

October 2004 Calendar

Saturday
October 16
**Free screening of
Iron Jawed Angels**
and voter registration
See flyer on page 4

Monday
October 18
Last day to register

Thursday
October 21
League Salon
Informal discussion of
Pros and Cons
See flyer on page 2

Wednesday
October 27
Candidates forum
for federal and state offices
Burbank City Hall
6:30 pm

Thursday
October 28
Smart Growth Forum
Glendale Fire Station 21
Community Room
7:00 pm
See flyer on page 4

Tuesday
November 2
Election Day

President's Message


Chris Carson

September has been a frenzied month. I can't remember an election year which brought so many requests for voter registration. Our League has been busy at least two days every week and will continue this schedule until the registration deadline. People have been standing in line, three and four deep, waiting for their turn.

Nothing quite matches the joy of registering new voters—especially new citizens—and we've done quite a lot of that in the past few weeks. How proud these new citizens are when they complete their form and take election information. Their excitement is palpable and they bubble over with enthusiasm at the prospect of finally being able to have a say in our democracy. The young people we've registered have been very serious, very concerned about what's happening in our nation. They take great pains to make sure everything on the form is "just right." Those students who are registered want

detailed information about voting absentee from their home address or reregistering at their school address. They're taking no chances on missing out on Election Day! I wish that all League members had the opportunity to share this peak experience. It renews your faith in democracy and validates the work we do.

So use all the information the League provides, make sure everybody you know is registered to vote, and then vote on Election Day. Vote as though your life and future depend upon it because they do.

League of Women Voters
 Glendale/Burbank

Salon

An informal conversation about the ballot measures

Thursday October 21
7:30 - 9:00 pm
Burbank City Hall
Conference Room, 2nd floor
275 East Olive Avenue

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Space is extremely limited

Please [RSVP](#) by October 18 to

Chris Carson 818 840-0417 or carsonlwv@earthlink.net

Local and County News

Election Activity

VOTER REGISTRATION continues at a frenzied pace. In September we **registered voters** at DreamWorks, Amblin Productions, Woodbury University, Providence-St. Joseph's Medical Center. In October we will be registering voters at Warner Brothers, back at DreamWorks and Amblin Production and the special event for young voters—the **free screening** of Iron Jawed Angels.

Pros & Cons have been distributed to the libraries in both cities and various civic groups.

We will **hold a candidates forum** for the 27th and 29th Congressional Districts, the 21st State Senate District and 40th State Assembly District on October 27th at 6:30 pm at Burbank City Hall. Students from the local high schools and colleges will participate on the panels questioning the candidates. It **will be broadcast live** that night and rebroadcast until Election Day.

Extensive **information** on all aspects of the elections is **available on our website**—<http://www.gb.ca.lwvnet.org>. For your

personal ballot information check out LWV California's award winning site, Smart Voter—<http://www.smartvoter.org>

Oh, and don't forget to watch the LWV **televised interviews with Los Angeles County Judicial candidates** this month on your local government channel.

An **informal discussion of the ballot measures** will take place Thursday, October 21st at 7:30 pm in Burbank City Hall in the Conference Room, 2nd floor. Space really is limited so please confirm your attendance to Chris Carson at carsonlwv@earthlink.net

Smart Growth

IF YOU'VE EVER complained about the traffic in Glendale and Burbank, grumbled about the lack of affordable housing, wondered how our two cities could do a better job of planning—we have an event for you!

Our League is sponsoring a Smart Growth forum on Thursday, October 28th at the Community Room of Glendale Fire Station 21. We have an awesome lineup of speakers including **Mayor Marsha Ramos** of Burbank and **Councilmember Frank Quintero** of Glendale plus planners from both cities and Smart Growth experts. It promises to be an informative and stimulating meeting and certainly the future of both cities is involved.

Check the flyer for details and we'll see you there.

Land Use Study Unincorporated Areas of Los Angeles County

WIDE COMMUNITY reaction to a perception of overdevelopment in the County's unincorporated areas led the LWV/LAC to approve a new Land Use Study in the spring of 2004.

At their meeting on September 14, 2004, the LWV/LAC Board approved the following SCOPE: **To assess the feasibility and impact of land development in Los Angeles County's unincorporated areas.**

The Land Use Study Committee will be getting together in November 2004

to determine the range of the Study and the Study materials. The meetings will be held at the LWV/Los Angeles Offices, 3250 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 1005, LA. We will try to arrange a meeting on a Saturday morning from 10 AM to 12 noon. Please contact me at (310) 375-7410, FAX (310) 375-0444 or skyhawk172@socal.rr.com if you are interested in getting in on the ground floor of this topic that has increased the public's concern in communities all over the Southern California region.

The
League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank and the
Glendale Commission on the Status of Women

Present

a **FREE** screening of HBO's



Iron Jawed Angels

a film on the women's suffrage movement

starring Hilary Swank

Pacific Edison Multipurpose Gym

501 South Pacific Avenue

Glendale

Saturday, October 16

1:00-5:00 pm



The day's activities will include
voter registration and
discussion of the importance of
young people voting



A Public Forum

Presented by the League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank

As our populations continue to soar, city leaders, city staff, citizens and developers must come together to plan and build livable and vibrant communities that accurately reflect our local needs and values. Please join us for an informative and participatory evening.

