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### Calendar

- Nov. 7 Election Day
- Nov. 14 LWV/LAC board meeting, LWV Los Angeles office on Wilshire Blvd., 9:30 – 1:30 PM
- Nov. 18 Luncheon with Local League Presidents, Taix Restaurant, 11:30 – 2 p.m.
- Nov. 29 LWV Beach Cities, Meeting the Needs of the Elderly, Redondo Beach Main Library, 7-8:45 PM
- Dec. 12 LWV/LAC board meeting, Sally Seven's home, Claremont
- Dec. 15 Chanukah (starts at sundown)
- Dec. 25 Christmas
- Jan. 9 LWV/LAC board meeting, LWV Los Angeles office on Wilshire Blvd., 9:30 – 1:30 PM
- Jan. 27 Winter League Day, Judicial Independence, Loyola Law School, 919 Albany St. in downtown Los Angeles – includes parking
- Mar. 31 LWV/LAC Convention, South Coast Botanic Garden, Palos Verdes Peninsula
- July 28 Summer League Day, place TBA

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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT — Lola Ungar**

We are counting down the days until the close of the Election Season. The TV ads are becoming shriller. More groups are calling upon Local Leagues to provide pros and cons or advocacy talks. And, we are getting acquainted with the candidates through League sponsored forums and League produced interviews with the 8 candidates running for 4 bench seats that are being shown on local cable stations throughout Los Angeles County.

Adding to the excitement of the Election Season, we were happy to welcome the recent turn-around visit by **LWVUS President Mary G. Wilson** on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Mary came to LA to support the California Clean Money Campaign for **Yes on Prop. 89**. **LWVC President Jackie Jacobberger** also joined us to discuss Elections and the varied electoral processes in the states and cities that Mary had visited recently. We discussed the good, the bad, and the quirky differences at the polling place in various states. Some of the items we discussed were:

—The inclusion of 18-24 year olds at election polls who are techno-savvy to aid long time poll workers.

—Poll workers being given “computer secure packs” to take home before Election Day. The process is called, “Sleepovers.” Here, there was clearly a question about the “Chain of custody.”

—Mary also reported that there was resounding support across the country calling for a paper trail for voter verification.

—There was also a call for random audits of the election polls.

Later, there was a gathering with other supporters of Prop. 89 at the City Club in downtown Los Angeles where Mary, Congresswoman Diane Watson, and California Clean Money Campaign Executive Director Susan Lerner spoke about the success in other states like Arizona and Maine where Clean Money Initiatives became law and the importance of women being represented in all elected forums.

The flurry of activity will culminate on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>...(You will hear a deep sigh throughout the LWV community when it is all over). Then, we will take sort of a breather when Local League Presidents gather on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> with LWV/LAC Board members at Taix Restaurant in Los Angeles from 11:30 to 2 PM (See flier attached).

Finally, in late November, the holiday season will descend upon us. Best wishes to everyone as you gather around the Thanksgiving table with family and friends. In these turbulent times, I urge you to continue to thank your blessings for whatever you hold dear. LMU

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### **JUVENILE JUSTICE**—*Sylvia Simon Tansey, PhD*

*Sylvia is a long time Los Angeles League consultant on juvenile justice and court appointed special advocate, who is now a member of the Agency-Court Partnership presided over by Judge Michael Nash, LA County Juvenile Court.*

I have been attending the almost-monthly meetings of the Agency-Court Partnership --- it includes a representative from all the County agencies that work with children who are in foster care and juvenile hall or camp; Judge Nash encouraged me to attend any others I choose of the many, many, many meetings he holds. It is important for you to know that I am the only attendee who is not a paid employee in any of the County agencies. However, I am a two-day-a-week retired/volunteer bilingual school psychologist in an elementary school in East LA, in the Los Angeles Unified School District ~LAUSD). The academic year 2006-2007 will be my tenth year of attempting to provide help to the children who live in poverty, with uneducated parents, and often, with too many siblings.

The Los Angeles County Juvenile Court has been putting out a Newsletter “Partners: Programs and Resources for Children and Families,” since April 2000. I have decided that the best and briefest way to introduce you to the activities of the Juvenile Court is to present short summaries of the articles in the most recent edition, Volume 11, Number 1, Spring 2006. I hope that that will set the stage for more informative articles on specific issues discussed in the meetings that I attend.

