



League of Women Voters Eden Area

V O T E R

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League Plans Election Season Events

***SAVE THE DATE FOR CANDIDATE FORUMS
All Begin at 6:30pm***

Mon., Sept. 14: Assembly District 20 and Las Positas Chabot District 1

Wed., Sept. 16: San Leandro School District and City Council

Thurs., Sept. 17: Castro Valley School Board

Mon., Sept. 21: Fairview Fire, H.A.R.D., and East Bay Regional Parks

Thurs., Sept. 24: Hayward City Council

Fri., Sept. 25: Oro Loma District and Eden Township Healthcare

Thurs., Oct.1: Hayward School Board

Check the LWVEA Website Calendar after Labor Day for Zoom links to these online events and how to RSVP:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/eden-area/calendar>

President's Report

Empowering Voters! Defending Democracy!



The primary mission of the League of Women Voters feels urgent to me today in a way that I haven't ever experienced in my lifetime. I hear more conversations, read more articles, see more media, and feel

overwhelmed by the upcoming election. All of these voices are loud and extremely diverse but the undercurrent of the storm to me is saying "VOTE".

That is where the LWV shines and helps endure the chaos. Our history of fighting voter suppression for the last 100 years is remarkable. The LWV has worked to overturn poll taxes, ID requirements, literacy tests and all forms of voter suppression to enable more people to vote. Now is our time to stand up and make sure all citizens have the right to vote. I encourage you to be vigilant and vocal about the right to vote, even if it doesn't affect you personally. Make sure that we are doing what the LWV was formed for and protect our democracy!

I urge you to participate in election discussions and become knowledgeable from several sources about the issues at stake. Use your influence as an LWV member to inform and educate your family,

friends, and others. Encourage them to use Voter's Edge to learn more about the candidates and issues, recognizing it will be harder than ever in this COVID world to make critical decisions. Lean on the LWV and allow our expertise and passion to assist you.

Look to the LWV Eden Area to provide you with Candidate Forums and Pros & Cons presentations to guide your decision making. Check our website often for schedule updates so you don't miss your local candidates' night as they will explain their policies and positions.

Join our Voter Registration Committee as they discover new methods to register voters and distribute voter affidavits throughout the Eden Area. We are committed to informing voters of all the ways to vote in Alameda County, the polling places, the drop boxes, and the process of mail-in voting.

Thank you for being an LWV member and the commitment you are making to our electoral process. I hope you are as proud of your affiliation as I am.

Now I am heading out to plant my "LWV VOTE" sign in front of my house!

Jo Loss, LWVEA President



Membership Meeting Held to Discuss Volunteering

We had a very successful Membership Meeting on Wednesday, August 12th. Thank you to all 27 attendees for your ideas, input and committing to volunteering with us on our events for the upcoming election. We had several newer members, guests, long-time members and Board members.

If you were unable to attend and want to get more involved, please reach out to Carolyn Darcey cdarcey@pacbell.net, Rita Duncan freemyheart@yahoo.com or any of our Board Members.

Thank you all again for helping the League continue its efforts toward making Democracy Work!

Carolyn Darcey

Welcome New Member Mariellen Faria



Mariellen Faria is a married mother of two grown children and has five grandchildren. She is a life-long a resident of Alameda County and resides in Hayward. She served on the City of Hayward Human Services Commission and

completes her appointment to the Planning Commission in September. She volunteers with the New Start Tattoo Removal Program, South Hayward Parish Food

Pantry and the City of Hayward Fire Department's Covid testing site. Mariellen is also a member of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce serving on the Government Relations Committee.

Mariellen is a retired Registered Nurse with over 30 years of nursing experience. She has been a bedside nurse and retired as a Chief Nursing Officer. Her passion and commitment to health services and health promotion led her to successfully run for the Eden Township Healthcare District in 2018. She holds a Masters Degree in Nursing Administration from California State University, Los Angeles and Bachelors Degrees in Nursing and Sociology. She looks forward to working with the League of Women Voters to promote education and participation in our government.

