

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF NORTH ORANGE COUNTY

**ANNUAL MEETING
2005**

**Embassy Suites
900 E. Birch Street
Brea CA**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2005
9:30-1:15 p.m.**

Luncheon at 11:30
Your choice of Vegetarian Sandwich or Cobb Salad
Cost \$25

Call your reservation in to the League Phone 714-254-7440
or reserve by email at *lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org*

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**ANNUAL MEETING – June 4, 2005
PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 9:30** **Welcome and Introductions**
CALL TO ORDER
*Quorum Report
*Adoption of Annual Meeting Rules
*Adoption of Order of Business
*Appointment of Election Committee
*Appointment of Committee to Approve the Annual Meeting Minutes
*Report on the Minutes of the **2004 Annual Meeting**
*Introduction of Parliamentarian
- 9:45** **Presidents' Report for 2004-2005**

Directors' Reports for 2004-2005
- 10:10** **Presentation and Adoption of Recommended Local Program: debate and vote: The Board recommends no new local study be adopted. The Board recommends that the LWVUS and LWVC Issues for Emphasis be the focus of our Programs this year. (See proposal at bottom of page 6 of this kit)**
- 10:20** **Presentation of Amendment to the Bylaws (see page 4 of this kit)**
- 10:30** **Treasurer's Report**
- 10:35** **Presentation of Proposed Budget and Adoption of Proposed Budget**
- 10:55** **Nominating Committee Report; Floor Nominations and Election of Officers and Directors (see page 3-4 of this kit)**
- 11:00** **Directions to the Board (Must be written and given to secretary)**
- 11:15** **Introductions and Recognitions**
- 11:30** **Lunch**
- 12:15** **Introduction of Luncheon Speaker:**

Lynn Daucher, Assemblywoman, California State Assembly, District 12
Speaking on:
Reforming California's Public Education System:
Where Do We Go From Here?
- 1:15** **Adjourn**

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate to the 2005 Annual Meeting. Following this report, any members providing that the consent of the nominee has been obtained in advance can make nominations from the floor.

FOR OFFICERS:

		TERM
Eileen Olmsted	President	2005 - 2007
Kay Bruce	VP Program	2005 - 2007
Eleanor Fumanti	VP Administration	2005 - 2007
Arline Burgmeier	Co-VP Membership	2005 - 2007
Jane Bonfanti	Secretary	2005 - 2007

FOR ELECTED DIRECTORS:

Joan Cohen	Co-Voters Service	2005 – 2007
Mary Fuhrman	Co-Social Policy Portfolio	2005 – 2007
Marilyn Buchi	Co-Social Policy Portfolio	2005 – 2007
Sally Zivitz	Co-Government Portfolio	2005 – 2007
Bette Frazier	Lunch with League	2005 – 2007
Frann Shermet	Special Events Coordinator	2005 – 2007
Eleanor Fumanti	Voter Editor	2005 – 2007

FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2006

Eileen Miller, Jean Swanson

CONTINUING ELECTED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS with Terms ending in 2006

Edith Bockian	Natural Resources
Fran Mathews	Treasurer
Wanda Shaffer	Co-VP Membership
Shirley Bloom	Co-Voters Service Director
Deane Cassidy	Citizen Education Director
Publications/Archivist	Pearl Cortner

The Committee recommends that the following members be appointed as Off-Board Directors for 2005-2006.

League Phone	Florence Cavileer
Mailings	Eileen Miller
Speaker Coordinator	Lois Smith
Voters Service Brea	Michele Weber
Voters Service Buena Park	Mary Fuhrman, Norma Waller
Voters Service Fullerton	Jeanne Blum
Voter Service La Habra	Marian Schain
Voters Service Placentia	Susan Fisher
Voters Service Yorba Linda	Jacqueline Lauder, Joan Carroll
Web Host	Angela Lindstrom

There are three important offices yet to be filled: Publicity/Public Relations, Finance/Fund Development and Nominating Committee Chair. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these positions we invite you to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

2005 Nominating Committee

Sally Zivitz, Chair, Kay Bruce, Donna Berry, Arline Burgmeier, Burnie Cohen

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

The Board has invited the cities of Cypress and La Palma to become official members of the League of Women Voters of North Orange County. The Central Orange County League was asked to release Cypress from its territory and the LWV California Board has granted its approval. We welcome the members in these two cities and ask the membership to approve the decision of the Board and change the Bylaws by adding Cypress and La Palma to its official name as follows.pending approval by LWVUS

Section I. NAME. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of North Orange County: Brea, Buena Park, **Cypress**, Fullerton, La Habra, **La Palma**, Placentia, and Yorba Linda (herein referred to as the "League"). The League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (herein referred to as "LWVUS"), the League of Women Voters of California (herein referred to as "LWVC"), and the Inter-League Organization of Orange County (herein referred to as "I.L.O.").