The cover article in this Spring 2006 issue is about the 2006 Foster Youth Art and Writing Contest and is written by the Assistant Director of the CASA Los Angeles Office. This is the Second Annual Art and Writing Contest for youths in foster care: the Foster Care Awareness Campaign is sponsored by the National CASA Association and the Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles (CLCLA). The theme of the contest is “Mi Voz, Mi Vida, Mi Future —My Voice, My Life, My Future.” There are photos of the artwork as well as the names of the persons who awarded certificates to the young artists and writers. The second article is written by two social workers from two well-known local pro bono organizations that held a daylong exhibition and workshop, “Baby City,” for teens in the LA County juvenile dependency and delinquency systems.

The third article is written by Michael Nash, Juvenile Court Presiding Judge, entitled, "2006 - A Busy Year for the Juvenile Court." He writes, "The LA County juvenile court system is the largest in the United States, with 60 full-time dependency, delinquency, and informal juvenile and traffic courts operating each day." And that means that the Court's key stakeholder collaborators are also busy. He discusses the twelve (by my count) efforts underway that would make 2006 one of the busiest and most productive years ever. The next article is about the "Adoptions Project," initiated in 1998, by the two pro bono organizations mentioned here earlier. It is considered to be a national model for law students seeking training in public interest law and for agencies working with student interns. The next article is about juvenile law centers in various large American cities, except Los Angeles. However, in September 2004, Loyola Law School chartered the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy (The Center).

There is an article that makes me very sad, about the former Chief Probation Officer, LA County Probation Department, Paul 1-Tiga. He died suddenly on April 8, 2006, a few days after I met him at an Agency-Court Partnership Meeting. He created what I consider to be a marvelous plan...I will write about it here, soon. Then, there is an article about children in foster care by the Executive Director of the Children's Law Center of LA, Miriam Aroni Krinsky; and an article by Bryan Borys, Executive Director, CASA of Los Angeles, about Judge Michael Nash and his being honored by the National CASA Association; and an article about the February 2006 Partnership Summit at Cal State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) with dependency court judicial officers, CSULA faculty and administrators and professors, to develop new projects and programs.

There is a four-page research article written by two Juvenile Court Research Attorneys, about how the court might advocate for foster care children who have unmet special education needs. There is an article about delivering better mental health care for foster youth. Finally, in November 2004, the Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of the Education Coordinating Council (FCC), consisting of representatives from school districts with significant numbers of dependent and delinquent children enrolled, county departments, the juvenile court, city and county children's commissions, advocacy and planning groups, community agencies, and children and their caregivers. I have read the complete report of the FCC and I would like to write an article about it here, because, like Paul Higa's plan, it is what children, now more than ever, desperately need. The major problems, as with all plans concerning the appropriate care of our children, are the lack of money and trained personnel.

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#### ***SB 840: AN UPDATE***

### ***SENATOR SAYS BILL WOULD HAVE SAVED MONEY FOR PATIENTS***

*by Steve Lawrence, Associated Press, Posted on Sat, Sep. 23, 2006*

SACRAMENTO - Saying he opposes government-run health care, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger followed through Friday on his promise to veto a Democratic bill that would have set up a universal health care system covering all Californians. "Socialized medicine is not the solution to our state's health care problems," the Republican governor said in an unusually long veto message in which he also touted his efforts to expand two other government health care programs, Medi-Cal and Healthy Families, that serve the poor.

"This bill would require an extraordinary redirection of public and private funding by creating a vast new bureaucracy to take over health insurance and medical care for Californians -- a serious and expensive mistake." He said he wanted to see a "new paradigm that addresses affordability, shared responsibility and the promotion of healthy living. Single payer, government-run health care does none of this."

But the bill's author, Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Los Angeles, said Schwarzenegger mischaracterized the bill's effects. She said it would do what the governor said he wanted while saving health care consumers and doctors money. "Where there are no cost controls at all now, and enormous administrative overhead and profit for insurance companies, there would have been a transparent system that actually would succeed in making health care affordable in California," she said in a statement.

Kuehl suggested Schwarzenegger's real agenda was to "leave health care in the hands of private insurance companies and let working families lose coverage one family at a time." The bill would have provided every California resident with health insurance through a program administered by a new entity, the California Health Insurance Agency that would have been headed by a commissioner appointed by the governor.

