



League of Women Voters  
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# VOTER

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of voting age.

## Lunch with League: October 26th Pros and Cons of the Ballot Measures Backs Community Center, Placentia

**L**unch with League this month offers members and guests the opportunity to make sense of statewide initiatives on the Election Ballot. A non partisan analysis on each of the thirteen state propositions and on Orange County's Measure M will be presented by our team of League experts led by Shirley Bloom.

Take advantage of people's interest in making sense of ballot measures and

invite guests to join you at this popular Lunch with League.

### TIME AND LOCATION

Thursday October 26

Noon-1:30PM

Backs Community Center

201 N. Bradford Ave. Placentia

Reservations by October 24

Cost \$12. 714-254-7440

[lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org)

## Two Nonpartisan Ways to Smarten Up Your Vote

**W**hat are the special issues on your ballot this year? Do you need to make a decision on county initiatives? And what are the pros and cons of the statewide ballot measures?

The quick, easy answer to these questions is [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org). Type in your address and get your personal ballot along with a link to the nonpartisan Pros & Cons State Ballot Measure published by the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund. Click on Local Measures and you'll get a description of Orange County's Measure M along with links to newspaper articles

about the measure. This is also where you'll find information about any initiatives for your particular city.

For nonpartisan information on the thirteen statewide initiatives plan to attend a Pro and Con presentation by members of LWVNOC Voters Service Team. These Leaguers have studied the propositions in depth and are ready to give a nonpartisan analysis of both sides of the issues.

See the listing of Pro and Con Presentations on Page 6.



## Membership Happenings



### A Kickoff Hit

The word is out that our LWVNOC Kickoff Luncheon at Coyote Hills Golf Club on September 10th was a fun and interesting event. Joan Cohen reports that Pamela Fiber, our speaker, was “the best speaker we’ve had”.

Members and guest picture above enjoying the event are:

Top: Elaine Redfield

Middle l-r: Deane Cassidy, Sallie Sickler, Joan Carroll, Mary Fuhrman

Bottom l-r: Marguerite Lyon, Eileen Miller, Frann Shermet, John Olmsted, Bette Frazier, Wanda Shaffer, Arline Burgmeier, Joanne Syrja.

### Registration Affidavits League Has NOC Covered

All summer and into this fall, seventeen wonderful volunteers have spread out over the eight cities we serve. They make sure that voter registration affidavits are available in all five languages at every post office, library, Y bldg., senior center, and city hall. You have probably noticed our bright red, white, and blue Register to Vote boxes prominently propped up on the countertops. If you can think of other appropriate sites, please contact Wanda Shaffer, 714-525-6676 .

Kudos go to Jeanne Blum, Kay Bruce, Marilyn Buchi, Joan Carroll, Dean Cassidy, Mary Fuhrman, Ginny Haussmann, Anita Larsen, Fran Mathews, Betty Novicoff, Linda Rogers, Barbara Schaefer, Marian Schain, Fran Shermet, Lee Sjostom, Anita Smiley and Michele Weber. All these League women are making sure that voter registrations will be available to any citizen who is not registered or who has moved and needs to let the Registrar of Voters Office know of their new address. If you know of someone who fits this description, please let them know the deadline to get their registration postmarked is October 23 or to hand deliver to the Registrar’s Office by October 31.

Thank you so much, Leaguers, for your hours of effort and caring!

BY WANDA SHAFFER, MEMBERSHIP CO-DIRECTOR

### Pros and Cons Training

Becoming an expert on the pros and cons of ballot measures takes training and study. On Sept. 16, at St. Joseph’s in Orange, our perennial expert, Shirley Bloom, chaired and organized the county wide LWV training for Pros & Cons Presentations explaining both sides of the ballot issues. Shirley gave an overview of the different kinds of initiatives and explained the value of using bonds for large infrastructure projects. Charlotte Pirch gave members hints on preparing and giving the oral non partisan presentations. Shirley explained information for the five bonds on the ballot. Monika Broome, Mary Fuhrman, Eileen Olmsted, and Joan Cohen explained the details of the other ballot propositions. Hand outs were available to take to the presentations and also to help in preparing the talks.

BY MARY FUHRMAN, LWVNOC VICE PRESIDENT

## From Our President

**W**ell, it's that time again. Election time! A time when the League suddenly becomes recognized and sought after for the efforts we make to present candidates and proposition information in the most non partisan way possible. It is a time when many of you who may not be able to volunteer at any other time would like to participate in the process. We currently have scheduled seven candidate forums in our various cities and a variety of pro and cons presentations as well. If you would like to help in any way, please call Joan Cohen, our Voter Service Director 714-535-0023 and let her know.