PLEASE NOTIFY OUR TREASURER IF YOU PAID DUES BY CREDIT CARD

We are still experiencing difficulties in identifying the persons who have paid their LWVEA dues by credit card on our website. We have a record of the payment, but not of the person who made the payment.

If you have paid dues by credit card since March 31, please notify our Treasurer, Henry Hansen, at his e-mail address henry_hansen@comcast.net (There is an underscore “_” between “henry” and “hansen” in the address.) Please indicate the approximate date you made your credit card payment, and we will properly credit this as Dues Paid by you.

We hope to have this problem fixed in the near future.

PIXAR MAKES SPECIAL VIDEO ON 19TH AMENDMENT AND WOMEN REGISTERING TO VOTE

“XIX (19th Amendment Documentary)”

Director: Searit Huluf

Producer: Christine Crowley-Kelly

Run Time: 6 min

WATCH: www.youtube.com/watch?v=KW2cyJi-dSg



Katherine Sarafian

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted many women across America the right to vote,

Pixar has created a short film on voter registration. It features many of their female staff members talking about the first time they registered and voted.

“Head to the Pixar YouTube page to join our thePalette and PixPride studio resource groups as they reflect on this monumental day and its modern significance. Documentary was filmed earlier this year”.

Our League member Alice Sarafian is featured in the short documentary, along with her daughter Katherine Sarafian, the Oscar winning executive producer of the animated feature film *Brave*.

MEMBER JEAN A TURNER DIES AT AGE 94

Jean was born in Manila, Philippines, in 1926, the middle daughter of an Army family. She spent her childhood in Pennsylvania, San Diego, and Alexandria, VA. One highlight of her high school years was marching in the third inaugural parade for Franklin D. Roosevelt in early 1941. Jean graduated in 1942 and went onto San Diego State College and then to U.C. Berkeley for an undergraduate degree in Foreign Languages. She married Bob in 1949 and they had five children, four girls and one son.



Jean was passionate about her family, but also about crossword puzzles, reading, travel, and volunteering. Organizations like PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, AAUW, League of Women's Voters, and H.I.S. House, to name a

few, benefited from her energy and commitment. She campaigned for and won two terms as an elected official on the Placentia Library Board, served as President of the Placentia-Yorba Linda AAUW branch, and served as an elder and deacon at both of the Presbyterian Churches she called her spiritual homes.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Placentia Library at <https://placentialibraryfriends.com/> or make a memorial gift in Jean's honor to AAUW at <http://www.aauw.org>.

Linda Slater

Check Voters Edge and Easy Voter Guide for Election Information



Voters Edge is a website maintained by our League volunteers; it contains information on your ballot. Go to the website and enter your address, and the

candidates for office on your ballot are listed: <https://votersedge.org/en/ca>. It is easy to use and can help you prepare who you plan to vote for but does not endorse candidates. The information for each candidate is entered by the candidate and reviewed by a League member to make sure it is factual.

Another helpful resource is the Easy Voter Guide, which is free for download after Sept. 4: <http://www.easyvoterguide.org/>. It is available in several languages and gives basic information on voter registration deadlines and voting procedures. It also lists the California League's opinion on the statewide Propositions; although the League does not endorse candidates it may take a position on statewide Propositions.

HASPA Acts to Protect the Hayward Shoreline

The Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA) will hold a **public meeting at 3:00 PM on October 8, 2020 at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive**

Center located on Breakwater Avenue, Hayward. HASPA is a joint effort by representatives of the City of Hayward, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) and the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD).

Since early 2019 HASPA has been studying alternatives to protect the natural and man-made features along the Hayward shoreline from increasing sea level rise (SLR). HASPA intends to complete and issue their master plan report before the end of 2020. Among the goals of HASPA are to:

- Create a resilient shoreline for people and the environment
- Reduce risk to critical infrastructure and other built assets
- Foster education, interpretation, and support for the Hayward shoreline
- Adapt the shoreline to continuing SLR due to climate change



HASBA Board Members

You can view their draft **Hayward Shoreline Master Plan - Adaptation Strategies** by searching the online HASPA site: www.hayward-ca.gov/your-government/boards-commissions/HASPA. And don't forget the October HASPA meeting.

by Richard Maurer

Suzanne Barba's Letter to the Editor



**East Bay Times
8-7-2020**

Letter to Editor

**Yes on Prop. 15 for schools,
communities**

Voting yes on Proposition 15 in November is a no-brainer. It is the only way to close the loophole exploited by owners of large commercial properties for 40 years and deliver up to \$12 billion of new badly needed revenue to schools and communities statewide.