The system would have been partially financed by the state's current spending on health care and partly by consumers and their employers in place of private insurance payments. A state commission would have made recommendations to the governor and Legislature about how much to charge patients and businesses in premiums. Supporters said it would save money by significantly reducing administrative costs, pointing to the 2 percent spent on administration by Medicare, the federal health care program for senior citizens, as an example. A program like the one proposed by Kuehl would save nearly \$8 billion in the first year, according to an analysis by the independent Lewin Group commissioned by the bill's supporters.

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In Response to the Governor's veto, the following was released by the Office of Senator Sheila Kuehl on September 22, 2006. Contact: Sara Rogers (916) 651-4483 or (916) 606-7834

### ***Kuehl Criticizes Governor's Official Veto of Universal Health Care, Citing Inaccuracies of Veto Message***

State Senator Sheila Kuehl, (D-23), criticized Governor Schwarzenegger for his veto of SB 840, authored by Senator Kuehl to insure every Californian with comprehensive healthcare benefits; guarantee the right of patients to choose their own doctors; reduce the cost of prescription drugs; and control healthcare costs.

"The reasoning behind the Governor's opposition to universal health care is truly inaccurate, which is no surprise considering he has refused to meet to discuss the issue. If the Governor took a thoughtful look at SB 840 he would see that delivery of health care would remain exactly as it now is, public or private. The main difference is that under SB 840 every Californian would have been able to choose his/her own doctors and hospitals and there would have been no unreimbursed care."

Regarding the Governor's critique of the cost, Kuehl said, "The Governor makes a huge mistake in saying the bill would cost new money or there would be new taxes and no help to affordability. Such a statement shows that he has not read the bill, doesn't understand the bill, or is being completely misdirected by his handlers.

In truth, premiums to be paid by businesses and individuals under SB 840 would have taken the place of all premiums, co-pays and deductibles we now pay, saving every person who now pays for healthcare significant money. In addition, where there are no cost controls at all now, and enormous administrative overhead and profit for insurance companies, there would have been a transparent system that actually would succeed in making healthcare coverage affordable in California."

If the Governor took a closer look at SB 840 he would see that it embodies exactly the kind of system he purports to be seeking. In his own words: "I want to see a new paradigm that addresses affordability, shared responsibility and the promotion of healthy living." Yet, after nearly three years in office, he has proposed no plan, and nothing has come out of his "health summit" that proposes anything to accomplish these goals.

Said Senator Kuehl, "It was a mistake for the Governor to reject the only concrete plan now on the table to reform healthcare coverage."

In his statement, the Governor says that he cares about 'affordability,' but SB 840 would make healthcare coverage affordable, while preserving quality. SB 840 would have protected, by law, the right of consumers to choose their own doctor, making healthcare more competitive than ever."

"Finally", says Kuehl, "by trying to distract readers of his veto messages with the fact that he supported a few small steps toward healthy living and minor expansions of coverage, the Governor reveals his real agenda: leave healthcare in the hands of private insurance companies and let working families lose coverage one family at a time, let them go bankrupt even when they have insurance, and let hospitals close one at a time."

The Governor's official veto message can be found at: [http://gov.ca.gov/pdf/press/sb\\_840\\_veto.pdf](http://gov.ca.gov/pdf/press/sb_840_veto.pdf)



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# LET'S TALK TURKEY A Luncheon with Local League Presidents

Saturday, November 18, 2006  
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Taizé Restaurant*

1911 W. Sunset Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90026 Tel. 213-484-1265

**Directions:** Just W of downtown Los Angeles off US-101 N, take the Echo Park Ave exit to Glendale Blvd, bear left at Bellevue Ave, turn right on Glendale Blvd, turn left at Park Ave, turn right at W. Sunset Blvd.



We will have a special cozy room. You can order from the lunch menu that is included below. Prices range from \$8.95 to 27.95.

Notify Lola Ungar with discussion ideas and luncheon reservations by November 15th so that we can bring enough latest info for all.



***NO NEED TO SEND CHECKS OR FORMS. Just let me know if you or a representative will be joining us. E-mail to Lola Ungar, LWV/LAC President [skyhawk172@socal.rr.com](mailto:skyhawk172@socal.rr.com) or call 310-375-7410 (home) or 310-408-1870 (cell).***

You may send a representative if you cannot make this exciting “one-on-one” meeting.