A forum, between the two State senatorial candidates in the 34 District which covers Buena Park and some parts of Fullerton, is in the planning stages. Lynn Daucher, State Assemblyperson and Lou Correa, O.C. Board of Supervisors are running for the open seat. LWVNOC along with the Central Orange County League (COCA) hope to arrange a debate somewhere in Anaheim. Those of you who have e-mail will be notified as soon as we have the information and we will try to get the word out to everyone else somehow or other.

In keeping with the League goal of using the electronic media to promote League goals, your President and Kay Bruce your Vice President for Development were recently interviewed by Donna Holt, host of the independent cable program "**What In The World?**" It will be shown in NOC on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 PM on public access channels as listed in the side bar. Please tune in and let us know how we did!! In addition, the new cable company, Time Warner, films five minute segments on the work of different non-profit organizations which are shown on CNN. Charlotte Fox President of the Southwest Riverside League will be featured speaking on Voter Service and particularly on California League's award winning WEB site SmartVoter.org.

By the way, those of you will have Internet access should all be logging on to SmartVoter.org and see for yourselves what an amazing service this web site provides to voters.

Eileen.

714-441-1659, info@lwnoc.org

### **What In the World!"**

**Watch Eileen and Kay  
Interviewed by Donna Holt  
To explain  
What in the world is the  
League of Women Voters!**

**Public Access Channels  
95 Santa Ana, Buena Park,  
Placentia, Fullerton  
97 Anaheim, Anaheim Hills,  
Villa Park  
98 Brea, La Habra, La Habra  
Heights, Yorba Linda**

**Tuesdays @ 6pm & 8pm**

# COMPETITIVE WOMEN, COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS AND THE 2006 MIDTERMS

Dr. Pamela Fiber speaks about women's issues in the political arena at LWVNOC Kickoff Luncheon.

**T**he League of Women Voters is an ideal audience for a program aiming to elect more women to public office in 2006. League members are politically informed, are active in their communities, and are well prepared to help broaden the representation of women at all levels of government. What better way for League to kick off its 2006/7 season than to have a speaker who is expert in the area of women's issues in the political arena.

Dr. Pamela Fiber, Assistant Professor of Political Science at CSU Fullerton, filled this need enthusiastically in her remarks at the **League's Kickoff Luncheon** at the Coyote Hills Golf Club on September 10th. She has published extensively in the area of gender, the law, and politics.

Dr. Fiber's presentation started with a brief survey of the present status of women in politics, in the United States in general, and in California in particular. The proportion of women in the two California legislative bodies has nearly doubled since 1992, though progress has been uneven. In 1992, 18.2% of the legislators in Sacramento were women, compared with 30.8% today. The current figure puts California well ahead of national figures for state legislators. In the country at large, women hold 20.8% of the 1960 State Senate seats, and 23.6% of 5411 State Assembly seats. Although these figures show that women are far from achieving parity, either locally or statewide, the National figures are almost five times as large as they were in 1971.

In the Federal Legislature, women hold 14 of 100 Senate seats (14%) and 67 of 435 seats in the House of Representatives (15.4%). The California delegation to Washington has two female Senators (100%). California was the first state to have two women Senators, but has been followed by Kansas and Maine.

In state executive offices, eight states now have women as governors. This level of representation (16%) is slightly lower than the percentage for legislators. The lower level is consistent with a general feeling among voters that men are better suited for executive office than women are, though obviously that trend can be overcome.

The speaker also presented information about the differences between women in office and men in the same offices. Surveys have shown that women are generally felt to be more concerned about issues such as education, health care, consumer protection, poverty, the environment and the arts. In contrast, men are perceived to be more concerned about law enforcement, the military, economics, business and agriculture. The issues listed indicate that women are viewed as more liberal than men. This view is consistent with the tendency for women in office to be Democrats.

In California state offices, 19 of 25 women in the Assembly are Democrats, and all 12 State Senators who are women are Democrats. In the California delegations to the Federal legislative bodies, both Senators are Democrats, and 18 of the 19 women Representatives are Democrats. California is, of course, a Democrat-leaning state, but the tendency for women to be Democrats extends to other parts of the country as well. For example, six of the eight women governors are Democrats. In the races for the US Senate, 33 states have Senate races this year. Eighteen women are running, in 14 states. Thirteen are Democrats. In races for the House, 157 women are running, of whom 111 are Democrats.

