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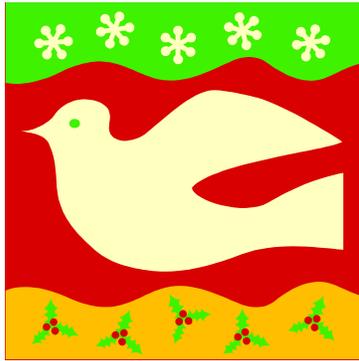
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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON!
— *Lola Ungar, President*

Calendar

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| Tues. Dec. 12 | LWV/LAC board meeting @ Sally Seven's |
| Fri. Dec. 15 | Chanukah (starts at sundown) |
| Mon. Dec. 25 | Christmas |
| Tues. Jan. 9 | LWV/LAC board meeting @ LWVLA office |
| Sat. Jan. 27 | Judicial Independence—Why You Should Care! at Loyola Law School, Downtown LA |
| Tues. Feb. | LWV/LAC board meeting, place TBA |
| Thurs. Feb. 8 | Tri-League Tour of the AES Power Plant in Redondo Beach |
| Sat. Mar. 31 | LWV/LAC 45 th Annual Convention at So. Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula |
| Sat. July 28 | Summer League Day, place TBA |

'Tis the season of joy and goodwill toward men and women. The time of celebration has begun. And, yes, we do have a great deal to celebrate this year. During this past election season, many more League people gave of their time and energy to help in some way and should be congratulated. The word of our efforts was spread far and wide and was appreciated by the voters in ever growing numbers as noted by the many requests for League sponsored forums and copies of the League produced television interviews with the candidates running for open judge seats that were shown on local cable stations throughout Los Angeles County. There was wide distribution of copies of Pros and Cons and Easy Voter publications and there were many quotes and accreditations of and by "The League of Women Voters" reported in the media. Many groups called upon Local Leagues to provide pros and cons or advocacy talks as noted by **LWV/LAC Voter Service Chair Margo Reeg**. It is most interesting to note that most people know the League of Women Voters as one cohesive organization with no boundaries as I continue to receive requests from throughout the County requesting local league info which I forward to the appropriate persons.

Before Thanksgiving, there was a wonderful meeting of Local League Presidents who met to "Talk Turkey." They discussed the upcoming LWV-Los Angeles Community Outreach E-mail Project (a one-page e-mail); how Leagues make use of the County VOTER; joining local Chambers of Commerce (some Leagues are members); a future County Observer Corps; implementing the LWVUS Immigration Study at the County level; Palos Verdes Peninsula League's Elected Officials Night reception and presentation of awards to worthy volunteers in the four Palos Verdes Peninsula cities and use of local city cable channels for which the League provides program material, an excellent means of gaining visibility in the community; a request for updated rosters from local Leagues for use by the Nominating Committee Chair; Nominations; and "Los Angeles – Structure of a City Government" which is an update of LWVLA's know-your-town publication funded by the Haynes Foundation and that an update of a League's know-your-town publication is another good means of gaining visibility in the community. The Presidents agreed that they will be returning to their Leagues with renewed enthusiasm to share the information they gathered with their members.

A very special event is taking place in January through the determined leadership of **Jean Thomson, LWVLA**, and her committee of Local Leaguers from Los Angeles, Los Angeles County ILO, Beach Cities, Glendale/Burbank, Pasadena Area, and Torrance. We look forward to your attendance at this extraordinary Winter League Day on January 27, 2007, 9:30 AM to 3 PM, for a Judicial Independence Forum titled, "Judicial Independence—Why You Should Care!" at Loyola Law School in downtown LA with **California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno** as the Keynote Speaker. A bevy of noted judges and attorneys (the list grows daily) is scheduled to be in attendance. The committee was also able to obtain the support of the Beverly Hills Bar

Association and MCLE accreditation. We hope to sell many tickets to support this LWVUS Ed Foundation project and urge you to reserve early, by January 12, if you wish to attend. (See flier for more details).

Now, for just a little while, set your mundane cares aside and let sugarplums dance in your head as you celebrate the season. Then, through the year ahead, happiness surely will continue to surround you! **Happy Holidays!**

LWV Los Angeles Goes to Bat Against Restructuring School District Governance—Jean F. Cohen

Citing the need for clarification of constitutional issues, the LWVLA has become a plaintiff in the LAUSD lawsuit challenging AB 1381, the law which calls for restructuring of school district governance to enable partial mayoral control. The suit is set for trial December 15 in LA Superior Court while the law is to go into effect January 1, 2007.