## **FROM LWVC ON PROP 90**

Proponents would have you believe that Prop. 90 is just about "eminent domain reform," but that's a deceptive phrase designed to pique the curiosity and interest of voters. What proponents won't tell you is that hidden in Prop. 90 are far-reaching provisions completely unrelated to eminent domain. These provisions would allow virtually anyone to sue over virtually any new law, simply by claiming a new law has caused "significant economic loss" to their property.

What does that mean in real-life terms? It means that when the most basic laws are passed that limit overdevelopment, regulate businesses or protect consumers, WE have to pay. For example:

- \* Under Prop. 90, a landowner could sue seeking compensation if a county restricts development to 500 homes for traffic or environmental concerns when the landowner is seeking approval for 750 homes. The city and its taxpayers could be forced to pay for the value of the land as though the remaining 250 homes were built.
- \* Under Prop. 90, the owner of a bar or nightclub could sue a city and its taxpayers seeking compensation if the city restricts hours of operation to conform to a local noise ordinance.
- \* Under Prop. 90, a telemarketing firm could sue the state and all taxpayers if the legislature passed a law preventing the company from calling homes during certain hours of the day.
- \* Under Prop. 90, a handful of activists could sue claiming "economic damages" for a new project like a school or a neighborhood park that they claim reduces the value of their property.

This doesn't sound like "eminent domain reform," does it? That's why you should learn more and get involved.

A coalition of more than 200 diverse groups has come together to oppose this harmful measure, including the League of Women Voters of California, the California Chamber of Commerce, California Small Business Association, The Nature Conservancy, California Teachers Association, California Professional Firefighters, the California NAACP, League of California Homeowners, and the California Labor Federation, to name a few.

More than 20 major daily newspapers have also come out against Prop. 90, calling it "deceptive," "a ruse," a "radical overreach," a "Trojan Horse" and more.

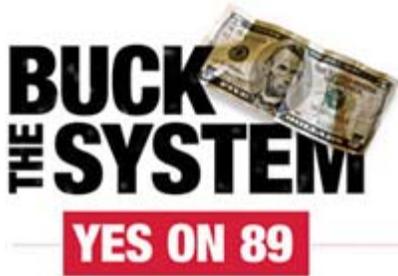
Please take a few minutes to learn more about this measure at <http://www.noprop90.com>. In addition to facts about Prop. 90, you'll find links to newspaper editorials, the list of organizations opposing this measure, and opportunities to get involved. I'm confident you will want to join me in voting NO on 90.

**BACKGROUND:** In addition to visiting [www.noprop90.com](http://www.noprop90.com), you will find more information about Prop. 90 in the LWVC Action Guide material posted at <http://lwvc.org/action/prop0611/prop90.html>

**LEAGUE POSITIONS:** The League of Women Voters of California, the LWVUS and most local Leagues have numerous positions supporting the regulation of land use; measures to protect natural resources and control pollution; provision of affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, and schools; and so forth. Proposition 90 would undermine and in many cases prohibit the future protection of these resources and provision of government services.

The LWVUS Resource Management position, which promotes resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government, has been used to oppose Congressional efforts to pass "takings" legislation designed to seriously undermine environmental protections in the name of private property rights.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Chris Carson, LWVC Government Director, at [govt@lwvc.org](mailto:govt@lwvc.org), or Trudy Schafer, LWVC Program Director/Advocate, [tschafer@lwvc.org](mailto:tschafer@lwvc.org), 916-442-9210.



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The campaign for Proposition 89, the *California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act*, is now in high gear. Here's the latest news on the campaign to stop political corruption and make politicians accountable to voters, not special interest contributors.

**Latest Prop 89 News**

- [Sierra Club California and National Latino Congreso Endorse Prop 89](#)
- [Grassroots Fuels Prop 89 by Giving \\$5 to Buck the System](#)
- [Big Oil Throws Down Against Proposition 89](#)
- [Link to Us, Get Prop 89 Content, or Get a Draft Newsletter Article](#)
- [Phonebanking for Absentee Voters Started -- CNA Needs Your Help!](#)
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November 7, 2006 General Election  
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOMMENDS...

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**YES ON PROPOSITION 1B -- Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006.** Part of the bond package developed to help rebuild California's infrastructure. This bond act would raise \$19 billion for transportation improvements.



**YES ON PROPOSITION 1C -- Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.** A bond measure to finance housing-related programs, brownfield cleanup, and parks related to infill development. The League has long been concerned about providing adequate housing.