We will know in a few weeks how all these races will play out. The viability of women candidates tends to depend heavily on the issues which are seen to be of most importance to voters. This year, there is a significant split in the nature of the issues. Republicans are leaning heavily on security

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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOMMENDS NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

### **YES ON PROPOSITION 1B**

Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006.

### **YES ON PROPOSITION 1C**

Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006.

### **YES ON PROPOSITION 1D**

Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.

### **YES ON PROPOSITION 1E**

Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006.

### **YES ON PROPOSITION 84**

Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements. Bonds.

### **NO ON PROPOSITION 85**

Waiting Period and Parental Notification before

Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.

### **YES ON PROPOSITION 86**

Tax on Cigarettes.

### **NO ON PROPOSITION 88**

Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax.

### **YES ON PROPOSITION 89**

Political Campaigns. Public Financing. Corporate Tax Increase. Contribution and Expenditure Limits.

### **NO ON PROPOSITION 90**

Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property.

*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).*

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issues, while many Democrats are leaning on healthcare, the economy, and education.

In spite of the large numbers of women candidates for office this year, there is concern that the "pipeline" of new women candidates is drying up. There are always some hurdles facing women who might wish to get into the political arena. But empirical studies do not show that there is enough blatant anti-feminism to account for the underrepresentation. There are, however, some hurdles which do exist. For example, a woman with a young family may be viewed as a "bad mother" if she runs for office, while her husband would not face that problem if he were to run. The reality of the motherhood effect is seen in the tendency for women to enter politics at a later age than men.

Another hurdle for women considering running for office arises from the fact that women typically earn only about 75% as much as similarly qualified males. This makes the cost of initiating a campaign more difficult for women. Also, employed women tend to be in administrative support or clerical

(24%), a professional specialty (18%), service workers (16%), or administrative and managerial positions. Candidates, however, are drawn mainly from lawyers and business owners.

In spite of the preponderance of men in office, the gender gap is closing in terms of education level (women have been the majority of college students since 1971), business ownership (now over one-fourth of non-farm businesses). Whether this will result in a higher proportion of women winning elections will depend heavily on the way the dominant issues are viewed by the electorate.

A gender gap was notable in the 2004 election. George W. Bush received a majority of votes from only the population of women who were white, married, between 30 and 44 years old, and with some college education. On the other hand, Bush carried males from all age groups except under 30 who were married, white and lived in suburbs. Time will tell whether and how the gender of voters will impact the election.

**BY CHUCK GREENING, MEMBER LWVNOC**

## Women and Criminal Justice

### LWVNOC PRESENTS Pros and Cons of the Ballot Measures

#### Fullerton Senior Center

October 9th, 1:00-2:30PM

Fullerton Senior Center

340 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton

#### Bradford Terrace Apartments

October 10th, Noon-1:30PM

1112 N. Bradford Ave. Placentia 92870

#### First Christian Church

October 12th, Noon1:00PM

109 E Wilshire Ave. Fullerton, 92832

#### Backs Community Center

October 26, Noon-1:30PM

201 N Bradford Ave. Placentia, 92870

Lunch with League, \$12

TIRED OF POLITICAL CORRUPTION? LEARN WHY LWVC  
HAS POSITIONS ON NOV. 7 BALLOT INITIATIVES

#### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

CENTRAL ORANGE COUNTY Presents

SATURDAY, OCT. 28, 11:00 a.m.1:00p.m

### FORUM: PROPOSITIONS 85, 89, 1C, 90

MEERA MANEK, Planned Parenthood

**NO on Proposition 85**-Parental Notification

DAVID SONNEBORN, Orange County Coordi-

nator, **YES on Proposition 89** - Clean Money Campaign

SCOTT DARELL, Kennedy Commission

**YES on Proposition 1C** - Emergency Shelter

JACK SULLIVAN, Legislation Director LWVC

**NO on Proposition 90** - Eminent Domain

**\$15 PER PERSON. INCLUDES PROGRAM AND LUNCH**

**\$20 AT THE DOOR; DEADLINE TUES., OCT. 24,**

**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH CENTER**

**LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM , 11:00 a.m.1:00p.m**

**480 SOUTH BATAVIA, ORANGE, CA**

Women and Criminal Justice Network works to help community members understand the situation of women in prison through relationships, reflection, and action. We meet once a month, (the first Saturday morning) to reflect and do advocacy on prison conditions. We are concerned about gender responsiveness; prison rules were designed for violent men and over 70% of women are in prison for non-violent crimes. While males predominate among the prison population, the number of women incarcerated in California has grown from 1,750 in 1983 to over 12,000 today. There are approximately 2000 women at the California Institute for Women near Corona.

