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All LWVT members are encouraged to provide relevant articles and calendar events for publication in *The Voter*. Articles must be nonpartisan and are subject to editing. Submissions are emailed to barbarabk@sbcglobal.net before the first weekend of each month. The editor is not responsible for verifying the accuracy of the information reported.

Editor: Barbara Barker

President's Message

It's a new year and there's a new flurry of activity. The three-year LWVUS Immigration Study is kicking off and we need a Committee to lead us through the process. The scope, process and timeline are included on page 7. Please read through it and, if you would like to take part in this important and timely study, contact one of the co-presidents. If you would be able to serve as Study Chair, we would be happy to have the leadership.

The December meeting was canceled because too few members were able to attend the important meeting that includes program planning for the state level. As a result, we have included the material in this issue on pages 2-4 and are asking that members read through it and attend the meeting on January 20 from 10 to noon, in the Torrance Airport Meeting Room. If you cannot attend, please call in your opinions to Linda Brown (310-320-3815) or Barbara Barker (310-530-3750) or e-mail me at barbarabk@sbcglobal.net. We will bring your comments into the discussion.

We are happy to announce that Los Angeles County Clerk Connie McCormack has agreed to be the speaker at the Tri-League Annual Lasagna Dinner, scheduled for March 20th at the Katy Geissert Library Meeting Room.

You will find information about the keynote speaker for the LWVC Convention to be held May 18-20 in Bakersfield. Please consider attending the convention. You will be exposed to the many areas of activities that statewide members are doing, make new friends and gain a better understanding of the League's business.

Resolve to make this your year of commitment to your community through League activities. We need our members to step up and take part in our activities. Be a study committee member, assist with the voter forums, stand on a street corner and wave a sign to support health care. Attend the LWV/LAC Judicial Independence Conference (page 5). We need you.

Barbara Barker

Passing of LWVT Benefactor

For many years, **Anita Fielding**, who was a dear friend of one of our members, the late Betsy Matthews, has sent a monthly donation to LWVT. In November, Ms. Fielding passed away. She had no family and we were blessed by her generosity.

Member News

We hear that **Mary Lou Busch** is recovering nicely from double knee surgeries and will be returning to California in February. She has been staying with her daughter on the east coast.

Gladys Meade also continues in her recuperation from back surgery.

Thanks!

The League would like to thank the following for their generous contributions:

Barbara Barker
Pat Kromka
Liz Matthews

Welcome New Members

Gene Drevno

Please encourage your friends to join for the half year dues (\$30) good to July 2007.

League of Women Voters of Torrance News

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS, JANUARY

There will be a mental health meeting on February 26 at the Redondo Beach library presented by the Beach Cities League on the California Mental Health Services Act.

The board decided to provide information on County and State program planning in the Voter and then set a date for a program planning meeting. Members will be asked to come to the meeting to discuss the issues or submit their comments on the information in the Voter.

Any suggested bylaw amendments must be submitted to the board by the February 1 meeting for consideration at the Annual Meeting in May.

The guest speaker at the annual Tri League Lasagna Dinner will be Connie McCormick, LA County Registrar/Recorder. The dinner will be March 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Katy Geissert Library meeting room.

Social Policy/Health Care Update

Members of the Health Care Committee participated in the San Pedro Christmas Parade, Hermosa Beach Farmers' Market petition gathering, and the Manhattan Beach Rally in support of the OneCare Now Campaign.



TUSD Middle School Leadership Conference

Thanks to Pat Kromka and Linda Brown for representing the League in the TUSD Leadership Conference in November. They were very impressed with the students who showed interest in all the exhibits and were extremely courteous.

Program Planning for 2007-2009

Every two years members are invited to set the agenda for the LWVC for the upcoming biennium, keeping the work of the League a truly grassroots function. Each League member has the opportunity to influence the selection of the issues where the League will focus its time, talent and money. It takes the enthusiasm and interest of our members to make our program vital. This gives our League the opportunity to review existing program, recommend new areas of concern, and state our ideas for needed effort. This is the first step in the process that ends with the adoption of program by delegates to the LWVC convention in Bakersfield next May.

