



## ***The Beach Voter***

League of Women Voters Beach Cities  
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### **ELECTIONS ARE COMING! ELECTIONS ARE COMING!**

October is always a busy month for the League of Women Voters, since one of our primary functions is Voter Service. Several distinct activities are included under the Voter Service umbrella, including candidate forums, voter registration, and “pros and cons” meetings.

LWVBC is sponsoring two meetings in October, both open to the public and free of charge, to help citizens become more informed before they cast their votes. The League will moderate a Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Mira Costa High School Auditorium. The forum will offer each of the two candidates for the 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, 33<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, and 26<sup>th</sup> State Senate District the opportunity to explain why they are best qualified for the office. The audience will then have the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

On Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, members of LWVBC will present Pros and Cons for the various measures and propositions on the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. This meeting will be held at the Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers from 7:00 pm to 8:40 pm.

Flyers for each of these meetings are included with this issue of the *Voter*.

In addition to the above-mentioned meetings, LWVBC is hosting additional Pros and Cons meetings throughout the month of October at the request of various community organizations, including the Machinists Union, Keenagers, Manhattan Beach Seniors, AAUW, and Newcomers. We also registered voters at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair (see article on page 3).

Finally, the League of Women Voters of California has taken positions on a few of this year’s ballot measures. These positions are described in a separate article on page 5. Additionally, the Los Angeles County League is supporting County Proposition P, Safe Neighborhood and Parks.

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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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## **TRI-LEAGUE KICK-OFF BREAKFAST**

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, Palos Verdes League hosted an outstanding Kick-Off event at The Depot in Torrance. Members from Palos Verdes, Beach Cities, and Torrance all attended. The French toast and pastries were as delicious as ever, as was everything else served.

The speakers, Phillip Verbera and Efrain Escobedo, were from the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters Office. The main topic of the day was “Rolling Out a New Voting System”. The County is in the process of developing its own computerized system. The problems they are working to overcome are security and ease of use. Because the public is so wary of computer systems that are created by large private companies, the county is working with IDEO, a global design company, to create a new system, owned by Los Angeles County, which will give the public the sense of security that their votes will not be tampered with. Throughout the design process, IDEO has met with stakeholders in the process, including voters, pollworkers, and County Staff, to assess their needs and test the concepts. The computer system will create and print out a paper ballot that will be placed in the ballot box and tallied up at the end of the voting day. By printing out the ballot the voter can be assured that their vote was cast and recorded according to their wishes. Another challenge the Registrar faces includes making the new voting “booth” seem familiar to voters and not intimidating. They plan to give the new system as close to the same look as current voting booths have, except instead of the ink-a-vote system there would be a computer. Along with the new computerized voting, the county is looking at extending the voting period from one day to several weeks in order to give people plenty of time to get to a Voting Center. The concept of multiple Voting Centers rather than all the local polling places we currently use has been tried before on a limited basis when the county played with computerized voting in the past, but they did not get rid of local polling places. It looks like this new system could phase out the old local polling places in favor of many larger and more centralized voting centers. This new system is projected to be ready for sample testing in 2018. It is going to be an interesting transition.

The population of Los Angeles County is larger than 42 of the 50 states in the Union. It is important to the County that we get this right!

*Susan Grebe*

## **HOMETOWN FAIR BOOTH – OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help at our free speech booth at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair. Much gratitude goes to: Peggy Bartlett, Harriet Chase, Wendy Clancy, Ruth Hart, Maureen Kelly, Joan Lesage, Penny Markey, and Wendy Phillips. The timing was perfect for Voter Registration and sharing our Pros and Cons publication with the public.

*Henrietta Mosley and Susan Grebe, Co-Chairs*

## SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FORUM

LWVC was a co-sponsor of a forum for the candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction that was held on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Los Angeles County Board of Education offices. This forum was broadcast live on the California Channel, streamed on their website and is now available for replay at both [lacoedu.edu](http://lacoedu.edu) (the link is on the homepage) and [calchannel.com/recent-archive/](http://calchannel.com/recent-archive/).