Fifty-seven percent of women in prison have been physically or sexually abused prior to admission. Eighty percent have substance abuse problems while only 27% are receiving therapy or counseling for mental health issues.

Another problem concerns the number of women who have been deemed suitable for release by the parole board but denied by the governor, some repeatedly. With incarceration costing at least \$34,000 a year, it makes good financial sense to release those individuals who have done their time, made significant changes within themselves, and have been recommended for parole by the professionals. We visit the prison once a month (the second Monday evening) also because it builds relationships with the women and helps us understand their situation. We are fortunate that Warden Dawn Davidson is intelligent, open to our ideas, and welcomes us. We want to expand our group of college students, faculty, community leaders, and professionals within the justice system. For more information, call Suzanne Darweesh at 714-738-1785 or email her at [sdarweesh@aol.com](mailto:sdarweesh@aol.com).

## Immigration Seminar Huntington Library, Oct. 7

**A**t LWVUS Convention in June, delegates adopted a study of Immigration to be conducted over a three year period with consensus developed in 2009. Interested League members are invited to attend a forum at the Huntington Library in San Marino on Saturday, October 7, from 9:30AM-1:00PM. We will be carpooling from Target at Yorba Linda Blvd. and the 57 at 8:45AM. Park on the side of the building near the Garden Center.

## Gendering at the Border Line Canada, Mexico, China, and the United States

Gendered Borders: Immigrating Women and the Foundation of U.S. Immigration Policy, 1875-1924

Domestic Service in 21st Century Oaxaca: Gendered Patterns of National and International Migration

Documenting Chinese American Experiences

9:30-10:00 AM .....Registration

10:00-12:00 PM .....Presentation and Discussion

12:00 PM .....Lunch

Bring a sack lunch or buy a sandwich. Lunch tickets will be available during registration. We will be eating together outdoors on the Garden Terrace. There is no charge for the seminar.

Information: [mefumanti@lworld.net](mailto:mefumanti@lworld.net) 714-321-7394

### LWVNOC CANDIDATE FORUMS

**Cypress School Board**, October 3rd, 7:00-9:00PM, District Board Room, 9470 Moody Street at Orange Ave. Co-sponsored with Cypress PTA Council.

**Cypress City Council**, October 5th, 7:00-8:30PM, Courtyard by Marriott, 5865 Katella Avenue, Co-sponsored with Cypress Chamber of Commerce.

**Placentia City Council, Placentia Yorba Linda School Board**, October 12th, 6:30PM, Backs Community Center, 201 N. Bradford Ave. Co-sponsored with Placentia Community Network

**Fullerton School Board**, October 12th, 7PM, District Office, 1401 W. Valencia Drive

**La Habra City Council**, October 17th, 7PM, La Habra City Council Chambers, 201 E. La Habra Blvd. Co-sponsored with La Habra Chamber of Commerce

**Buena Park City Council**, October 17th, 7:00-9:00PM Buena Park City Council Chambers, 6650 Beach Blvd.

**Fullerton City Council**, October 19th, 6:45-8:45PM, Fullerton Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth Ave.

**La Palma City Council**, October 24th, 7:00PM, La Palma Community Center, 7821 Warner Street, Co-sponsored with La Palma Chamber of Commerce

### CALENDAR

#### Immigration Seminar Saturday, October 7

9:30AM-1:00PM

The Huntington Library  
1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino  
More info on this page .

#### LWVNOC Executive Committee Wednesday, October 18

11:00AM-1:00PM

Carrows Restaurant  
Harbor Blvd. Fullerton

#### LWVNOC Board Meeting Tuesday, October 24

Noon-2:00 PM

Fullerton JUHS District Offices  
1051 W Bastanchury  
Fullerton

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#### Wine & Cheese Party for UNICEF Sunday, October 29

2:30-4:30PM

UN Center  
2428 N Grand Suite F  
Santa Ana 92705  
714-542-9743

#### Public Forum Beyond the Border, Sharing Responsibility for Immigration Saturday, November 4

1:00-4:00PM

Queen Mary, Long Beach  
More Information  
714-321-7394

**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NORTH ORANGE COUNTY**  
Membership Renewal for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

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- Additional Household Member \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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