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Annual Lasagna Supper Meeting -March 12

November's Presidential election broke many voting records in LA County but in so doing, it brought to light long-standing problems with the voting process, e'g: issues related to voter registration, vote-by-mail, early voting, etc. At our Lasagna Supper Meeting, we'll hear about the reforms being considered and have an opportunity to weigh in with our ideas for improvement. So mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy an evening of League conviviality, good food, and lively discussion.

For reservations, see the enclosed flyer.

"Catch the Wave to the Future"—LWVC Convention 2009

The 2009 LWVC Convention will take place from May 15 through May 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Long Beach. California League members meet in convention to adopt program, elect officers and directors, learn and advocate at workshops and caucuses, network with other Leaguers, and purchase League publications and gifts.

LEAGUE FORUM ON FOSTER CARE

It takes a village to raise a foster child. There are many ways to help change the life of a child, small and large. Join sponsors LWVBC, Redondo Beach Public Library, and the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles in a Foster Care Forum to find out how you can get involved and make a difference.

Hear from Leslie Starr Heimov, Executive Director of the Children's Law Center of LA, who will give an overview of the Los Angeles County Foster Care System. Young adults recently exited from the foster care system, will talk about what made a difference in their lives. Agencies and organizations will present volunteer activities and the process for getting involved. The forum will be held, Tuesday, April 21, from 7 – 8:45 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Main Library, 303 N Pacific Coast Highway. Contact: harriet@beachvoter.org.

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.

For 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.

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Topic: **Climate Change**

David K. Hayward Community Center
Tuesday, January 13, 2009 7:00 PM

At our meeting, a panel of experts educated a very attentive group about climate change, explaining what climate change represents as a threat to the environment, health, agriculture and the economy of the South Bay Cities as well as what the State and local cities are doing and what we can do as individuals in our homes.

We heard from our members Maggie Wilkinson and Wendy Phillips as well as guest speakers Heidi Aten, South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and Sona Kalapura, Manhattan Beach Environmental Programs Manager and as a final illustration of local activity, Lindie Coe-Juell, who talked about the Manhattan Beach ban on plastic bags and the consequences the City currently faces.

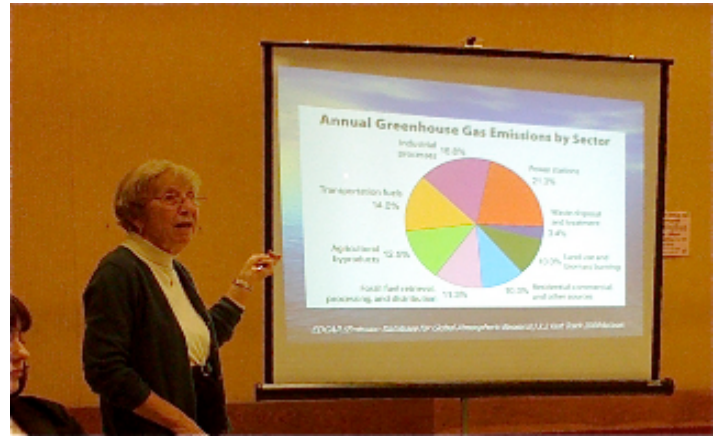
We learned that Climate Change is a League of Women Voters focus area for advocacy at the national level and that information is available on a regular basis on the National LWV website.

We learned that greenhouse gases caused by natural and human activities (such as burning fossil fuels, pumping oil out of the ground) present a big problem for our South Bay environment.

We also learned that the State of California and the governments of our local communities have addressed climate change issues in a number of significant activities based on the Kyoto Protocols (1997-99) which emerged from the 1992 Earth Summit attended by nations around the world.

California emits enough greenhouse gas to make us – if we were a nation – the 18th largest emitter of these pollutants. Texas is even larger! Some of our California initiatives are:

.AB32 Quality Act to address climate change, and SB375 (2008) – Greenhouse Gas targets



for the transportation sector. (2006) – California Global Warming Solutions Act –Kyoto-type protocols, SB97 (2007) – An expansion of the California Environmental

In addition, California cities including the LWV-Beach Cities communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach have already signed on to the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement

These communities are currently conducting emissions inventories to identify their emissions by source --which activities cause the greatest emission content.

Once they have concluded their inventories, they will set goals and develop action plans to meet those goals.

We also learned about the opportunities for volunteering in our communities and we received information about web sites we can use for more information and to sign up to volunteer:

www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=ClimateChange_Task_Force
www.southbaycities.org
www.sbesc.com

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments also provided us with reusable bags with light bulbs and a wealth of information to use as we "green" our homes.

Write up of meeting by Joan Arias with a few additional comments by Maggie Wilkinson.

Calendar - Peggy Bartlett

Thursday, March 12, 6:00pm	Lasagna Supper, Voter Reform, George Nakano Theater, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance
Monday, March 23, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Home of Mignon Thiem, 310-545-7048
Saturday, March 28, 9am-Noon	County Convention, Pickwick Gardens, 1001 Riverside Dr., Burbank
Thursday, April, 21, 7:00pm	Foster Care Forum, Redondo Beach Library, 303 N. Pacific Coast Hwy., RB
Monday, April 27, 7:00pm	Board Meeting, Home of Susan Grebe, 310-545-2097
Saturday, May 9, 10:00am	Annual Meeting, Home of Ann Martin, 310-372-2823
Fri-Sun, May 15 – 17 th	LWV California State Convention, Long Beach Marriot, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., LB



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