A meeting has been scheduled for **Saturday, January 20, from 10 - noon** at the Torrance Airport Meeting Room. The meeting will be divided into two parts: a review of existing LWVC positions to see whether changes are needed, and the selection of our League's recommendations for priorities in the coming biennium. Our recommended priorities could be for a new study or update, community education on important issues, and/or advocacy based on existing LWVC or LWVUS positions.

The current positions are listed on the next pages. Please note any positions that you think might warrant an update.

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Committees

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Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

PLEASE READ – CONSIDER – RELAY YOUR COMMENTS
OR COME TO THE JANUARY 20TH MEETING

League of Women Voters of Torrance News (Cont'd)

SUMMARY OF LWVC POSITIONS

League program consists of those government issues chosen by members for concerted effort and action. The process of planning the program for the League begins with the review of our existing positions. After member discussion and review, each local League chooses those positions that it believes should be retained or deleted as well as those that the League should emphasize. The emphasis could be on advocacy or on education of League members and/or the community; or it could be a new study, an update of an existing position or a restudy of a long-held League position.

The following summary of state League positions will aid local League members in their discussion and decisions on the 2007-2009 LWVC program. Some positions are used frequently, while others await a particular need. Only the positions in brief are given here; see the LWVC *Action Policies and Positions, Updated 2006* for the full wording of the positions or go to <http://ca.lwv.org/lwvonly> for more detail and recent actions.

The LWVC Action Policies on Children and Family Issues; Growth Management; Offshore Oil/Gas Exploration, Development, and Production; Sustainable Communities; Waste-to-Energy Plants; and Water Privatization are based on existing League positions, and thus they are not included in this review.

GOVERNMENT

CAMPAIGN FINANCING adopted in 1973, updated in 1976
Position in brief: Support state campaign finance practices for candidates and advocates of ballot measure positions that will ensure full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures and enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office.

CONSTITUTION adopted in 1957, updated in 1965-67
Position in brief: Support measures to secure an orderly and simplified state constitution; provisions that enable the legislature to deal with state problems efficiently, flexibly and with responsibility clearly fixed, and constitutional guarantee of equal representation of all citizens in the state.

ELECTION SYSTEMS adopted 2001, amended by concurrence 2003.
Position in brief: Support election systems for executive offices, both at the state and local levels, that require the winner to receive a majority of the votes, as long as the majority is achieved using a voting method such as Instant Runoff Voting, rather than a second, separate runoff election.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCESS adopted in 1984, updated in 1999
Position in brief: Support citizens' right of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum process.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS adopted in 1981
Position in brief: Support an efficient, effective and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of government with accountability to the public.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES adopted in 1998
Position in brief: Support a public library system as a basic community service with a long-term, assured, stable and adequate funding source. Support access by all persons to public library services as a major source of knowledge and information necessary for informed, active participation in a democratic society.

REDISTRICTING adopted in 1988
Position in brief: Support a state redistricting process and standards that promote fair and effective representation in the state legislature and in the House of Representatives with maximum opportunity for public scrutiny. Supports a bipartisan commission as the preferred redistricting body.

STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES adopted in 1969, updated in 1975; new positions in 1976, 1977, 1981, and 1995
Position in brief: Support measures to ensure revenues both sufficient and flexible enough to meet changing needs for state and local government services; that contribute to a system of public finance that emphasizes equity and fair sharing of the tax burden as well as adequacy; that include long range finance methods that meet current and future needs while taking into account the cumulative impact of public debt.

Support a process that maintains statutory authority over tax sources, rates and tax expenditures; that makes limited use of direct voting by the public on revenue measures; and that allows adoption of revenue and finance measures by a simple majority vote.