LOCAL PROGRAM 2005-2006

The Board recommends the adoption of the continuing Program as follows:

GOVERNMENT

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PROCESS: (1983)

Support for measures which enable citizens to become involved in the budget process easily and in a timely fashion prior to the budget's final adoption.

HUMAN RESOURCES / SOCIAL POLICY

CHILD CARE:

Support for total community involvement in meeting child care needs.

HOMELESSNESS: (1987)

Support the provision of emergency shelter for the homeless. (County position adopted by concurrence Annual Meeting, 1986)

Support local governmental policies which address the needs of the homeless.

Support a joint city/county effort to find solutions to the problems of the homeless.

Support citizen education on causes of homelessness and ways to mitigate them.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT: (updated 1990)

Support the accountability of local government to the community regarding Housing and Community Redevelopment plans and the analysis of the expenditure of Housing and Redevelopment funds.

LOCAL EDUCATION: (1978; 1981; 1995)

Support quality public education for all elementary and secondary students, including appropriate guidance and counseling services.

Support for LWVNOC collaboration with educators, school boards, parents and other community members and agencies concerned with the well-being of children and their families in defining and developing elements of a healthy learning environment for and with the entire community.

YOUTH:

Support programs which increase knowledge of the law as it affects youth, and encourage communication and cooperation between young people and law enforcement agencies

LIBRARIES: (1996-1997)

Support for adequate funding by the various appropriate governmental agencies for services provided by public libraries to meet the needs of Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia and Yorba Linda.

NATURAL RESOURCES

ENERGY:

Support for local energy policies that promote the goals of energy conservation and the use of renewable resources within the community.

LAND USE: (1969; 1971; 1977)

Support for strict adherence to the adopted General Plan element of Land Use in zoning and variance applications. (Fullerton position)

Support for continued development of Fullerton as a balanced residential, commercial, industrial community with a diverse population. (Fullerton position)

Support for a well-delineated public policy for acquiring and developing land for parks and recreation which will serve the entire citizenry of the city.

Support for adoption of city policies which will provide for city beautification, tree preservation and preservation of cultural and historic sites.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (1990)

Support for solid waste management plans for North Orange County cities which are efficient, cost effective, environmentally sound, and which emphasize citizen responsibility. Components of these plans should include: Mandatory curbside recycle programs with appropriate disincentives to discourage scavenging; using all available funding sources; general funds to be used for start-up, public information programs, subsidizing "lifeline" fees for low-income persons; user fees should cover the full cost of collection and be quantity based, with higher fees charged for volumes of non-recyclable wastes exceeding a specified standard; waste-to-energy conversion of non-recyclable materials in facilities which utilize safe and environmentally sound technologies and management practices; composting and/or co-composting using cost effective and efficient facilities and management.

Support for source reduction strategies which include: City practices which include the recycling of paper and motor oil, and the purchase of recycled, re-usable and recyclable products, and using a "life cycle" approach to procurement; city support of and participation in programs to educate citizens on the importance of source reduction, and to inform them of practical steps they can take to reduce the solid waste stream; city ordinances that mandate reduction of packaging and the substitution of biodegradable, recyclable and/or recycled materials in products sold by local retailers.

For the 2005-2006 Program the Board recommends no new study.

Instead of proposing a new study on the local level, the LWVNOC Board is proposing that our efforts this coming year use the "Democracy Agenda" (see excerpt from LWVUS' press release below) and be centered on bringing the LWVUS AND LWVC Action agendas to the forefront locally.

"Washington, D.C. – The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) today announced a Democracy Agenda to guide the organization's work. Launched on the 85th anniversary of the League's founding, it is an advocacy and public education effort to strengthen and renew the basic tenets of American democracy....."

LWVUS Legislative Priorities

The League developed and adopted a comprehensive, multi-year effort to strengthen and renew democracy as its top program priority. The issues share a common theme in that they are key ingredients of democracy. The specific issues are: protection of our electoral processes through ELECTION REFORM and CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM, advancement of our representative government through nonpartisan REDISTRICTING, and preservation of our constitutional rights through the League's positions on CIVIL LIBERTIES.

The areas where League expects to take some degree of priority action are [Clean Air](#), Social Security, [D.C. Rights](#), and protection of the [Alaska National Wildlife Refuge \(ANWR\)](#) from oil drilling.