### THE LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!

Have you been looking for a way to become more active in the League? If so, we have several opportunities for you.

Early in 2015, the LWVBC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Martin, will begin the process of considering a slate of Board members for the 2015-2016 program year. If you've ever considered taking a more active role in the League, we want to hear from you. After all, any organization is only as strong as its volunteers. If you're interested, contact Ann at (310) 372-2823 or [jamartinca@earthlink.net](mailto:jamartinca@earthlink.net).

If you're particularly interested in education, the Education Committee would like to invite you to a meeting to learn about the State League's 3 year Higher Education Study.

**When:** Tuesday, October 21, Lunch (provided at no charge) at Noon

**Where:** 2151 N Valley Drive, Manhattan Beach (Harriet's home)

**RSVP by Oct. 17** to Harriet Chase by email: [hzchase@roadrunner.com](mailto:hzchase@roadrunner.com) or  
Phone: (310) 545-1026

P.S. House is on the corner of Valley and Flournoy, the entrance is on Flournoy. Due to street sweeping, park on the other side of Flournoy or on Valley.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
**RECOMMENDS**

November 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

**PROP 2      Rainy Day Fund—State Budget Reserves      SUPPORT**

The League of Women Voters of California supports Prop 2 because it takes an important step toward fiscal discipline in our state government. It requires the state to make contributions to its rainy day reserve fund and pay down debts and liabilities when times are good, with increased contributions in years when revenues spike upwards. In bad times, those reserves can be used to reduce cuts in spending on schools, health care, public safety, and other vital services. Prop 2 requires joint action of the Governor and the Legislature to reduce the amount put in or to take money out of the rainy day fund.

**PROP 47      Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act      SUPPORT**

Prop 47 will ensure that prison spending is focused on violent and serious offenses and will maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crime. The savings generated will be invested in prevention and support programs in K-12 schools, victim services, and mental health and drug treatment. Prop 47 will change low-level nonviolent crimes such as simple drug possession and petty theft from felonies to misdemeanors; sentences for people convicted of dangerous crimes like rape, murder, and child molestation will not be changed. The League believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime.

**NO RECOMMENDATION ON THE OTHER MEASURES ON THIS BALLOT**

**PROP 1      Water Bond      NEUTRAL**

The LWVC could enthusiastically support many of the projects funded by Prop 1, such as the cleanup and prevention of polluted groundwater; drinking and wastewater treatment projects; and water recycling, rainwater capture, conservation, and water-use efficiencies that will help reduce demand on water resources over the long term. However, we have serious concerns that the measure favors large surface water storage projects and gives control over that spending to a commission composed of political appointees with no budgetary oversight by the legislature. Balancing the positive and negative aspects of the measure, we remain neutral.

**PROP 45      Healthcare Insurance. Rate Changes**

**PROP 46      Drug and Alcohol Testing of Doctors. Medical Negligence Lawsuits**

**PROP 48      Referendum on Indian Gaming Compacts**

Because League positions do not cover the issues in Propositions 45, 46, and 48, the LWVC is taking no stand on these measures.

**VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 4!**

9/4/2014

Beach Voter		<b>CALENDAR</b>		Oct/Nov 14
Date	Time	Subject	Place	
Monday October 13th	7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Home of Harriet Chase 2151 N. Valley Drive Manhattan Beach	
Wednesday October 15th	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Candidates Forum	Mira Costa High School Auditorium 1401 Artesia Blvd. Manhattan Beach	
Monday October 20th	7:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.	Ballot Pros and Cons	Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers 1315 Valley Drive Hermosa Beach	
Tuesday October 21st	Noon	Education Committee Meeting	Home of Harriet Chase 2151 N. Valley Drive Manhattan Beach	
Monday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Home of June Eicker 17700 S. Western Ave. Gardena	



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