In a statement delivered at an October 10 press conference, LWVLA President Liza White said: "We believe the passage of 1381 has violated provisions of the State Constitution and our City Charter; has by-passed those who have the greatest stake in LAUSD reform, and has created a governance structure that lacks direct lines of authority and accountability."

It pointed out that prior to the passage of 1381 we had urged our state and local representatives to consider the lack of opportunity for citywide involvement in the proposed restructuring process. It further noted "we have a profound interest in making sure Charter provisions with respect to governance of both the City of Los Angeles and the LAUSD are honored, implemented, and indeed changed if they no longer serve the needs or will of the people."

"The League's full focus is on the need to resolve the constitutional questions as soon as possible so they themselves do not become another roadblock among the many impediments to better education for LAUSD students," White added. She stressed that the League takes no position on what any future governance structure of the school district should look like, which includes the issue of the role of the mayor.

The LWVLA statement concluded: "Creating equitable, quality education for all students requires that many forces are acknowledged and integrated. This is at the heart of what we ask our representatives to do. But we expect our representatives to either change the rules explicitly with majority agreement, or use existing rules and authority to create a plan for change with clear lines of authority and accountability.

Health Reform—Sheila Hoff

Health Reform will definitely be front and center this coming year. This will be true in California as well as nationally because of the change in course. Getting out the correct message will be the challenge as the Governor has attracted notoriety and he is aiming for a quick and easy fix which will leave everyone holding the bag if that should prevail. That is why I know the League of Women Voters of CA will be working on messaging to show the comparisons of the so-called "individual mandate" versus a fully covered comprehensive reform as will Health Care for All California. And it will be hard to compete with the Governor in the media market in some places. And, hopefully, the leadership in Sacramento will not roll over too. It will be challenging. I'm sure some headway will be made. Senator Kuehl will be the chair of the Senate Health Committee so that's a good thing. We would like to see the reissue of SB840 pass out of both houses in the year 2007 as we head into having a massive rally for the One Care Campaign in August of 2007. Many new legislators will need to be brought up to speed. The good news is that some actually ran with full knowledge of SB840 and supported it ahead of being elected. Meanwhile the problems continue to worsen and we're seeing large employers providing plans with caps at \$30,000 and high deductibles to save money. I see this as the wave of the future and will that be the wake-up call for people that seem too complacent until they are hit with the bills and don't see what's happening to others.

And of course, the resounding defeat of Prop 85- It was nice to actually hear from a few League members when I sent out the WE Won notice. The measure lost in every single county in California. That was a great victory. The vote was 54% against to 45% in favor. I would hope that will discourage them from coming back a third time. We picked up more pro-choice legislators in Congress so that's hopeful. The Supreme Court is currently hearing the so-called Partial Birth Abortion Ban which the last court overturned. But knowing that there would be a new court - encouraged Congress to take it up again.



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Judicial Independence— Why You Should Care!

The Judicial Independence forum will take place Saturday, January 27, 2007, 9:30 AM to 3 PM, at Loyola Law School, Merrifield Hall, 919 Albany Street, in downtown Los Angeles. This location is just off the 110 freeway at Olympic, not the facility in Westchester.

Associate Justice of the CA Supreme Court, Carlos Moreno, will be our special keynote speaker at lunch. Two panels have been assembled: the morning panel will delve into the many pressures being put upon the judges/justices by both external and internal forces. There are many groups both inside and outside government who are trying to influence the judicial makeup to force the decisions to be more favorable to their special interests. Additionally, the need for financing campaigns has made it more difficult to maintain the perception of total impartiality in decisions. Judge Terry Smerling will moderate a panel consisting of Loyola Dean David Burcham and Professor at Law Allan Ides, Justices Joan Dempsey Klein and Candace Cooper.

The afternoon panel will feature judges, media, and involved experts who will discuss possible ways to mitigate some of these pitfalls and suggest creative solutions to making sure that the judges remain a third, independent branch of our government. Justice Norman Epstein will moderate a panel consisting of Judge Harold Cherness, Attorneys John Van de Kamp and Stephen Rohde, Professor Cruz Reynoso of Davis Law School, and Jo-Ann Grace, publisher of Metropolitan News.

