective collaboration by county, school and city agencies. The result has been to vastly reduce arrests and incarceration of juvenile offenders and thereby create a safer community.

Chris Arriola, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Santa Clara County, and Elisa Carias, Supervising Probation Officer Juvenile Division, Santa Clara County, participated in the forum with Judge Tondreau, describing multiple intervention programs conducted by law enforcement, social services and probation.

A complete report of the forum is available on the [Leagues of Women Voters of Santa Clara County Website](#). A video recording is also available from KMTV at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOoVMmmyGpI>

Veronica Tincher

Learning Program. There are 12,000 3 and 4 year olds living below the poverty line in our county; only 5,600 are in Early Learning Programs.

We lack money for Early Education because it is not a priority of our government officials and because the citizens are not demanding a change in policies. Let's change this!

*Diane Rolfe and Sigrid Pinsky
ECE Co-Chairs*

League Mixer with Stanford in Government (SIG)

SIG is a student group of the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford. Come share your commitments and hear about how college students are engaging their peers in public policy!

**Thursday, January 21, 2016
4:30-6:00 pm**

Haas Center for Public Service,
562 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford, CA 94305
RSVP to meganfogarty@gmail.com

Thank You!

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

Sue Hermsen, VOTER Editor

The LWVPA Book Group

will meet

Friday, January 29, at 10 am

to discuss:



“Corruption in America: from Benjamin Franklin’s Snuff Box to Citizens United”

by Zephyr Teachout

The meeting, at the home of Ursula Moore, is the annual potluck lunch. Visitors are welcome: please call in advance.

Step Up for Pro-Choice!

Friday, January 22, 2016

Noon to 1:15 pm

Los Altos Youth Center,
1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos



Celebrating the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Linda Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, will speak on the continuing assaults against Planned Parenthood nationwide, and offer action ideas to those who support reproductive rights.

After the presentation, the audience will assemble in front of the Youth Center for a group photo session. All those present are encouraged to post photos on all their social media sites to step up for Pro-Choice and support Planned Parenthood.

Registration is \$2 at the door.

Visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/League-of-Women-Voters-of-Palo-Alto/256504167760182?ref=bookmarks> -

“Like us” and share with your friends. Help spread the word.



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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ email _____

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

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

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

Membership dues to the LWVPA are not tax deductible.

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CALENDAR

Thurs, Jan 21, 4:30-6 pm
League Mixer with SIG
Haas Center for Public Service

Fri, Jan 22, Noon - 1:15 pm
Step Up for Pro-Choice
Los Altos Youth Center
1 San Antonio Rd, Los Altos

Sat, Jan 23, 9 am-12 pm
Program Planning
Slater

Fri, Jan 29, 10 am
Book Group Meeting
Moore

Tues, Feb 2, 7-9:30 pm
Board Mtg
Fogarty

Sat, Feb 6, 9:30 am -2:30 pm
Bay Area League Day
13831 San Pablo Ave
San Pablo

Wed, Feb 10
March VOTER deadline

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

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

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

Sat, Mar 19
Higher Ed Consensus Mtg
TBA

