



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 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.

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.

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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 33rd Congressional District, the 26th State Senate District, and the 66th State Assembly District. On October 15th, 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 4th, 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:

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| 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 information will be provided in upcoming issues of the *Voter*.

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



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