Support the distribution of revenue sources between state and local governments in a manner to ensure adequate, equitable and flexible funding of public programs based on the responsibilities and requirements of each and that encourages accountability.

Support an equitable, broad-based local property tax, easy and economical to administer, producing adequate revenue, with limitations on the types of services it funds. Support assessment practices and policies that are equitable, accurate, easy to understand and well publicized, with like properties treated uniformly.

VOTING RIGHTS adopted in 1972, reviewed in 1986
Position in brief: Support measures that will protect every citizen's right to vote and that will ensure government's responsibility to protect this right through regulations and procedures that encourage an informed and active electorate.

NATURAL RESOURCES

AGRICULTURE adopted in 1983
Position in brief: Support policies that recognize agricultural land as a limited resource that must be preserved for the economic and physical well-being of California and the nation. Appropriate agricultural land should be identified and its long term protection should be based on regulatory and incentive programs that include comprehensive planning, zoning measures and other preservation techniques. State policy that affects agriculture should ensure the conservation of soil and water resources through incentives coupled with penalties for noncompliance.

AIR QUALITY adopted in 1971, updated in 1973
Position in brief: Support measures to establish air quality standards that will protect the public health and welfare, and the development of effective enforcement and implementation procedures at each level of government to attain these standards.

ENERGY adopted in 1978, updated in 1980 and 2006
Position in brief: The League supports development of a state energy policy that will ensure reliability of energy resources and protection of the environment and public health and safety, at reasonable customer rates, giving primary consideration to conservation and energy efficiency. State government should provide an efficient, coordinated energy administrative structure with open transparent procedures.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS adopted in 1986 and 1987
Position in brief: Support comprehensive measures to provide maximum protection to human health and the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous materials, including pesticides. An integrated approach should be taken to prevent harmful exposures through soil, surface and ground water contamination, bioaccumulation, air pollution and direct contact. Hazardous materials planning should promote pollution prevention. All levels of government share responsibility for preventing exposures.

LAND USE adopted in 1975
Position in brief: Support state land use planning that recognizes land as a resource as well as a commodity. The state should establish guidelines and standards for land areas of more than local concern. Decisions for these areas should be made at the lowest level of government feasible, but should be subject to state review. Citizens must have a meaningful participation in land use planning and regulation.

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SOLID WASTE adopted in 1973

Position in brief: Support measures to ensure environmentally sound and efficient solid waste management, to reduce the generation of wastes, to encourage resource recovery, and to increase the demand for secondary materials.

TRANSPORTATION adopted in 1981, revised in 1985; new position in 1991

Position in brief: Support a transportation system to move people and goods that includes a variety of transportation modes, with emphasis on increased public transportation services and other viable alternatives to reduce vehicle miles traveled; is efficient, convenient, and cost effective; is safe and secure; services all segments of the population and diverse geographic needs; minimizes harmful effects on the environment; is integrated with land use; and is supported by extensive public education.

WATER adopted in 1959, updated in 1961, 1967, 1971, and 1979

Position in brief: Support measures that promote the management and development of water resources in ways that are beneficial to the environment with emphasis on conservation and high standards of water quality that are appropriate for the intended use.

SOCIAL POLICY

CHILD CARE adopted in 1989

Position in brief: Support state and local policies, legislation and programs that meet the need for accessible, affordable, and quality child care.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM adopted in 2003

Position in brief: Support a statewide community college system with sufficient resources to fulfill its overall goal: to offer all Californians access to a quality higher education. Resources should be stable, accommodate all enrolling students, be fairly distributed among the college districts, and provide opportunities for long-range planning. Governance should allow greater authority within the system itself with local districts making key decisions about mission priorities to meet community needs.

EDUCATION: PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12 adopted in 1973, updated in 1985 and 2005

Position in brief: Support a comprehensive pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade public education system that meets the needs of each individual student; challenges all students to reach their highest potential; develops patterns of lifelong learning and responsible citizenship. Support improvements in public education, based on access with both equitable and sufficient opportunities to learn for all students. Support a system of public education funding that is adequate, flexible, equitable, reliable and sustainable; derived from a combination of revenue sources; and distributed fairly to support access and equitable opportunities for all students. Support formulating broad general guidelines at the state level, with flexibility at the local level for developing and implementing program.