**YES ON PROPOSITION 1D -- Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.** This bond measure would fund new school construction, modernization, relief of overcrowding, and other school infrastructure needs. The League supports improving California's educational infrastructure.



**YES ON PROPOSITION 1E -- Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.** This bond measure will provide funds for flood protection, levee protection in the San Francisco Delta, and storm water management. The League supports protecting our existing water supply infrastructure.



**YES ON PROPOSITION 84 -- Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds. Initiative Statute.** This initiative continues the League's past support of efforts to insure that California has adequate water supplies. This initiative would fund projects for safe drinking water, flood control, protection of rivers, lakes, streams, forest and wildlife conservation, and coastal protection and state parks.



**NO ON PROPOSITION 85 -- Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification.** Parents rightfully want to be involved in their teenagers' lives, and all parents want what is best for their children. But good family communication can't be imposed by government. Mandatory notification laws may sound good, but in the real world, they just put teenagers in danger.



**YES ON PROPOSITION 86 -- Tax on Cigarettes.** This constitutional amendment imposes an additional 13-cent tax on each cigarette distributed and increases taxes on other tobacco products. The estimated \$2.1 billion in annual revenue will fund emergency services and nursing education for qualified hospitals, as well as tobacco-use prevention programs, research, and treatment of various tobacco-related illnesses. The League believes that the overwhelming social benefits of this measure greatly outweigh the potential downside of this earmarked tax.



**NO ON PROPOSITION 88 -- Classroom Learning and Accountability Act. Real Property Parcel Tax.** This measure would impose a \$50 tax on each real property parcel to create the Classroom Learning and Accountability Fund in the state treasury. While the League supports equitable access to quality education, this measure violates the League's State and Local Finance positions and is not real reform. It proposes to earmark funds via a constitutional amendment without providing sufficient funding to even bring education spending up to the national average. It also involves the state for the first time in taxing property.



**YES ON PROPOSITION 89 -- California Nurses Clean Money and Fair Elections Act of 2006. Public Financing of Campaigns. Corporate Tax Increase.** This measure would allow candidates running for office voluntarily to receive public campaign funding by meeting certain eligibility requirements. Funding would be provided for by a 0.2 percent increase in the corporate income tax. This measure also imposes new limits on campaign contributions, and places new restrictions on contributions by corporations and lobbyists. The League vigorously supports practices which will enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and which place realistic limits on campaign contributions and expenditures.



**NO ON PROPOSITION 90 -- Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property.** This measure redefines the eminent domain process in ways that will make it difficult for government to protect the environment. It will likely increase costs to taxpayers for implementation of environmental protection laws or new consumer protection laws. The measure is, in part, vaguely worded and will likely result in extensive litigation.

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*The League has no position on Proposition 83 (Sex Offenders, Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring) and is neutral on Proposition 1A (Transportation Investment Fund) and Proposition 87 (Severance or Extraction Tax on California Oil Producers).*

**BE AN ADVOCATE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT  
VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 7**

***CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR WENT TO NYC TO LINK CALIFORNIA TO NORTHEAST'S EMISSION PROGRAM*** — *from an article by KAREN MATTHEWS Associated Press Writer, (The Associated Press), Oct 16, 2006*

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Gov. George Pataki announced a partnership that would bring California together with a group of Northeast states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Schwarzenegger said he would sign an executive order that calls for a program that would allow California to work with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions at power plants in the Northeast beginning in 2009. It allows power plants to trade emissions credits as a way to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

The partnership is the first step in creating a system that helps California's largest manufacturers comply with stricter environmental regulations. Industrial corporations and utility companies in California must cut their greenhouse gas emissions by roughly 25 percent by 2020 as part of a landmark global warming law. Linking California to the Northeast program could help California power plants meet their obligations under the new law.

"Our cooperation can be a model to the rest of the states and to other countries actually," Schwarzenegger said after the two lawmakers toured Solaire, a green residential building in lower Manhattan touted as one of the country's largest and first "green" residential high-rise building.

Pataki said that a "market-driven cap and trade system" would benefit both the environment and industry.

In an effort to make the cap workable for businesses, Schwarzenegger has advocated setting up a market system that could enable the state's companies to buy, sell and trade emission credits instead of making their own reductions.

The Northeast system involves seven states - Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Vermont. Maryland is expected to join in June 2007.

Schwarzenegger this summer urged the governors of Western states to join California in a regional trading system and signed an agreement with British Prime Minister Tony Blair to develop new technologies to combat global warming.

