



# THE SACRAMENTO VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 2011

## **PUBLIC FORUMS- A STUDY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**, Funding and Equity and  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011** Legislation and Funding for the  
Education of Disadvantaged Children

Both forums will be held 6-8 p.m. at the Charles Jones Career & Education Center, 5451 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento, 95824.

Members and the public are invited.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **MONDAY OCTOBER 10, CELEBRATE CALIFORNIA WOMEN GAIN THE VOTE**

Gather in period attire at 10:30 a.m. at the California Museum, 1020 O Street to stroll to the state Capitol for many activities. See tentative schedule at <http://www.ca2011centennial.com/Tentative%20Schedule%20r2.pdf>

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, CONSENSUS MEETING** 9 am. to 3 p.m. Paratransit Offices, 2501 Florin Rd. Sacramento, 95822. Morning refreshments and lunch will be available. RSVP by e-mail to [president@lwvsacramento.org](mailto:president@lwvsacramento.org) or call the League office at 916-447-8683.

### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> ELEANOR COMES TO TOWN TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE.**

Actress Linda Kenyon will speak in a one-woman dramatic presentation to benefit the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County at 5:30 P.M., Sierra 2, Curtis Hall, 2791 24th St. Sacramento 95818. For tickets, see [www.lwvsacramento.org](http://www.lwvsacramento.org) or call the League office at 916-447-8683.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****CELEBRATING WOMEN GAINING THE VOTE**

Two celebrations are upon us; ninety one years ago, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1920, American women nationwide gained the right to vote. Shortly after, the League of Women Voters was founded "to finish the job," and to educate women about their newly obtained right to vote. Today, we still strive to finish the job for all Americans. This October, we observe the Centennial of California women gaining the vote. As exciting as the two anniversaries are to League members, day-to-day we continue to register voters and to promote civic engagement so that more will participate in our democratic form of government. We hope to see you at the Centennial celebration activities announced in last month's Sacramento Voter and on page one of this edition.

**REDISTRICTING**

If you watched the Sacramento City Council debate on redistricting this past Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, you may have become disheartened, at a minimum. A citizen advisory committee gave several months of their time to research, study maps submitted by community groups, and to listen to Sacramentans. The advisory committee submitted four maps to the City Council; these were tabled, and a proposal never sunshined to the public was presented and given credibility, as though the citizen advisors never existed. The City Council is set to vote on this document September 6<sup>th</sup>, and we hope they heard the testimony of the many voters who attended and spoke last Tuesday.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDY**

We are halfway through our education study, with two remaining public forums and Unit meetings September and October. September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have a panel of experts speaking on Equity and Funding, and another panel September 29<sup>th</sup>, Legislation and Funding for the Education of Disadvantaged Children. We count on attendance at Unit meetings to share perspectives and discuss the background papers, taking advantage of the research prepared by the national League committee. Saturday, October 22, our Consensus Meeting will discuss all questions contained in this edition of the Voter. Plan to attend these learning opportunities.

## A SUSTAINABLE SACRAMENTO A SUCCESS

### Kay Knepprath, Fund Development Chair

On May 11 Mary and Mel Williams garden was glorious and full of League members and friends. We were joined by Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, Councilmember Darryl Fong, and SMUD board member Nancy Bui Thompson. Dan Best, organizer of the Sacramento Area Certified Farmers Markets and Patrick Mulvaney, owner and chef of Mulvaney's B & L entertained and educated us about our linkage to the food in the area. Pasta Dave Brochier of Mulvaney's and Dio Esperas of the Natural Food Coop served up delicious samples. The food League members prepared was better than any caterer might have provided.

Thanks to all for contributing food, money, items for auction and help. A special thanks to Celine Donaldson for organizing our first-time silent auction which raised \$1,350. Altogether the event aided the League budget by \$6,247.

And a special thanks to our community supporters:

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## HEIDI JENSEN, 2011 ANNE RUDIN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

This year's Anne Rudin Scholarship will be presented September 14<sup>th</sup> to Heidi Jensen at the annual Suffragist Club reception.

Heidi is a second year graduate student at California State University, Sacramento, where she studies Public Policy and Administration. While a student, she attended night classes, working during the day as Legislative Aide for several members of the California Assembly.

She enjoys working as a member of non-profit community organizations such as Girls on the Run and California Women in Agriculture where she feels she can help shape public policy and impact the lives of others. She has been praised for her commitment to public service.

It is not too late to join the Suffragist Club and attend this reception. For information, e-mail [president@lwvsacramento.org](mailto:president@lwvsacramento.org) or call the League office at 916-447-8683.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Please fill out this form, include a check or money order and mail to:

**League of Women Voters of Sacramento County**  
**1107 9th Street Suite 300**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

Individual Membership	\$65.00
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Membership dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes. Joining the LWVSC makes you a member of all levels of League (local, state, and national).

## WOMEN'S CIVIC IMPROVEMENT GALA

**Alice Ginosar, Board of Directors**

The Women's Civic Improvement Club (WCIC) 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Banquet, held on August 6, 2011, was a grand affair, with a large attendance at their Oak Park service center. Men and women were elegantly attired and some women wore beautiful hats. Attendees included Mrs. Hundly, in her late 90's (niece of one of the founding member), and two or three families of founders. Alice Scott, formerly of KCRA was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Edenausageboye Davis, a 30 year member and Executive Director recounted the hard work of maintaining this vital service organization, especially in 1999-2000. Intense efforts were made to gain funding to keep WCIC doors open. Edna especially thanked bail bondsman Leonard Padilla, who helped with funding. She also acknowledged funding from the federal American Recovery Act. After 75 years, the WCIC still provides lunch to senior citizens and their preschool has expanded to 120 children!