HOUSING adopted in 1970, updated in 1973 and 1993

Position in brief: Support of equal opportunity in housing. Support of measures to provide state programs to increase the supply of safe, decent, and adequate housing for all Californians. Support for action at all levels of government for the provision of affordable housing for all Californians.

JUVENILE JUSTICE/DEPENDENCY adopted in 1997 and 1999

Position in brief: Support a juvenile justice/dependency system that works to prevent child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency, that serves foster children and their families and status offenders, and that rehabilitates juvenile offenders, by promoting the safety and well-being of children and helping to prepare them for productive participation in society. Support early identification of at-risk children and families followed by appropriate referrals to services that work with children, youth, families and schools. Support community efforts to provide safe supportive environments for children and their families and institutions that respect them and

promote non-violent solutions to problems. Support the rights and best interests of the child in preference to those of any other individual.

LEGAL AID adopted in 1971, revised in 1983

Position in brief: Support measures that will enable the judicial system of the state to provide for all citizens adequate access to legal services.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE adopted in 1998

Position in brief: Support for an adequately funded mental health care system that provides comprehensive services to the acutely, chronically and seriously mentally ill of all ages; maintains optimal mental health services for all clients places emphasis on meeting the needs of children; offers mental health services for the homeless; seeks additional funds for preventive services; implements a master plan to integrate services; raises awareness of critical unmet needs; and emphasizes case management.

Current LWVC Areas of Emphasis for advocacy or legislation.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2006

Adopted by the LWVC Board of Directors on March 12, 2006

1. Priority Issues

REDISTRICTING REFORM

Support redistricting by an independent commission using fair criteria and an open, transparent process

STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES

- Support responsible financing for infrastructure improvement and development
- Support equitable and adequate generation and distribution of tax revenues

HEALTH CARE

- Support a universal single payer health care system
- Support continued funding of the safety net.

2. Support requests from local Leagues and ILOs for advocacy on bills of specific interest to their jurisdictions.
3. Take action as appropriate on core issues: Elections, Voting Rights, Campaign Finance Reform, and Reproductive Choices.
4. Consider program director recommendations for action on the highest priority bills in their program areas.
5. Review all statewide ballot measures and recommend a position or neutrality on each one to the LWVC Board of Directors.

Some Definitions:

RETAIN: Members decide to keep a position because it is still relevant.

DROP: Position is no longer useful in its present form or is not supported by most members. Action on this position will end. Any future action at state or local levels of League using this position would require a new study.

STUDY: The process of gathering information for discussion by members with the aim of reaching consensus and establishing a position. See the new policies for the study process adopted by the LWVC Education Fund board on page 7.

UPDATE: A study of limited scope to reevaluate an existing position in light of new information, changed circumstances, and/or conflict with another League position. The goal is consideration of a change in position.

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9:30 — 9:45 Registration
9:45 — 10:00 Welcome
10:00 — 11:30 **“Challenges and Judicial Pressures”**
 Moderator: Judge Terry Smerling
 Panelists: Loyola Dean David Burcham
 Justice Candace Cooper
 Loyola Professor Allan Ides
 Justice Joan Dempsey Klein
11:45 — 1:15 Lunch

“The View From the Supreme Court”

California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno
1:30 — 3:00 **“Options and Potential Solutions”**
 Moderator: Justice Norman Epstein
 Panelists: Judge Harold Chernes
 Metropolitan News, Jo-Ann Grace
 U.C. Davis Professor Cruz Reynoso
 Attorney Stephen Rohde.
 Attorney John Van de Kamp
3:00 Wrap-up

Reservation Deadline January 12, 2007

GENERAL ATTENDANCE (includes lunch and parking)

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League of Women Voters of California News

Si se puede—Dolores Huerta to speak at LWVC Convention 2007

Dolores Huerta, activist and co-founder with César Chávez of the United Farm Workers, will be the keynote speaker at Rally in the Valley, the LWVC Convention 2007, May 18–20 in Bakersfield.

