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**LEAGUE OF WOMAN VOTERS
GLENDALE/BURBANK**

October 2010

*The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
is where hands-on work to safeguard
democracy leads to civic improvement.*

CALENDAR

PLEASE JOIN US

**October 27, 2010 at 7 pm
CANDIDATES' FORUM
US HOUSE AND CA ASSEMBLY
Burbank City Council Chambers**

**November 18, 2010
MEMBER MEETING
HEALTHCARE IMPLEMENTATION
Holiday Inn
Burbank**

**December 9, 2010
HOLIDAY PARTY**



**January 29, 2011
COUNTY WINTER LEAGUE DAY
CALIFORNIA BUDGET
Rio Hondo Country Club,
Whittier**



**February 22, 2011
BURBANK PRIMARY ELECTION**



**April 5, 2011
GLENDALE GENERAL
ELECTION**



<http://www.lwvglendaleburbank.org>

CO-President's Message

Joan Hardie

We had a good turnout for our Annual beer bash at Gordon Biersch. Thanks to all who attended. Chris and Tom Carson's presentation on the Internet resources the League has to offer was well received. The League has five great websites for us to refer to, they are:

- <http://www.cavotes.org> -- nonpartisan voter information from LWV CA Education Fund
- <http://www.lwvglendaleburbank.org> -- our Glendale/Burbank website
- <http://www.smartvoter.org> -- enter your zip code and get info on candidates and props
- <http://www.lwv.org> --LWV US website
- <http://www.ca.lwv.org> --LWV CA website

We also played an improvised version of Pictionary using the nine propositions on the November ballot as the subject material. Needless to say, attempting to put ballot propositions into pictures is challenging at best, especially when trying to draw the initiatives on budget issues. The effort was a good warm-up for this fall's election season.

We have already taped a Pro/Con presentation of all the ballot propositions, which can be seen on Burbank TV6. Also, this Thursday Oct. 7, we have been invited by the Commission on the Status of Women to present our Pro/Con in Glendale City Council Chambers. The event is open to the public.

Our annual fund drive is fast approaching. All members should receive a letter from us this month. I urge you to take our request for donations seriously as we face particularly tough times. Our challenges continue to be membership and increased costs of membership. We have made attempts to increase membership, however, our total membership numbers remain the same, as we gain a few new members it seems we loose a few members.

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October 27

Candidates' Forum

A Candidates' Forum is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 27 at the Burbank City Council Chambers, 275 E. Olive Avenue, Burbank, CA. We will present the candidates for the 27th and 29th United States Congressional Districts and for the 43rd California State Assembly District. All of the candidates have been invited to attend. It will be broadcast live on Burbank TV6 and repeated often prior to the election on November 2.

We are actively soliciting questions from our members and from the community at large for the candidates. We are accepting questions via the League phone at (818) 247-2407, and through our website at <http://www.lwvglendaleburbank.org>.

Our forum is run completely by League volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact **Monica Marquez** at marquezlww@earthlink.net.

Glendale/Burbank

Members Analyze Ballot Propositions

Each election cycle, the League of Women Voters of California provides a nonpartisan analysis of each of the ballot propositions. They offer two services—the In Depth, which contains more information than most people want to know about the propositions, and the Pros and Cons, which give a broad overview of the arguments for and against a particular Proposition. The information is carefully researched and written by volunteer League members.

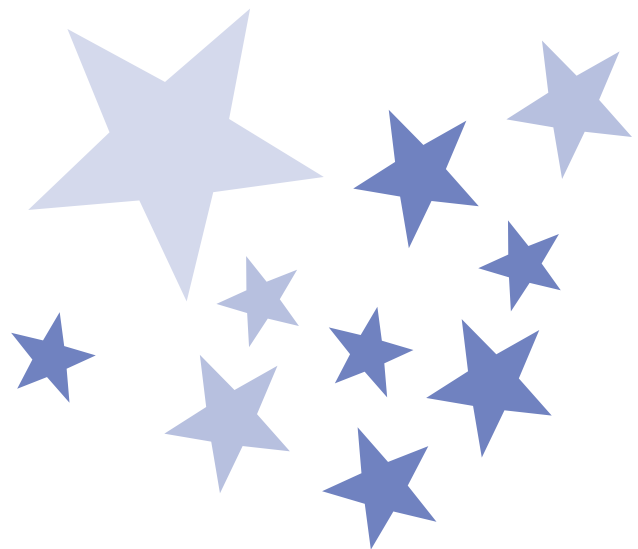
For the November 2 election, the League owes a debt of gratitude to three of our Glendale/Burbank members who created both In Depths and Pros and Cons.

Mary Dickson, who also serves at the Glendale/Burbank League Secretary, wrote the In Depth and Pro and Con arguments for Proposition 19, the Legalization, Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana.

Laurie Collins, who also serves on the Glendale Burbank League Board, wrote the In Depth and Pro and Con arguments for Proposition 23, the Suspension of AB 32 Air Pollution Control Law.

