

# The Beach Voter

League of Women Voters Beach Cities Serving El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach & Redondo Beach

#### PROGRAM PLANNING AND HOLIDAY JOY COMBINED

Once a year, in December, we gather for a holiday luncheon, socializing, and fun, combined with a review of our program and positions.

Program is the heart of the League, for our studies and positions enable us to provide information and advocacy to the public as well as to League members. This year we will review our State positions and make recommendations to retain, drop or update them. The State positions can be found on the LWVC website at

http://www.lwvc.org/issues/lwvc-positions

and following the links to the individual positions. We will also ask for your recommendations for new studies. Is there an area of government or a social issue you believe we should study and hopefully be able to take action to change or improve? Come to the meeting and share your ideas and opinions. We are truly a grassroots organization.

**When:** Saturday, December 6, 2014 – 10:00 AM-1:30 PM

Where: Home of Ann Martin

921 Rowell Avenue, Manhattan Beach

**Bring:** Last Name A – L: Hot Dish

Last Name M - Z: Salad

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The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

The League affirms our belief in our commitment to diversity and pluralism. There shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. The League recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.

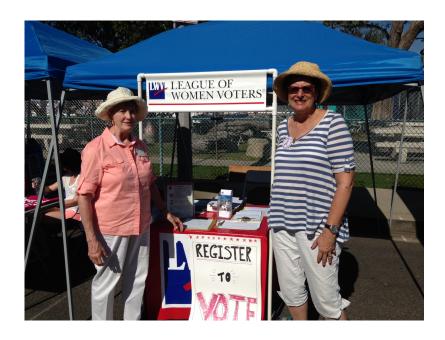
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#### **VOTER SERVICE – Barbara Arlow**

LWV of the Beach Cities, co-sponsoring with the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, UCLA Government and Community Relations, and Torrance Memorial Hospital, moderated candidates' forums for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, the 26<sup>th</sup> State Senate District, and the 66<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, at Mira Costa High School, Ted Lieu and Elan Carr, Ben Allen and Sandra Fluke, and David Hadley and Al Muratsuchi stated their positions and answered questions from the audience. Henrietta Mosley, Ruth Hart, Susan Grebe, Kathy Berlin, and Barbara Arlow presented the Pros and Cons of the ballot propositions to 4 groups and to a general audience at the Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers. We distributed Easy Voter Guides and Pros and Cons to libraries and senior centers in all of our 6 cities. At our Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair booth we distributed voter registration information as well as League literature.



Henrietta Mosley and Penny Markey at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair

# **ELECTION RESULTS**

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, California voters went to the polls and voted on 6 ballot propositions as well as a full slate of elected officials and a number of local measures. Following are the results of the ballot measures:

Proposition 1 – Funding Water Quality, Supply, Treatment, Storage	YES
Proposition 2 – State Budget Stabilization Account	YES
Proposition 45 – Healthcare Insurance Rate Changes	NO
Proposition 46 – Doctor Drug Testing, Medical Negligence	NO
Proposition 47 – Criminal Sentences, Misdemeanor Penalties	YES
Proposition 48 – Indian Gaming Compacts Referendum	NO
Los Angeles County Proposition P – Parks Parcel Tax	NO

# **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the LWVBC Education Committee will be held

Monday, November 24, 11:30 am - Brown Bag lunch Harriet Chase's home, 2151 N Valley Dr., Manhattan Beach

If you would like to join this committee and/or want further information about the work of this committee, contact Harriet at (310) 545-1026 or hzchase@roadrunner.com.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT – Maggie Wilkinson**

### Oil Drilling in Hermosa Beach

The Hermosa Beach City Council has been deliberating on the wording they will use for the ballot measure on the March 3, 2015 ballot regarding the oil-drilling project proposed by the E & B Natural Resources Company. The community will vote to accept or reject the project on March 3, 2015. The Board of the League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities has taken a position opposing this project; further action will be planned as we get closer to the election.

# The California Drought

The drought California has been experiencing continues to be a major problem plus the need for climate change action is a growing concern worldwide. We are apt to see less federal government activity in this area because of changes to the balance of power in Congress as a result of the recent election. Also of concern to us is the fact that smog levels have been growing in Los Angeles and are affecting decades of progress we have made toward cleaner air. Recently Southern California has reported more bad air days based on measurements of ozone. For our membership meeting on January 26, 2015 we will be covering climate change issues and how the heat and drought are worsening smog in California.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Calendar (on page 6) lists League events for the next two months. Additionally, you should be aware of the following major events to be held next spring:

- Monday, March 23 Tri-League Lasagna Dinner Torrance Main Library
- Saturday, March 28 County Convention
- Friday, May 15 Sunday, May 17 LWVC Convention San Diego

Additionally, LWVBC membership meetings will be held on February 23rd and April 27th. These meetings will address Higher Education and Homelessness, respectively. More in formation will be provided in upcoming issues of the *Voter*.

#### **CALENDAR** Time Subject Place Date 11:30 am **Education Committee** Home of Harriet Chase Monday November 24, 2014 Meeting 2151 N. Valley Drive Manhattan Beach 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Saturday Holiday Brunch and Home of Ann Martin December 6, 2014 Program Planning 921 Rowell Manhattan Beach 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Board Meeting** Home of Jan Nathanson Monday 13731 Rossburn Avenue January 12, 2015 Hawthorne 7:00 pm - 8:30 pmMembership Meeting TBD Monday Climate Change (this meeting is tentative) January 26, 2015 County Winter Saturday 10:30 am - 2:00 pmCarson Community January 31, 2015 League Day Center 801 East Carson Street Carson



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