With a committee of six Leagues in the Southern California area, many attorneys themselves, we are expecting a large turnout. Beverly Hills Bar Association is providing the certification of the prestigious Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) award for the forum according to the requirements of the State Bar of California, allowing 5 credits for eligible attendees. Other bar associations and organizations are supporting our efforts and may provide scholarships (subsidizing the cost of the MCLE program) for new barristers or students to participate and will help in publicizing the event.

The two panels and the luncheon keynote speaker will be taped by Channel 36 in Los Angeles and broadcast after the forum with DVDs provided to participants. The fee for League members and guests for the event is **\$30** (includes lunch, materials and parking).

***Jean Thomson, Forum Coordinator
League of Women Voters of Los Angeles***

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**JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE--
WHY YOU SHOULD CARE!**

You are invited to join us for a community forum examining the least understood branch of government.

Saturday, January 27, 2007

**Loyola Law School
919 Albany Street
Los Angeles
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

The First Panel will discuss the challenges such as recent ballot initiatives, term limits, campaign funding, influence of special interests, media, and judicial activism.

Moderator will be Judge Terry Smerling and participants will include

Loyola Dean David Burcham and Professor Allen Ides, and Justices Joan Dempsey Klein and Candace Cooper.

Luncheon Keynote Speaker

Carlos Moreno

California Supreme Court Justice

The Second Panel will concentrate on options and potential solutions to the problems above and cover the need for public education, advocacy support groups, and appeals/legislation.

Moderator will be Justice Norman Epstein and participants will include Prof. Cruz Reynoso,

Judge Harold Cherness, Met News Publisher Jo-Ann Grace, and Attorneys John Van de Kamp and Stephen Rohde.

REGISTRATION FORM—“Judicial Independence”—January 27, 2007

Reservation Deadline January 12, 2007.

Name(s) _____ Phone () _____
Address _____ City _____
No. Reservations (lunch incl.) _____ @ **\$30.00** Total _____ Email _____

Make check payable to **LWVLA** and send with form to **LWVLA, 3250 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1005, Los Angeles CA 90010**. Because of limited space, there will be an additional charge of \$25 for those registering at the door, if there is space available. If you have any questions, please call the Los Angeles office at 213 368-1616.



For those attending and wishing to receive MCLE CREDIT: *This activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of 5 Hours and the Beverly Hills Bar Association certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education.*

The charge for those applying for the 5 Hours of MCLE Credit will be \$150. (Call the Beverly Hills Bar Association for MCLE reservations at (310) 601-2422). An additional charge of \$25 will apply for those registering at the door, space permitting.