Tom Carson, who also serves as the Glendale/Burbank League Treasurer, wrote the In Depth and Pro and Con arguments for both Proposition 20, the Redistricting of Congressional Districts, and Proposition 27, which Eliminates Citizen Redistricting Commission.

Their work is difficult, but timely and extremely rewarding. You can view their masterpieces online at <http://cavotes.org/vote>



on November 2

Vote With the League

NO on Proposition 20—Redistricting of Congressional Districts

The League OPPOSES Proposition 20, which we believe is well-intentioned but premature. California is in the midst of a major reform of our redistricting process, with a new independent Citizens Redistricting Commission drawing the lines for state Senate and Assembly districts.

Proposition 20 would significantly increase the commission's workload by adding Congressional redistricting and shortening the time it would have to do its work. We believe the commission should draw

Congressional district lines in the future, but the new process should be fully implemented before the commission's responsibilities are expanded so dramatically.

In addition, a new definition in this measure could make it harder for the commission to respect California's diverse neighborhoods and communities as it draws district maps. Let's give redistricting reform a chance to work the way the voters intended before we take the next step and add Congressional redistricting.

NO on Proposition 23—Suspends Clean Energy and Air Pollution Standards

The LWVC vigorously OPPOSES this Dirty Energy Proposition, funded by out-of-state oil companies, because it would virtually kill AB 32, the landmark Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

Proposition 23 would suspend the implementation of AB 32 until the state unemployment rate is 5.5 percent or lower for four consecutive calendar quarters.

That has happened only three times in the last four decades! This dangerous proposition would get rid of clean energy standards that will cut air pollution and protect the public health. Proponents say this measure is needed to preserve jobs, but in fact it will jeopardize hundreds of thousands of clean-energy jobs. We must promote California's role as an innovator and investor in a clean-tech economy.

YES on Proposition 24—Tax Fairness Act

Proposition 24 would repeal the corporate tax cuts that were passed in closed-door budget deals of 2008-09. These tax breaks cost approximately \$1.3 billion in revenue to the state, while benefiting only two percent of California's businesses. There is no requirement that they actually result in the creation of private-sector jobs. Proposition 24 will make big multi-state corporations pay their fair share and

put \$1.3 billion back into the treasury to help our schools, health care, and other essential services that have suffered severe budget cuts in recent years. The League **SUPPORTS** repealing these tax cuts because this budget crisis cannot be solved by expenditure cuts alone, let alone expenditure cuts combined with tax cuts with no demonstrated value to the economy.

YES on Proposition 25—Simple Majority Vote for Budget

The LWVC SUPPORTS this measure, which would change the vote required for the Legislature to pass a budget from the current two-thirds to a simple majority. Majority rule is a fundamental part of democracy. The majority should set priorities for spending and take responsibility for them. This measure will change the negotiations over the

budget and reduce the stranglehold the minority now exercises over the process.

Under Proposition 25, legislators will forfeit salary if they fail to meet the deadline for passing a budget. Budgets that are late and full of gimmicks harm all Californians, damage our economy, and hurt the state's credit rating.

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NO on Proposition 26—“Polluter Protection”

Proposition 26 would redefine regulatory fees imposed on companies for harm done to the environment or public health as taxes. Since taxes, unlike fees, require a two-thirds vote for approval, it would be much harder for state and local governments to seek such payments from those making harmful products or creating public nuisances.

The likely result is that the fiscal burden of the harm to the environment or public health will fall on the public rather than the businesses involved. The League **OPPOSES** Proposition 26 because we believe that decisions on all revenue measures should be made by a simple majority vote.

NO on Proposition 27—Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting

This measure would kill the major redistricting reform voters just approved in 2008 and return the authority for redistricting to the backrooms of the Legislature.

Proposition 27 would allow politicians to draw their own districts to protect their jobs. It would take us

back to the days when bizarrely shaped districts were drawn in secret, carving up neighborhoods and communities to keep incumbents safely in office. Vote **NO** to keep the power with voters and the voter-approved independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

The League of Women Voters of California makes
NO RECOMMENDATION
 on the other measures on the November 2 ballot.

NO Position on Proposition 19— Legalize and Regulate Marijuana

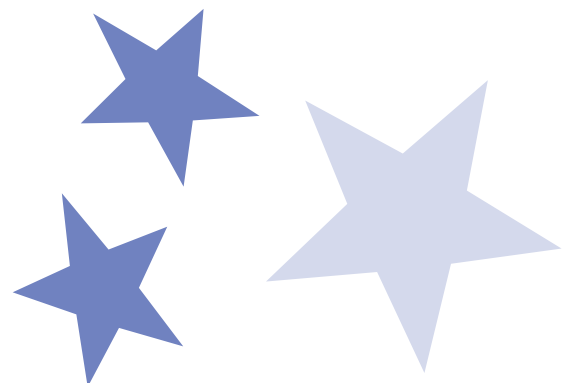
Because League positions do not cover the issues in Proposition 19, the LWVC is **TAKING NO STAND** on this measure.