Selection of these issues for priority action does not mean these are the only issues on which the LWVUS will take legislative or other advocacy action. LWVUS plans to continue the current active monitoring of the various issues that are important to the League.

The **LWVC (California League's) proposed** issues for education and advocacy which will be voted on at the State Convention May 20-22 here in Orange County will also center on good governance issues as follows:

I. REDISTRICTING

The LWVC position will provide the basis for education and action. The education focus will include educating our members, encouraging local Leagues to engage in community education activities, monitoring current proposals, and encouraging public involvement. We will appoint an ad hoc committee charged to recommend to the Board of Directors no later than November 2005 a plan for education and advocacy with a time-line, budget and specific proposals for raising new funds to support the work.

Redistricting was recommended for program emphasis by 30 of the 51 local Leagues that participated in program planning. Of those, Redistricting was selected by 23 as their first choice. In the weighted vote tabulation Redistricting received a total of 128 votes. Seven Leagues wanted to update the position to make the process nonpartisan, to oppose redistricting more than once a decade, or to examine multi-member districts with proportional voting.

The board is not recommending a study because it believes the current position is adequate for effective action; for example, we have taken a stand opposing mid-decade redistricting, although it is not specifically mentioned in our position. An overwhelming majority of Leagues wanted to focus on advocacy and community education concerning redistricting.

The action agenda will include tracking legislation and advocacy in the state legislature and on state ballot measures, based on the LWVC position.

II. STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES

The LWVC position will provide the basis for education and action. The education focus will include educating our members, encouraging local Leagues to engage in community education activities, monitoring current proposals, and encouraging public involvement. Community education on the state budget process and proposals for improving it will be a focus. We will seek volunteers to continue the series of camera-ready articles on state and local finances which have been sent to local Leagues every two months and which are posted at www.lwvc.org

State and Local Finances was recommended for program emphasis by 14 of the 51 local Leagues that participated in program planning. Of those, State and Local Finances was selected by 11 as their first or second choice. In the weighted vote tabulation State and Local Finances received a total of 50 votes. Leagues are particularly concerned with the need for structural reform of the state budget and the adequacy of funding for education and health care.

The action agenda will include tracking legislation and advocacy in the state legislature and on state ballot measures based on the LWVC position and Legislative priority

III. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCESS

The LWVC position will provide the basis for education and action. The education focus will include educating our members, encouraging local Leagues to engage in community education activities, monitoring current proposals, and encouraging public involvement. Community education on ways in which the initiative process can be improved, e.g., the indirect initiative, will be a focus. We will appoint an ad hoc committee charged to recommend to the Board of Directors no later than November 2005 a plan for education and advocacy with a time-line, budget and specific proposals for raising new funds to support the work.

Initiative and Referendum Process was recommended for program emphasis by 14 of the 51 local Leagues that participated in program planning. Of those, Initiative and Referendum Process was selected by 11 as their first or second choice. In the weighted vote tabulation the Initiative and Referendum Process received a total of 48 votes. Leagues are particularly concerned about paid signature gatherers and expensive campaigns by proponents or opponents of measures. They are concerned about a balance between ease of getting measures on the ballot and the principle of citizen legislation. The action agenda will include tracking legislation and advocacy in the state legislature and on state ballot measures based on the LWVC position. The LWVC board also takes action and monitors current legislation in accord with *Legislative Priorities*.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2005 Adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors March 13, 2005

1. Priority Issues

REDISTRICTING REFORM

STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES

- Support reform of the state budgeting process.
- Support equitable and adequate generation and distribution of tax revenues

HEALTH CARE

- Support access to a basic level of quality health care for all residents
- Support continued funding of the safety net.

2. Support requests from local Leagues and ILOs for advocacy on bills of specific interest to their jurisdictions.

3. Take action as appropriate on core issues: Elections, Voting Rights, Campaign Finance Reform, and Reproductive Choices.

4. Consider Program Director recommendations for action on the highest priority bills in their program areas.

5. Review all statewide ballot measures and recommend a position or neutrality on each one to the LWVC Board of Directors.

League of Women Voters of North Orange County

BUDGET, 2005-2006

	Budget 2004-2005	Actual 9 Months	Estimated Annual	Budget 2005-2006
INCOME				
9100 Member Dues*	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,380	\$ 7,380	\$ 7,500

*Total Per Member Payments to National, State, and County LWV are estimated as \$6520 leaving our local League with slightly less than \$1000 of member dues.

CONTRIBUTIONS/FINANCE DR.