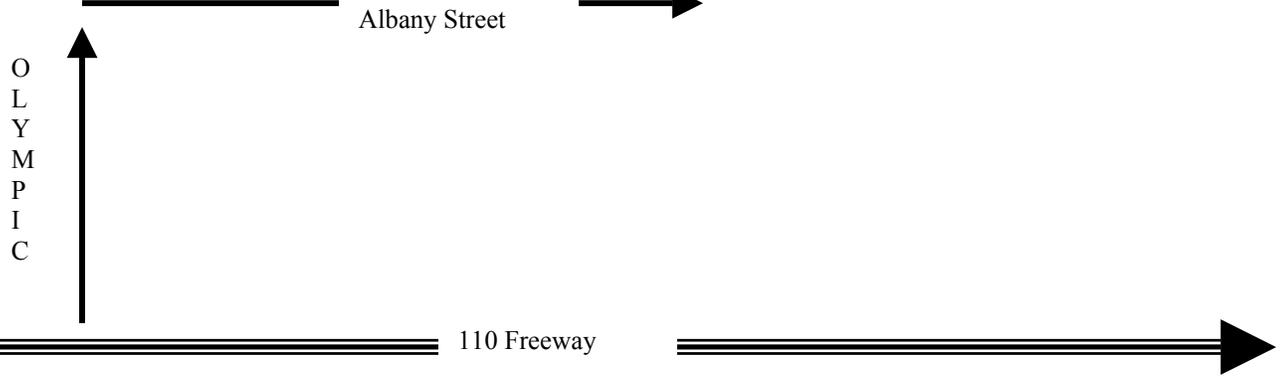
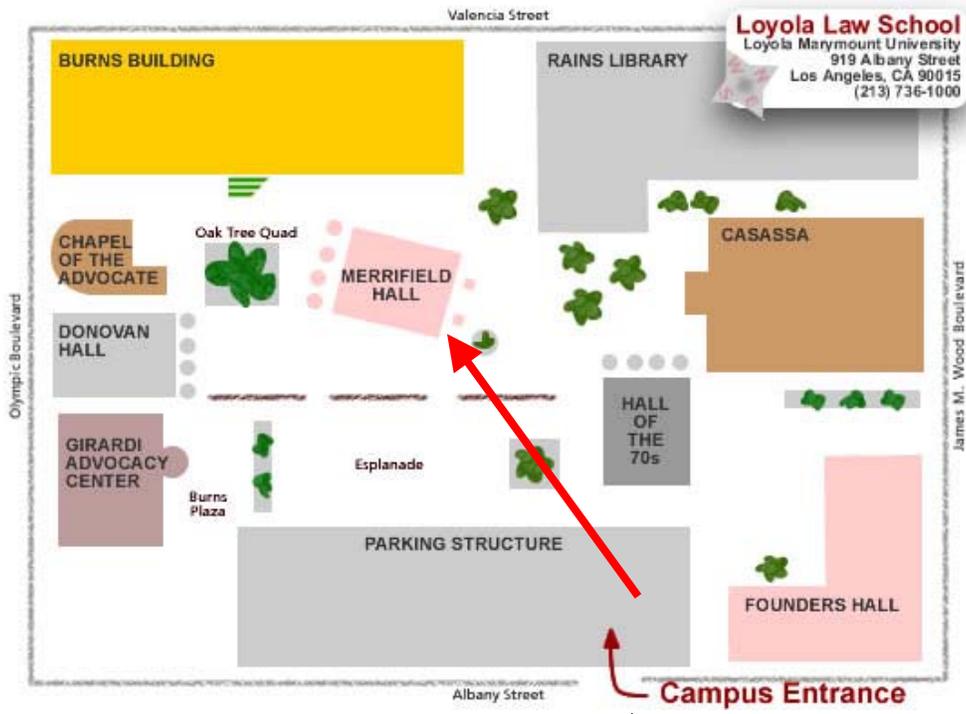
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Directions to Loyola Law School
 919 Albany Street
 Los Angeles

110 Freeway, Olympic Blvd Exit (West), right on Albany Street, enter through parking structure. Cross plaza to Merrifield Hall



TRI-LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
 BEACH CITIES – PALOS VERDES – TORRANCE
 Invites You to a "Go See" Guided Tour
AES POWER PLANT
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007
 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 NOON
 1021 NORTH HARBOR DRIVE,
 REDONDO BEACH
 Requirement: closed toed shoes, hard hats will be provided

Also save the date...

VOTER SERVICE— Margo Reeg, Voter Service Chair

Congratulations!!!

Leagues in Los Angeles County contributed significantly to the education of voters before the Gubernatorial election in November. With 13 propositions on the state ballot and local measures in many communities, League speakers were busy explaining the Pros and Cons of very complex proposals for change.

According to reports gathered from 9 of the 13 Local Leagues, over 98 Pro and Con presentations were made across the county and several Leagues made presentations on Cable TV which were broadcast multiple times. Santa Monica even prepared a 5-page guide to their local ballot issues and candidates. Pasadena made 41 Pro and Con presentations in several communities and reached over 1000 people. Los Angeles League and Common Cause presented and taped Pro and Con speakers on all the state measures at UCLA Law. Those DVDs were offered to all for additional broadcast.

In addition, voters were confronted with as many as 18 state level judicial confirmations and 5 Los Angeles County judicial races. The League was instrumental in helping voters decide on local judicial races by producing a DVD of interviews with individual candidates for Superior Court office. Through the efforts of local leagues the Judicial Interviews were shown on government cable in at least 15 cities. Voters who saw the program indicated that seeing the candidates as well as hearing their statements definitely helped them decide for whom to vote.

The Judicial Interviews were also streamed on SmartVoter.org.

Candidate Forums kept many Leagues busy and in front of the public. Torrance conducted a forum for California Assembly and Senate seats as well as their Congressional seat. Santa Monica held forums for School Board, Rent Control Board, City Council, Santa Monica College Board, and did televised interviews with candidates for all the local candidates. Pasadena held a City Council forum in Sierra Madre.

Of course, all leagues distributed ELECTION INFO to schools, libraries, senior centers, colleges, service clubs and other groups during October. The County League had 54,000 copies printed, of which 10,000 went to the LA County Public Libraries. Another 6,000 went to the Los Angeles Public Libraries and 5,000-6,000 were inserted in the Claremont **Courier**.