NEUTRAL on Proposition 21-- \$18 Vehicle License Fee for State Parks and Wildlife Programs

Proposition 21 establishes a new earmarked fee. The League does not generally support earmarks but is **NEUTRAL** on this measure because there is little left that can be done to raise money for the state parks, which provide a valuable recreation and natural preservation resource for the state.

NEUTRAL on Proposition 22— State Government Prohibited from Taking Local Funds

This measure would provide some stability in funding for local government. However, it would freeze in place the current dysfunctional system of funding local governments in California. The League will remain **NEUTRAL** on Proposition 22.



League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank
FY2010 Actual vs Budget

Category Description	FY2010 Actual	FY2010 Budget	Difference
INCOME			
A. Contribution			
1. Member	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 220.00
2. Non-Member Cont	150.00	-	150.00
3. Ads	-	-	-
4. Fund Develop	107.00	100.00	7.00
	<u>2,477.00</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>	<u>377.00</u>
D. Dues	3,875.00	3,870.00	5.00
D. Dues Prior Year	60.00	-	60.00
H. Misc Income	-	50.00	(50.00)
Investment Income	333.51	-	333.51
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 6,745.51</u>	<u>\$ 6,020.00</u>	<u>\$ 725.51</u>
EXPENSES			
A. Operating			
1. Gen Supplies	138.02	100.00	(38.02)
2. Telephone	308.69	250.00	(58.69)
4. Bank Charges	172.74	-	(172.74)
5. Postal Box	200.00	-	(200.00)
6. Liability Ins	206.00	200.00	(6.00)
8. Website fees	160.00	160.00	-
	<u>1,185.45</u>	<u>710.00</u>	<u>(475.45)</u>
B. Board & Admin			
1. President	300.00	300.00	-
2. Secretary	-	-	-
3. Board Tools	37.91	50.00	12.09
	<u>337.91</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>12.09</u>
C. Conventions & Councils			
1. National Convention	1,066.30	1,800.00	733.70
3. Leadership Council	633.56	500.00	(133.56)
4. County Convention	50.00	75.00	25.00
5. Local Annual Meeting, Net	(80.69)	-	80.69
6. Workshops	-	50.00	50.00
7. Local League	-	-	-
	<u>1,669.17</u>	<u>2,425.00</u>	<u>755.83</u>

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FY2010 Actual vs Budget

Category Description	FY2010 Actual	FY2010 Budget	Difference
D. Per Member Payments			
1. Natl PMP	1,858.80	1,839.60	(19.20)
2. State PMP	1,408.00	1,386.00	(22.00)
3. County PMP	97.50	100.00	2.50
	3,364.30	3,325.60	(38.70)
E. VOTER Postage	26.40	50.00	23.60
F. Voter Service	328.30	100.00	(228.30)
G. Action on Positions	-	-	-
H. Community Involvement	52.00	200.00	148.00
I. Misc Expense	374.81	200.00	(174.81)
J. GCC Scholarship	500.00	500.00	-
K. Smart Voter	200.00	200.00	-
L. 90th Birthday Party	570.67	-	(570.67)
M. Christmas Party	29.48	100.00	70.52
N. Note Cards, Net	158.20	-	(158.20)
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,796.69	8,160.60	(636.09)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$(2,051.18)	\$(2,140.60)	\$ 89.42

Balance Sheet at June 30, 2010

Checking Account	\$ 291.61
Undeposited Checks	120.00
	411.61
 Investments, at Cost	 6,516.42
	\$ 6,928.03

Our membership dues have remained the same for years, although the per member payment amount we have to pay to the state and national has continued to increase each year. Thankfully, the county per member payment has continued to stay the same. So, after the per member payment is paid to the national, state and county out of our \$60.00/yr membership dues, very little is left for our local League.

Donations from you, our members, is essential for us to remain healthy and to continue all our efforts towards a better educated and informed voter. Please consider an additional donation to the League.

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

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)

- \$60.00 for a one-year individual membership (includes a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- \$100.00 for a one-year household membership for two members who share the same address (includes a copy of our VOTER nine times per year)
- \$30.00 for a one-year student membership.

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Make check payable to League of Women Voters. Mail to PO Box 21010, Glendale, CA 91221

I am unable to join the League at this time, but enclose a contribution of \$ _____

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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.

Coming in January— the E-Newsletter

*By Monica Marquez
Voter Editor*

This January, our League will take a big step forward in our evolution. We will change from a print Voter to an Electronic Newsletter. If you're getting the current Voter by email, you will be happy with the change.

No longer will you need to click on the link which sends you to our website where you have to open a PDF document. And maybe you mean to do all that—tomorrow. And three weeks later you're still meaning to do that. And you've missed that notice of a great meeting.

Now you'll get the Voter directly in your Inbox. All you have to do is read the lead paragraphs and click for more detail. You'll never miss an event, an interesting article on League issues, information on elections and a cool volunteer opportunity.

If you don't currently get the Voter by email, please consider it. It's so easy to read an E-Newsletter. Not like waiting to download a PDF. And, of course, there will be the option to Unsubscribe (although that would break my heart). And if you really don't want the E-Newsletter, or don't have email, we will still mail you a print version of the E-Newsletter as we do now.

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