She currently heads the Dolores Huerta Foundation, whose mission is to establish *Communities of Conscience* focusing on community organizing and leadership training in low-income under-represented communities with an emphasis on women and youth.

Dolores funded this nonprofit with a 1991 \$825,000 out-of-court settlement after San Francisco police clubbed her during a peaceful demonstration in 1988 outside a fundraiser for George H. W. Bush. She was passing out literature on the danger of pesticides for farm workers. Dolores' internal injuries included six broken ribs and a spleen so damaged as to require surgical removal.

Dolores is best known for her activism on behalf of farm workers, especially during the great grape boycott of the late 1960s, which led to contracts between the growers and the UFW and eventually to the UFW's right to collective bargaining.

But that is only part of her story.

Of particular interest to Leaguers, is Dolores' dedication to promoting women to leadership roles. Although she had very early made bringing women into the AFW a personal project, she came to the women's movement late, principally through Gloria Steinem. Dolores soon realized that opponents of the farm workers were the same adversaries of the women's movement. Dolores was an early member of NOW and one of the founders of the Feminist Majority Foundation. She has spoken at rallies and marched on behalf of the women's movement.

As an advocate for farm workers rights, Dolores has been arrested twenty-four times for non-violent peaceful union activities. In 1984, the California state senate bestowed upon her the Outstanding Labor Leader Award. In 1993, Dolores was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. That same year she received the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, the Eugene V. Debs Foundation Outstanding American Award, and the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom



Dolores Huerta

Photo courtesy of Angela Torres

LWVC 2007 Convention
May 18-20, 2007
Bakersfield, California
Information available on LWVC Website

JOIN THE LEAGUE Yes! I want to make a difference!

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Membership in the League of Women Voters I open to all men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members.

League of Women Voters of the United States News

LWVUS Immigration Study

Scope: The Immigration Study is to include the underlying values and principles regarding immigration, reasons for immigration, current federal immigration policy, and the impact of immigration.

The Role of the Local League Immigration Study Committee

The local League Immigration Study Committee will divide the workload - interviewing, reading, researching and writing - in order to cover and share information more effectively with each other, its League and its community. The local League Immigration Study Committee is responsible for:

- Providing, publicizing and distributing materials and utilizing opportunities for League members and their community to educate themselves about a variety of aspects and perspectives of the issue, including the impact of immigration on their community. Some topics will be of more interest than others and will provide a natural focus, but in all cases Leagues should at least help provide an overview of the issue.
- The LWVUS Immigration Study Committee will make materials available to local Leagues. In addition, the local League study committee may research and produce its own materials, and publicize and distribute this information, along with the LWVUS information, to members as well as to the community where appropriate. In many instances, the committee will look for information regarding immigration and its impact on their own community, as well as on the nation as a whole. Although immigration is regulated at the Federal level, impact is local. Learning about immigration at the local level will help members understand the relationship of the Federal law and local impact.
- The committee assumes responsibility for immigration issue programs at public forums and membership meetings, identifying and utilizing local experts to present different viewpoints on the issue. Local immigration experts may include, among others, immigration attorneys, political science teachers and professors, law enforcement personnel, people from agencies or groups that provide services to immigrants, representatives of the school district, and health care providers.
- The committee may also identify groups with similar immigration interests for collaboration.
- The committee writes pertinent *educational* articles for the local *Voter*, and, with local Board approval, publicizes the issue in a variety of ways, including Op-Ed pages and Letters to the Editor. *As with all other efforts during the study process, these are educational efforts that are unbiased and present all viewpoints. Precautions should be taken to ensure that materials and/or presentations cannot be perceived as taking a stand on any part of the issue.*
- Establishing and adhering to the study timeline: Depending on the complexity of the issue and available resources and personnel, studies require varying amounts of time to complete - generally from one to three years, although two years is most common. The LWVUS Immigration Study was adopted as a three-year study - the first two years for study and education and the third year for consensus.