As an example of the impact the League can have on voters I'll share a personal story.

I was working as the inspector at the Touchscreen Early Voting site at the Jackie Robinson Center in Pasadena. A voter walked up to me and exclaimed, "I know you! You're the League of Women Voters!" I asked her if she had seen the Judicial Interviews because that is the only League event I had done this fall. The woman was from Burbank and happened to be the mother of Todd Campbell, council member. She told me that the Judicial Interviews had helped her choose among the judicial candidates and that she appreciated our making the program.

Now, League voter service people can breathe a bit having done a great job of helping voters in many parts of the county become better informed. Take a bow and pat yourselves on the back. You are the real troopers!

Election Reflections, Los Angeles County & the State of California — Sally Seven, Government Director

The election is over, the numbers are in, but before tossing or filing all remnants of November 7, 2006, can we learn something by looking at some details?

League had positions on 10 of the 13 measures on the ballot. The statewide public vote agreed with our positions on 8 propositions, but two measures we supported, Prop 86 [cigarette tax increase] and Prop 89 [campaign finance reform/public funding], failed to pass.

Los Angeles County voters approved of Prop 86 [by 52.3%], but statewide it received only 48.2% of the vote. Prop 89, which for the first time would have placed some controls on contributions to ballot measure campaigns in addition to providing public campaign funds for qualifying candidates, got 25.6% approval statewide, and did only a little better in the County [27.6%]. Only the "orphan" measure [Prop 88] which would have established a state property tax was less popular, getting only 23.2% approval.

Not all voters vote on all the propositions, and some voters probably vote on none of them. More than 10 million voters expressed a choice for Governor, while the proposition with the most votes got a little over 8 million, when

“yes” and “no” votes are added together. That still compares well with the vote for Supreme Court candidates: fewer than 6 million voters weighed in there.

More voters had an opinion on Prop 86, both statewide and in our county, than on any other: More than 8.2 million in the state, including more than 1.9 million in the county, voted on cigarette taxes. It was clear what it would do, and the vote probably reflects that lack of confusion.

In the state, it was Prop 84, the second water bond measure, on which the vote was smallest, about 309 thousand fewer than on Prop 86. Perhaps because some of the focus of Prop 84 was on Southern California while that of Prop 1E was in the north, it was not Prop 84 but Prop 1E that had the smallest total vote in Los Angeles County.

The most popular proposition was one on which League took no position, Prop 1A, the transportation fund measure. More than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voters supported Prop 1A [77% statewide and 76.5% in our county]. On most of the other measures, there was considerable disagreement from county to county. The California Secretary of State web site [vote.ss.ca.gov>Returns] has color maps showing the difference in support for each measure. Only the property tax measure [Prop 88] lost in all counties. On the others, geographic patterns are apparent and very close results [50-50, 51-49] were not uncommon. We learned that well funded, contentious ballot measure campaigns do not foster consensus.

More L.A. County Children Live in Poverty ***- Mary Ellen Barnes, Social Policy Director***

An estimated three-quarters of Los Angeles County's more than 1.2 million households with children struggle economically, according to this year's Children's ScoreCard, released every two years by the Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council.

The study tracks recent statistics that offer a sketch of the county's families:

- Just 14% of county households could afford to buy a home in 2005, compared with 50% nationwide.
- The cost of living has spiked more than 40% since 1999, as the county's median wage inched up to \$15.28 last year
- Children in the dense urban neighborhoods of Central and South Los Angeles continue to live in the toughest economic conditions while Westside families enjoy relative prosperity.
- Latino and African American children still lag behind whites and Asians in health and education indicators.
- African American children are more likely to be born underweight or with asthma, or to be arrested, than peers of other ethnicities.
- More Latino children come from low-income families than other groups, have the least-educated parents and are the worst prepared for college.
- Asian youngsters perform the best in education measures, while white children fare better economically.
- Although more children than ever — 92% — are insured, the number of underweight babies has been climbing since 2000, the report said.
- Violent crime as well as child abuse and neglect are down since 2000, but juvenile felony arrests and youth homicides increased after years of decline.
- The percent of fully credentialed teachers rose by nearly a fifth since 2000, but high school graduation rates have been slipping.
- While the number of computers being placed in public schools has jumped 72% in four years, the number of library books checked out by children and teens is falling.