Pataki helped craft the Northeast system after President Bush withdrew from the 160-nation Kyoto Protocol on global warming in 2001, saying it would hurt the U.S. economy.

California's global warming law imposes the country's first mandatory statewide cap on greenhouse gas emissions, a move that has been criticized by manufacturers and cement makers - two of the largest emitters of the greenhouse gases that scientists blame for rising temperatures in many parts of the world.

**L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OUTSMART POWER GRID BY USING SUN**  
**District says solar panels will result in zero-sum energy consumption at the community campus of Harbor College—by Paul Clinton in the Daily Breeze, October 18, 2006**

Solar-energy panels will be built at Los Angeles Harbor College and the eight other Los Angeles Community College District campuses as part of an effort to generate enough electricity to make the colleges self-sufficient and take them "off the power grid," district officials announced Tuesday.

"Here in sunny Southern California, we are meeting our responsibility to generate as much solar energy as possible and (are) continuing to maintain our leadership in pursuing sustainability practices in higher education," said Larry Eisenberg, executive director of facilities planning and development for the community college district.

"We believe that what today may seem futuristic can soon be commonplace."

The district plans to build enough solar-energy cells to produce 1 megawatt of electricity at each of its colleges. One megawatt is enough to power 1,000 average California homes, according to the district. Each campus currently uses less than 1 megawatt of power during daytime hours.

At Harbor College, peak power usage occurs after 7 p.m., but because of a reverse system of metering of power, electricity used during the day will wind the power meter backward and move it forward at night, essentially creating a zero-sum scenario at the Wilmington campus.

In its initial design of a wide-ranging construction project in 2002, community college trustees agreed to feed 10 percent of the campus's electrical power needs with solar power.

On Tuesday, Eisenberg said Harbor College would be moved to 100 percent solar power.

Installation of the solar panels at the college -- set to be completed in 2008, Eisenberg said -- would cost \$7 million to \$9 million.

Using a package of state and federal energy incentives, the sale of "green tags" (or air-quality credits), and depreciation, the district expects to pay about a fifth of that cost, Eisenberg said.

District officials said they plan to eventually use excess electricity to convert water into oxygen and hydrogen, with the hydrogen used at night to power campus fuel cells.



# MEETING THE NEEDS OF AN AGING POPULATION

Wednesday, November 29th – 7:00 to 8:45 pm

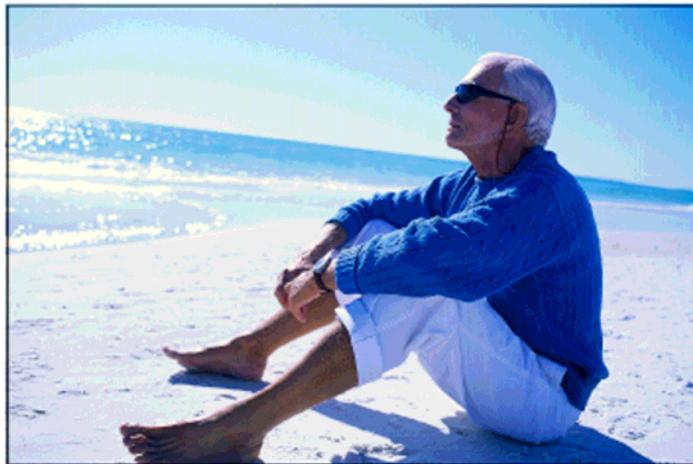
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The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County in both its values and practices affirms its belief and commitment to diversity, pluralism and affirmative action.

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](http://www.smartvoter.org)  
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- LA County Registrar-Recorder** [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)  
 Election calendar, polling place look-up, absentee voting info, multi-lingual voting materials, locations for Touchscreen early voting
- Easy Voter Guide** [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org)  
 Concise facts on statewide propositions; Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, and English
- Secretary of State** [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov)  
 Official text of ballot measures; state ballot pamphlet
- CA Legislative Analyst** [www.lao.ca.gov/](http://www.lao.ca.gov/)  
 Analyses of all ballot measures
- CA Voter Foundation** [www.calvoter.org](http://www.calvoter.org)  
 Data on campaign contributions to candidates and measures
- CA Budget Project** [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org)  
 Analyses the fiscal effects of statewide ballot measures

The NOVEMBER VOTER is ready for viewing on our website.

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