9210 Contributions - Member	\$ 800	\$ 1,506	\$ 1,506	\$ 1,000
9220 Contributions - Non-Member		\$ -	\$ -	
9240 Fund Raising/Other	\$ 2,817			\$ 3,080
Garage Sale		\$ 1,719	\$ 1,719	\$ -
9260 Honorariums	\$ 100	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 200
TOTAL - Contributions	\$ 3,717	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 4,280

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

9610 Annual Meeting - local	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 450	\$ 800
9620 Membership Kick-Off	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,775	\$ 1,775	\$ 1,200
9630 Lunch w/ League	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,910	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,200
9640 LWV Birthday Party	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
9650 Grant, No Child Left Behind	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 529	
9660 Grant, Community College	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 793	
9500 Interest on Savings Accts.	\$ 100	\$ 53	\$ 77	\$ 100
TOTAL - Misc. Income	\$ 3,850	\$ 3,738	\$ 5,924	\$ 4,400

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 15,067	\$ 14,368	\$ 16,554	\$ 16,180
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EXPENDITURES

BOARD/ADMIN. COMM.

1100 President	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
1150 Vice-Presidents (Prog. & Admin)	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400
1200 Secretary	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
1300 Treasurer	\$ 100	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50
1421 Membership	\$ 175	\$ 295	\$ 295	\$ 200
1422 Affiliations & Contrib.	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
1423 Directory	\$ 500	\$ 618	\$ 618	\$ 200
1510 Board Tools/Expenses	\$ 250	\$ 194	\$ 194	\$ 200
1520 Hospitality	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
TOTAL - Board, Admin. Com.	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,207	\$ 1,300

PROGRAM/STUDIES/ACTION

2100 Nat'l, State, County, Local	\$ 100	\$ 37	\$ 37	\$ 100
2455 Grant, No Child Left Behind		\$ 498	\$ 498	\$ -
2460 Grant, Community College		\$ 793	\$ 793	\$ -
TOTAL - Program/ Studies/ Action	\$ 100	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,328	\$ 100

VOTER SERVICE

4100	Publications/Pros & Cons	\$ 500	\$ 442	\$ 442	\$ 500
4200	Candidate Forums	\$ 200	\$ 21	\$ 21	\$ -
4400	Voter Registration/Misc.	\$ 50	\$ 95	\$ 95	\$ 50
	TOTAL - Voters Service	\$ 750	\$ 558	\$ 558	\$ 550

VOTER

5100	Voter Printing, etc.	\$ 500	\$ 443	\$ 550	\$ 500
5200	Voter Postage	\$ 700	\$ 254	\$ 375	\$ 400
	TOTAL 5 - Voter	\$ 1,200	\$ 697	\$ 925	\$ 900

DELEG./TRAVEL/AFFIL.

6100	National Convention		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500
6200	State Convention	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 970	\$ -
6450	President's Council		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300
6500	Workshop Registration	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
	TOTAL - Deleg./Travel/Affil.	\$ 700	\$ -	\$ 970	\$ 1,800

FINANCE DRIVES

7200	Fundraisers/Other	\$ 100	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 100
	TOTAL - Finance Drives	\$ 100	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 100

OPERATING COSTS

7400	Telephone	\$ 310	\$ 234	\$ 310	\$ 310
7500	P.O. Box Rental	\$ 30	\$ 26	\$ 26	\$ 30
7600	Insurance	\$ 310	\$ 354	\$ 354	\$ 400
7700	Miscellaneous Fees		\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 20
7900	Web Page		\$ 235	\$ 235	\$ 100
	TOTAL - Operating Costs	\$ 650	\$ 684	\$ 760	\$ 860

PMP PAYMENTS

8110	PMP National	\$ 3,151	\$ 3,217	\$ 3,217	\$ 3,300
8120	PMP State	\$ 3,151	\$ 2,856	\$ 2,856	\$ 3,000
8130	PMP County	\$ 240	\$ 220	\$ 220	\$ 220
	TOTAL - PMP	\$ 6,542	\$ 6,293	\$ 6,293	\$ 6,520

EVENTS

2440	Lunch with League	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,622	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,000
6400	Annual Meeting LVWNOC	\$ 450	\$ 25	\$ 450	\$ 800
6600	Kick-Off	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,200
7332	Holiday Party	\$ 50		\$ -	\$ 50
	TOTAL - Events	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,196	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,050

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 15,067	\$ 13,970	\$ 15,949	\$ 16,180
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INCOME -EXPENSE

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Funds Available 4/1/05:

Checking:	\$	2,306
Ed Fund:	\$	937
Savings:	\$	10,123