Residents' observations showed, "It is getting increasingly difficult to raise children in Los Angeles," said Jacquelyn McCroskey, a USC professor of social work who helped compile the statistics.

NATURAL RESOURCES—Lola Ungar

Excerpted from the Sacramento Bee Newspaper, Monday, October 30, 2006, Story appeared in EDITORIALS section, Page B4

Editorial: Choices, choices, choices **Natural gas imports part of balanced solution**

When it comes to natural gas, California faces a quandary.

California Public Utilities Commissioner Michael Peevey said at a recent conference that the market will likely sustain two LNG terminals, one off Baja and one in Southern California. So the first in California to get approved may be the only one that gets built in the foreseeable future. Opponents of the terminals, however, are afraid of the risks. Natural gas can go kaboom.

So let's review the options. If it's wrong to build an LNG terminal off the coast of California for environmental and safety reasons, surely the one off Mexico is noxious as well. The protest movement seems confined, however, to the Golden State. And if the goal (or the unintended consequence) is to constrict the state's supply of natural gas, what alternative should the state embrace to generate large amounts of electricity? Coal-fired facilities in Arizona and Nevada? New nuclear plants? Boy, talk about protests ...

There are no easy solutions here, only very hard choices with very real tradeoffs. Natural gas is a bedrock of the state's energy policy for reasons that make great sense. This requires access to the gas that the state needs. That requires one LNG terminal, most likely, for now. It's easier to be against an LNG terminal than for a real alternative.

Excerpted from the Los Angeles Times Newspaper
Tues. Nov. 28, 2006, Story appeared on Page B2

Ports considering maglev trains to cut smog *by Dan Weikel, Times Staff Writer*

Officials see magnetic levitation technology as a clean, high speed way to move goods inland, ease traffic congestion and reduce pollution.

Searching for ways to reduce air pollution and highway congestion, local harbor officials might resort to so-called maglev trains to haul cargo containers to and from the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports — the first freight application of the technology in the world.

Now under study at Cal State Long Beach are three maglev proposals to shuttle cargo to rail yards in Los Angeles and to inland distribution centers in Victorville and Beaumont.

In the months ahead, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are planning to launch their own feasibility studies of the technology.

Maglev, or magnetic levitation, trains produce no air pollution along their routes and are powered by magnetic fields in guideways that pull them along at speeds up to 300 mph. So far, two systems have been built for commercial passenger service in China and Japan.

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SCAG officials are concerned about all the complexities of the logistics chain said Danny Wu, the manager of SCAG's goods movement program. Wu said, "They underestimated the costs, which goes to feasibility. Philip Law, manager of SCAG's transportation corridor program says, "We still need to do the assessments. What makes maglev attractive are zero emissions and electric power, which gives it an advantage over diesel trucks. But, it's pretty expensive, and how to get containers from ships to the trains needs to be worked out."

There will be future studies planned by the ports and SCAG as well as the environmental review for improvements proposed for the Long Beach Freeway.

Proposed maglev routes

Three proposed alignments for a maglev cargo system that would serve the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are under study by the Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies at Cal State Long Beach. They range from a 4.7-mile starter line to a 100-mile system that would reach transportation hubs in Victorville and Beaumont.



Source: Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies

Los Angeles Times

Excerpted from the Los Angeles Times Newspaper
Mon. Nov. 6, 2006, Story appeared on Page B1

Environmental coalition digs in

When Tejon Ranch Co. rebuffed plan to scale back a massive housing project, Sierra Club and others vowed to fight.
By Gary Polakovic

A deal made last spring between developers of the proposed 23,000-home Centennial development (Tejon Ranch Co.) and representatives from the nation's most powerful environmental groups has failed for the time being. The Tejon Ranch Co. rejected the environmentalists most recent proposal and instead has opted to continue working with officials in Los Angeles and Kern counties on plans for Centennial and two other developments on the 270,000-acre ranch.

But environmental leaders say studies done by the Conservation Biology Institute of Corvallis, Ore., show that some of the most valuable habitat for condors and other wildlife occurs where Tejon Mountain Village will be built. Further, they contend that the preserve is not configured to ensure that wild lands remain connected and provide "wildlife corridors."

Perhaps, future compromises that benefit both developers and conservationists will eventually take place.

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 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
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 Data on campaign contributions to candidates and measures
- CA Budget Project** www.cbp.org
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