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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CLIMATE CHANGE

Our topic for the January membership meeting is very timely. Climate change is happening now and according to the National League October Voter, it poses a major threat to public health, environment, and U. S. and world economics. At the national convention, LWV has created a Climate Change Task Force that is lobbying Congress, that will work with the new administration, and that provide leadership and educational materials for those of us at state and local levels on how to reduce green house gases (GHG).

Our meeting will briefly cover the governmental actions that have occurred at the national level and we will review the laws established here in California to reduce GHG. However, the highlight of the meeting will be our review of the actions local cities are taking to record GHG produced

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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

STUDY AND CONSENSUS ON THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT

Now that the historic 2008 election has passed and the Electoral College has met, the LWVUS challenges local Leagues, as directed by the 2008 National Convention, to re-examine our position supporting direct election of the President by popular vote "as an essential element of representative government." The delegates voted to adopt a new study, "The Advisability of Using the National Popular Vote Compact among the States as a Method for Electing the President."

Come to the meeting on February 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Arias, 720 8th Street, Hermosa Beach, to review our current position on the Electoral College and to learn about the National Popular Vote Compact proposal. The proposal offers a method of electing the president by popular

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For immediate membership. Send check (**payable to the League of Women Voters –Beach Cities**) to Peggy Bartlett at 701 13th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266)

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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.

Executive Board

- **Doris Rosenberg** and **Peggy Bartlett** LWV Beach Cities Co-Presidents for 2008-2009. **Jan Nathanson**(1st VP), **Barbara Arlow**(2nd VP), **Susan Grebe**(3rd VP), **Mignon-Thiem-Murphy**(Secretary), and **Peggy Bartlett**(Treasurer). The Executive Committee consists of the Co-Presidents plus **Susan Grebe**, **Joan Arias** and **Barbara Arlow**. Directors **Joan Arias**, **Irma Cohen** and **Harriet Chase** have two-year terms. **Henrietta Mosley**, **Maggie Wilkinson** and **Margaret Thelen** are in the second year of two-year terms.
- Our local programs for the coming year will focus on education and advocacy on our **General Plan and Land Use** positions in the communities we serve.

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within our cities through required Climate Action Planning process.

Heidi Aten from the South Bay Cities Council Governments will give us a brief overview of what each of our local cities is doing as a part of their GHG reduction planning process. In addition we will hear from Sona Kalapura, the new Manhattan Beach Environmental Programs Manager, regarding their Environmental Task Force Projects. We will also provide information on actions we as individuals can take to reduce green house gases

Please join us and bring a friend while we learn about this important issue.

All Are Welcome!

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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Doris Rosenberg**

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LWV California	www.lwvc.org
LWV LA County	www.lacilo.ca.lwvnet.org
LWV Beach Cities	www.beachvoter.org
Smart Voter	www.smartvoter.org
Secretary of State	www.ss.ca.gov
California Senate	www.senate.ca.gov
California Assembly	www.assembly.ca.gov

The California Fair Elections Act

The California Fair Elections Act proposes a pilot project to provide Clean Money — public campaign funding — to candidates for Secretary of State in the elections of 2014 and 2018. Visit the California Clean Money Campaign Web site for more information about this appearing on the June 8, 2010 ballot.

**How is Homeland Security
Working At Home?**

Since September 11, 2001, the LWVUS has worked to engage our Leagues and the public in addressing civil liberties and security concerns. We are committed to the notion that informed discussions nationwide promote an understanding of the issues and what the U.S. needs to do to protect civil liberties as well as what it can and cannot do to assure security at home and abroad.

Democracy Agenda

Launched on the 85th anniversary of the League’s founding, the Democracy Agenda is an advocacy and public education effort to strengthen and renew basic tenets of American democracy.

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In last month’s Voter article thanking volunteers serving in the Fair Booth we want to thank one of our most dependable workers, Maggie Wilkinson. Thanks Maggie for always being there for our League.

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vote without amending the Constitution to eliminate the Electoral College, which would result in the candidate with the most popular votes being elected president.

Our committee of Doris Rosenberg, June Eicker, Joan Arias and Margaret Thelen is eager to inform you and guide you in reaching consensus.

Doris Rosenberg

Health Care --- The Obama administration transition team is, seeking suggestions, recommendations, and proposals for health care reform. Tell them your ideas at www.change.gov

**LWV United Sends Letter
To
President-Elect Barack Obama**

The League's letter congratulated the President-Elect and urged him to explore new ways to bring all Americans into policymaking efforts.

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Redistricting Reform

Redistricting reform is an issue that goes to the heart of our democratic system of government. Representative democracy depends on the voters freely choosing their elected officials. When instead, officials choose their voters, our system cannot work for long.

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Calendar - Peggy Bartlett

Tuesday, January 13TH, 7:00 p.m.,	Membership Meeting - Climate Change David K. Hayward Community Center 2000 Artesia Blvd. (at Green Lane) Redondo Beach
Monday, January 25th, 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting, Home of Peggy Bartlett + 310-545-1087
Saturday, January 31st, 9:30-2:00	County League Day + topic Water, Taix Restaurant, Los Angeles
Tuesday, February 10th, 7:30 p.m.	Membership Meeting Natl. Popular Vote Compact consensus Home of Joan Arias + 310-798-8797



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