Lovely art work decorated the banquet hall walls. Artist Edward Davie came from Los Angeles to display his creative art work. His moving "Mother & Child," in distinctive African style, was used as a logo for the event. Faye Kennedy, a 40 year member, greeted the early arrivals with a warm smile. Joining WCIC at age 16, Faye has been a respected, committed Sacramento activist for years. Lola Acosta and I represented the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County and shared a table with Angela Ferrell of California Black Chamber of Commerce.

WCIC has a proud history beginning in Oak Park 75 years ago, when a small committed group of strong African America women responded to the needs of low-income residents by providing food and lodging for women; African Americans suffered discrimination and were banned from local hotels. Many prominent African American women moving to Sacramento lived at WCIC, also referred to as "We are Caring, Involved and Committed". It is the oldest Black Women's organization west of the Mississippi. As a school social worker for Sacramento City Schools 1985-92, I relied on WCIC's dedicated services of helping low income people temporarily pay utility bills when I made home visits and found a need. WCIC is a vital part of Sacramento and it was a pleasure to honor their history and commitment at this gala event.

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY SUPPORTS CLIMATE ACTION**

**Rick Bettis, Natural Resources Director**

With support of the LWVSC and other environmental and business organizations, the Sacramento City Council, at its' August 16 meeting adopted Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction targets of 15% by 2020, 38% by 2030 and 83% by 2050.

The City has identified a total of 158 Implementing actions that have divided into following categories:

- Energy Efficiency 7 Renewable Energy Strategies-27% of total GHG reductions
- Transportation and Land Use Strategies-12% of total GHG reductions
- Solid Waste Strategies-6% of total GHG reductions
- Water and Wastewater Strategies- 3% of total reductions

Reductions due to State and Federal actions –47% of total GHG reductions

The above results in a “gap” or shortfall of 5%, which will need to be made up by means of additional actions or by enhancing some of the planned actions.

In 2007 City adopted a plan for reducing GHG emissions from internal operations. A detailed plan for external activities over which the City has some regulatory authority and responsibility will be completed by early 2012. Sacramento County is also working on a similar Plan that they have committed to complete next year. These plans are required to meet the requirements contained in Assembly Bill 32, which was passed into law by the State in 2006.

Some of the implementing actions are controversial with the real estate, building and development industries, especially those requiring energy conservation and efficiency audits and actions for existing residential and commercial buildings. Implementing the Climate Action Plan will require an ongoing effort including monitoring and modifications to some actions such that the GHG emission reduction targets can be met and Climate Change/global Warming can be mitigated before extreme negative economic, health, safety, and environmental impacts are experienced.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Jeannie Long

**Steven Maviglio**

Mary Swisher

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addresses. If you have not shared your e-mail, please send it to: [president@lwvsacramento.org](mailto:president@lwvsacramento.org).

## SEPTEMBER UNIT MEETINGS

September meetings [September 12 and 13th] will focus on the public education study, discussing the Early Childhood Education and Common Core Standards and Assessments background papers in advance of the October Consensus Meeting. Enclosed in this issue of the Voter is a copy of the Consensus Questions. A link to the background papers can be found at our website, [www.lwvsacramento.org](http://www.lwvsacramento.org). Please invite friends, co-workers and neighbors to the Unit meetings.

UNIT	DATE & TIME	CONTACT	LOCATION
Mid-City	Monday, Sept. 12th 6:15 PM	Tom Swift 453-8707	5308 Shepard Ave. Sacramento 95819
Morning Suburban	Tuesday, Sept. 13th 9:15 AM	Dianna Dithridge 486-9542	2426 Garfield Ave. Carmichael 95608
Greenhaven/ Land Park	Tuesday, Sept. 13th 10:00 AM	Mary Hopkins 422-6958	45 Sunlit Circle Sacramento 95831
Elk Grove	Tuesday, Sept. 13th 1:00 PM	Bill & Elaine Lee 688-5360	8622 Shasta Lily Drive Elk Grove 95624

**Eileen Heaser, unit coordinator, 916-456-2154 or [eheser@csus.edu](mailto:eheser@csus.edu)**



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**FREE LECTURE, SACRAMENTO CONGRESSMAN JOHN MOSS**

**By Geri Welch, Board Member, The Society of Friends**

The late Sacramento Congressman John Moss, author of the Freedom of Information Act and the Consumer Product Safety Act, is the subject of a new biography, *People's Warrior*, published in July 2011. The author, Michael Lemov, will speak about Rep. Moss in a free talk at 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 14, in the University Library Art Gallery at California State University, Sacramento. The Library holds most of Rep. Moss' papers, including those concerning the Freedom of Information Act. Lemov did extensive research at the University for his book. For more information, contact Sally Hitchcock, coordinator of community outreach at the Library, (916) 278-5954.

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AUGUST 18, 1920 –

The 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote, was ratified by Tennessee, giving it the two-thirds majority of state ratification necessary to make it the law of the land.