When:

Thursday, October 28,
7-9pm

Where:

Glendale Fire Station
Community Room
421 Oak Street
Glendale



Smart Growth in Glendale and Burbank

Forum Moderator:

Elaine Wilkerson

Planning Director of Glendale

Guest Speakers

- Marsha Ramos
Mayor City of Burbank
- Frank Quintero
Councilman City of Glendale
- Hassan Hagani
Long-Range Planner, Glendale
- Art Bashmakian
*Assistant Community Development Director/
City Planner, Burbank*
- Jeff Hamilton
Planning, Glendale
- Wade Killifer
*Guest architect,
Killefer Flammang Architects,
Award winning preservation
and urban housing
architectural firm*

Forum Topics

- Introduction to Smart Growth
- State of our city's housing and population
- Joining land use and transportation
- Open space
- Mixed use
- Pedestrian environment
- Compatibility, neighborhoods and urban place-making
- Adaptive reuse and historic preservation
- Affordable housing for the middle class
- Case Studies-urban housing and adaptive re-use

A Report from Mary Wilson, LWVUS liaison to California Leagues

I EMAILED ALL FOUR State Presidents (California, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico) within a week after returning from Convention in June 2004 informing them I was their State liaison, providing my address and telephone number and inviting questions. At that point they provided the best way to reach them and said they would put me on their mailing lists and notify their local leagues.

On July 9, I sent another email to the State Presidents asking for their input to me before the Board retreat. I asked specifically about how the Board and staff could better serve the state and local leagues, suggestions for how we might be able to do more studies, and how we could improve the advocacy program. I received several email replies.)Because of her personal situation the CA President passed my email to the local leagues and I received input directly from CA locals.

Some useful observations included:

- Need for updated website
- Not all members computer-savvy (many favor old-fashioned group consensus)
- Need for a periodic report on lobbying activities which would be helpful in member recruitment
- Kudos for the click-on action alerts
- Staff needs to respond more quickly to calls
- Is the 800 number for Presidents still active?
- Desire to see Advocacy on regulatory matters as well as legislation
- League can conduct National studies using league members with expertise in the areas
- Make HAVA implementation process transparent to members
- Desire for more advocacy on children's issues including TANF, Head Start, child development, etc.
- Remember we are a grassroots organization
- Re membership ideas—have “email advocates” at a different level of support than regular members
- Desire for a lobbyist devoted to Patriot Act issues

TO BE CONTINUED



Membership Application

It is easy to join the League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank. All Citizens of voting age are welcome.

YES! I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters as part of your voice for citizens and force for change. I enclose: (please check one or more of the following)

- \$50.00 for a one-year individual membership
(includes a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- \$70.00 for a one-year household membership for
two members who share the same address
(include a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- I am unable to join League at this time,
but enclose a contribution of \$ _____

Name/Names _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

I would like to receive my VOTER by email.
My email address is _____

Make check payable to League of Women Voters. Mail to
Vera Naylor, 7714 Via Capri, Burbank CA 91504

Gifts made payable to “LWV Education Fund” are tax deductible.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
RECOMMENDS
NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION



YES ON PROPOSITION 59

GOVERNMENT OPEN TO THE PEOPLE

Support Proposition 59—Public Records. Open Meetings.

This measure will add to the State Constitution the requirement that meetings of public bodies and writings of public officials and agencies be open to public scrutiny. California’s open government laws have been weakened by special interest legislation, court decisions that put the burden on the public to justify disclosure, and government officials who want to avoid scrutiny and keep secrets. Prop. 59 establishes a new civil right of access to meetings of government bodies and writings of government officials. It protects personal privacy and allows reasonable exceptions in the public interest. Citizens should not have to prove to government officials why they should have access to “public” records and procedures. Prop. 59 shifts the burden, requiring government officials to prove their need for secrecy.

For more information: www.yesonprop59.org



NO ON PROPOSITION 69

FIGHT ATTACK ON PRIVACY RIGHTS

Oppose Proposition 69—DNA Samples. Collection. Database. Funding.

More than a fingerprint, DNA exposes personal, private medical information about you and your family. California already has a DNA database for criminals who have committed sexual assault and other serious, violent crimes. Proposition 69 would expand the collection of DNA to include all convicted felons and some nonfelons, and, beginning in 2009, all adults *arrested* for *any* felony. This expansion is an invasion of privacy not needed for criminal justice. Once individuals are put into the criminal DNA database, they must request a court order to be removed—even if they are factually innocent and never charged with a crime—and the government has no obligation to remove them. Prop. 69 violates the principle that one is innocent until proven guilty.

For more information: www.protectmydna.com



YES ON PROPOSITION 72

SUPPORT CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE

Support Proposition 72—Health Care Coverage Requirements. Referendum.

Prop. 72 allows a 2003 law (SB 2) to go into effect, giving health coverage to a million uninsured employees and dependents. Prop 72 requires large and mid-sized employers to provide health benefits or contribute to a statewide purchasing pool. About 80 percent of those who will be covered are employees of large companies (200 or more workers) and their families. Small businesses with under 50 employees are exempt from Proposition 72. Rising healthcare costs are a concern to all Californians. Prop 72 will help employees by limiting their share of premiums and out-of-pocket costs; it gives employers marketing power to lower premiums. It will level the playing field for companies that provide health insurance benefits but have to compete against those who don’t.

For more information: www.yesonprop72.com

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 2

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The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. We advocate only on issues that members have studied and come to a consensus on. In an era of proliferating and powerful special interests, the League's advocacy in the public interest is increasingly recognized as an essential voice of democracy.

Member News

Congratulations to
Armine Hacopian
named
Armenian Education Foundation 2004
Educator of the Year
and proud grandmother of
Vaughn Alec Nahapetian

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