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Calendar 2012

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| Sat, Jan 28 | Winter League Day: Initiative/Referendum, 10:30 – 2:00, Taix Restaurant, LA |
| Wed, Feb 1 | County League Board Meeting, 9:30 – 1:00, location TBA |
| Sat, Feb 4 | LWVC Regional Meeting/workshops, 9:00 – 2:30, Laguna Beach (see flyer inside) |
| Sat, Mar 31 | County Convention, 10:00 – 2:00, Pickwick Gardens, Burbank |
| Sat, Apr 28 | Ballot Measure Training, 9:30 – 12, Hollenbeck Palms |
| Sat, July 28 | Popovers in Pasadena – details TBA |

Save the Date!

LWV LACounty ILO Convention 2012

Saturday, March 31

10:00AM to 2:00 PM

Pickwick Gardens, Burbank

Speaker: LWVC Advocate Trudy Schafer

From the President's Desk...

Welcome 2012! And what a year this is going to be for Leagues across the Country!

LA County Winter League Day is coming up on January 28 at Taix Restaurant in LA. Bob Stern, VP of the Center for Governmental Studies, will comment on California's Initiative and Referendum. Those attending will have an opportunity to give their opinions as well.

The LWVC's southern regional meeting is on Feb 4 in Laguna Beach. There are interesting workshops for both experienced and new Leaguers. [flyer in this Voter]

Most of you have done program planning by now in preparation for the LWV LACounty and LWVUS conventions, as well as for your local convention. When you have completed program planning, please be sure to send me the County form; I have several already.

Our next planning is for the June election. There are only 2 ballot measurers. However, the "top two" primary process may bring you many questions from the public. The County League Ballot Briefing on April 28 at Hollenbeck Palms will review the ballot measures and provide some language for you to use in addressing the primary process. You'll also be able to pick up your Election Guides on that day.

With so many issues and concerns regarding both state and federal governments, the work of the League to educate and advocate is more important than ever – and on numerous fronts. Be informed, be organized, and be active.

Nancy Mahr

Be Part of the County League Board

The County League nominating committee is seeking people to serve on the LWV LACounty Board.

- **It is 2-year commitment.**
- **The Board meets once a month, with a break in the summer.**
- **Meeting locations vary.**
- **We'd like to see each member League represented on the Board.**

Look beyond your community at the County picture!

**Please send all suggestions and volunteers to: Arlene Block,
Nominating Committee Chair
goarlene@cox.net**



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Winter League Day

California's Initiative and Referendum: Abolish, Reform or Retain As Is?



Bob Stern, President
Center for Governmental Studies



Saturday, January 28, 2012

10:30 AM to 2 PM

Taix Restaurant

191 1 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026

Conveniently located near the Hollywood Freeway and Alva

There is a \$2.50 valet fee so carpooling is recommended.

Tel. 213-484-1265

Luncheon -- \$25

Questions: call Nancy Mahr at 310-377-0735



Please send form and check payable to **LWV/LACounty** by January 14, 2012

Mail to **LWV/LAC Treasurer, 3970 Sepulveda Blvd., Unit 201, Torrance, CA 90505**

League Name _____

Attendee Name(s) _____

Allergies _____

Deadline is January 14, 2012

Reservation(s) # _____ @\$25.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

After Jan. 14, 2012, Reservation(s) # _____ @\$30.00

Total Enclosed \$ _____

**The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC)
Southern Regional Meeting**



**Hosted by:
The Leagues of Women Voters
Orange County Inter- League Organization (ILO)**

Date and Time: Saturday, February 4, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Neighborhood Congregational Church
340 St. Anne's Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Price: \$25/person; \$30/per person after January 28, 2012
\$15/person if you bring your own lunch

Topics Include:

- **The Rules Have Changed: The 2012 Elections**
Preparing for California's 2012 Elections and Anticipating a Flood of Ballot Measures
- **Water: Which Way Do We Swim?**
- **The California State Budget – It's Broken**
What the League and the Public Can Do to Fix the Problem
- **The "Observer Corps" – A Winner for the Public and for the League**

Please register and pay by credit card at the LWVC website www.lwvc.org, by January 28, or write a check payable to LWVC and mail with the form below to: Diane Thomas, 2506 Calle Jade, San Clemente, CA 92673. Questions? Contact Bea Field at 949-276-7555 or bfield@cox.net.

I will attend and buy lunch. \$25/person or \$30/person after January 28.

I prefer: *Chicken Tostada* *Vegetarian Tostada*

I will attend and bring lunch. \$15/person.

My check payable to LWVC is enclosed for \$_____.

Name _____ League _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County in both its values and practices affirms its belief and commitment to diversity, pluralism and affirmative action.

The League of Women Voters welcomes new members, both men and women, who are citizens of voting age. Associate membership is open to all others.

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Smart Voter www.smartvoter.org

Statewide propositions plus local candidates & issues on your ballot, with extensive

Background materials and media links from LWV California Ed Fund

LA County Registrar-Recorder www.lavote.net

Election calendar, polling place look-up, absentee voting info, multilingual voting materials, Locations for Touchscreen early voting

Easy Voter Guide www.easyvoter.org

Concise facts on statewide propositions; Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, and English

Secretary of State www.ss.ca.gov

Official text of ballot measures

CA Legislative Analyst www.lao.ca.gov

Analysis of all ballot measures

CA Voter Foundation www.calvoter.org

Data on campaign contributions to candidates and measures

CA Budget Project www.cbp.org

Analyzes the fiscal effects of statewide ballot measures

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