- Serving as resource persons: Committee members make themselves available to present League and public programs and lead discussions and dialogues as needed. Committee, as resources for consensus meeting.

The Role of Members

Last, but certainly not least, League members have a tremendous responsibility to take advantage of every possible opportunity - attend meetings, read publications, and follow the issue in newspapers and news magazines, for instance - to educate themselves during a League study. Ultimately, League members must come to some sort of broad agreement on the values they hold related to immigration. *The League calls this consensus.* From this consensus will come a position that the League will use for years to come to affect national policy. Helping to form Program in this manner may be League members' most important role.

LET'S GET STARTED - TIMELINE

- Because the issue is so complex and so large, the Immigration Study is a three-year study. During the first two years, Leagues will help educate their members and communities. Consensus will be taken in the third year.

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Local League Immigration Study Committee chairs and the committees will:

- identify local experts (immigration attorneys, political science teachers and professors, law enforcement personnel, people from agencies or groups that provide services to immigrants, representatives of the school district, and health care providers, among others) and schedule the first of several public forums or membership meetings on the immigration issue.
- check LWVUS Web site regularly for immigration materials such as the scope of the study and resource lists (Go to www.lwv.org. Click on For Members and then on Projects and Programs . The materials are in the Immigration section) Background materials written by members of the LWVUS Committee will be posted by February 1, 2007, possibly earlier.
- write Voter articles, Op-Ed pieces, Letters to the Editor, etc. to publicize the study and make people aware of available materials and forums.

SEPTEMBER, 2008 - February 20, 2009

- The LWVUS will distribute Leaders' Guides to local Leagues. Guides will include information about taking consensus, consensus questions, brief background information for each question and consensus response forms.
- Local Leagues schedule consensus meetings in time to meet the February 20, 2009 deadline. Board appoints a facilitator and someone to take minutes for the consensus meeting. Board utilizes local and LWVUS materials, as well as local Immigration Study

MARCH 1, 2009 - APRIL 15, 2009

- LWVUS Immigration Study Committee analyzes consensus reports, determines areas of consensus, and writes an immigration position for LWVUS Board approval at April Board meeting.
- LWVUS Board approved immigration position immediately becomes an LWVUS position. At this point, for the first time, the League can take action to affect public policy at the national level on immigration.

Keep up to date with important League of Women Voters communications. Check out national, state and county issues on-line at:

National: www.lwv.org

State: www.lwvc.org

County: www.lacilo.ca.lwvnet.org

Torrance: www.lwvnet.org/ca/torrance

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Board Meetings are open to all members and held on the first Thursday of each Month except May at the Torrance Historical Society Building located at Post and Cravens in downtown Torrance.

2007 Calendar

January 20 10am-Noon	Program Planning Meeting Torrance Airport Meeting Room
January 27	County Winter League Day, Judicial Independence, Loyola Law School, L.A.
Feb. 1 7-9 pm	Board Meeting – Everyone welcome Torrance Historical Society
Feb. 8 10:30-Noon	Tri-League “Go See” AES Power Plant Redondo Beach
Feb. 20	Last Day to Register to Vote in March elections
Feb. 24 10am-Noon	General Meeting – California Health Care Torrance Airport Meeting Room
March 1 7-9 pm	Board Meeting – Everyone welcome Torrance Historical Society
March 31 9:30-3pm	LWV/LAC Convention, Exec. Director of Port of L.A., Geraldine Knatz, So. Coast Botanic Garden
April 5 7-9 pm	Board Meeting – Everyone welcome Torrance Historical Society
May 5	LWVTorrance Annual Meeting
May 18-20	LWVC Annual Convention



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