

VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ® OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Calendar 2013

Sat, Jan 26 Winter League Day

Wed, Feb 6 County Board Meeting 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday, Feb 22 State Program Planning results due

Wed, March 6 County Board Meeting 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sat, March 30 County Convention

Wed. April 3 County Board Meeting 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Fri-Sun, May 17-19 LWVC Convention in San Jose

Tues-Wed, May 14-15 Retreat/Board Meeting, Mary & Joseph Center. RPV

June 8 -12 LWVUS Council

Wed. July 3 County Board Meeting 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Sat. July 27 Popovers in Pasadena 9:30-2:00 Women's City Club

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From the President's Desk...

This Voter spans the changing of the year. We can begin 2013 with renewed energy to address the many issues facing California and the nation. Communication will be a key activity – the public needs to know and understand what progress is underway.

LA County Winter League Day is coming up on January 26 at Taix Restaurant in LA. The focus is on education in California. The flyer/registration form is in this Voter on page 4.

You are probably in the midst of program planning for LWVC and your local Leagues. The State forms are due February 22, 2013. There is a kit and lots of information on the state members-only website.

Elizabeth MacNamara noted in her Huffington Post Blog that LWVUS has identified four proactive priorities for elections administration reform work in the coming year:

Secure Online Voter Registration

Permanent and Portable Statewide Voter Registration

Expanded Early Voting

Improved Polling Place Management

These can be state and county goals as well.

We'll all be working on local elections this spring. Be sure to encourage your local candidates to post their information on SmartVoter. Happy New Year!

Nancy Mahr

In Memoriam

Dorothy Anne Larson

Dorothy A. Larson, 82, passed away on November 13, 2012. She was born in Portsmith, Virginia, February 13, 1930, and was a 62 year resident of Temple City. She was married for 54 years to Robert Larson, who predeceased her. She is survived by her 3 daughters, Carol, Sharon & Doria and their husbands, six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Throughout her life Dorothy was a devoted and dedicated volunteer for many civic causes, most notably the League of Women Voters Pasadena area where for 51 years she passionately encouraged the League's mission of "informed and active participation of citizens in government." She was a skilled seamstress. She created everything from prom dresses for her daughters to Halloween costumes for her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking, and could prepare a delicious meal even in the tiny kitchen of the trailer in which she explored the west on family vacations.

Dorothy was a long time LWV LACounty Board member. Her final job with the ILO was mailing out paper copies of the ILO Voter. She did this until approximately a year before her death. She will be missed by all who knew her and worked with her in League.



JOIN THE COUNTY LEAGUE BOARD - NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

The LWV LACounty ILO nominating committee is looking for League members who are interested in serving on the County Board. Please send your name or your suggestions to the Chair, Pat Kromka, at pkromka@ca.rr.com



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WINTER LEAGUE DAY

THE CHALLENGES FACING CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

DR. LAWRENCE PICUS

VICE DEAN FOR FACULTY AFFAIRS PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY USC Rossier School of Education

After Jan. 14, 2013, Reservation(s) # @\$30.00





SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013 REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 10:00

AM

PROGRAM FROM 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

TAIX RESTAURANT (A BASQUE RESTAURANT) 1911 W. SUNSET BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90026 CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY AND ALVA THERE IS A VALET FEE SO CARPOOLING IS RECOMMENDED.

TEL. 213-484-1265

LUNCHEON -- \$25

Total Enclosed \$

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Please send form and check payable to L Mail to LWV/LAC Treasurer, 3970 Sepu		
League Name Attendee Name(s) No. Chicken Allergies	No. Vegan	
Deadline is January 14, 2013 Reservation(s) #		Total Enclosed \$

LWV/LACounty VOTER

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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Internet Election Resources

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 <u>www.lavote.net</u>

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 <u>www.ss.ca.gov</u>

Official text of ballot measures

CA Legislative Analyst www.lao.ca.gov

Analysis of all ballot measures

CA Voter Foundation <u>www. calvoter.org</u>
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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