It will not change the property tax for home property owners and small businesses. It only affects big businesses and corporations that have been getting a free ride on the present way to assess property taxes on properties. Those same big businesses and corporations are spending millions of dollars to fight this measure. Don't be fooled. Support this measure to give our schools and communities the funds they need to educate our children and keep us safe.

Suzanne Barba

USPS ISSUES 19TH AMENDMENT STAMP

The United States Postal Service issued a stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment on August 22, a Forever stamp at 55 cents at sale. See below for the link to the USPS if anyone wants to pre-order and have them delivered to you at home.



The stamp says "WOMEN VOTE 19th AMENDMENT" and has an illustration of women with white dresses and hats marching with banners.

It's a stamp you might want in some quantity for future use, even the holidays and through the next year.

https://store.usps.com/store/product/buy-stamps/19th-amendment-women-vote-S_476604

Hank Hansen

CLIMATE CHANGE and GLOBAL WARMING

by Richard Maurer

Part 8

Regarding sea level rise (SLR), I'm going to quote now from John Englander, oceanographer and sea level rise expert who has studied this issue extensively. He recently presented three questions and their answers:

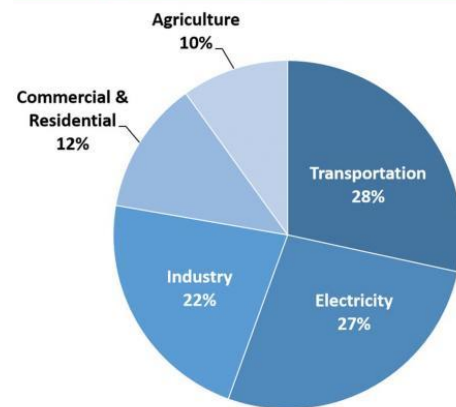
1. Will we stop SLR this century?
2. Will we recognize the scale of the problem and adapt wisely to limit the consequences of SLR?
3. Will we adapt to SLR?

Mr. Englander answers Question 1 by stating that 'we can no longer stop SLR this century; there is far too much heat already stored in the ocean' (as a result of burning fossil fuels). He continues; 'Tackling the challenge of rising sea level cannot be done effectively in "baby steps"; it is going to take some giant strides. Man has already warmed the global ocean by one degree Celsius. The glaciers and ice sheets are going to continue to melt for many decades even if we immediately cut all use of fossil fuels which generate most greenhouse gas (GHG). On our current path of fossil fuel use, the rate of SLR is, in fact, accelerating.'

I will leave for later Mr. Englander's response to Questions 2 and 3. For now, let's look at the sources of this country's GHG, and what we in Eden Area can do to reduce emissions.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), GHG are generated mainly by using fossil fuels for the following uses:

Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector in 2018



These percentages vary a little from year to year, but the Transportation sector generates the largest share of GHG emissions in this country; primarily from the burning of gasoline and diesel fuel for our cars, trucks, ships, trains and airplanes. So, let's tackle Transportation GHG emissions first. Individuals have the most impact on this sector because we all personally operate fuel-burning vehicles.

Last time, I asked readers to 'think big' about how we get off burning so much fossil fuel for our needs. Let's think big about getting off gasoline and diesel, two fuels which power our transportation needs. Here's my first-cut idea of a "giant stride": Let's have the federal government help buy everyone an electric car or truck, if they turn-in their gas-fueled vehicle. Have you stopped laughing? Let's look at the numbers. There are almost 300 million fossil fuel-burning cars and trucks and commercial trucks in the USA. Say we want to replace as many of these as possible with electric battery-powered vehicles over a twenty year period. Say the government offers to pay 50% of the cost for a new electric-powered vehicle (you individually pay the other 50%), which will be delivered to the owner the day his fossil fuel-powered vehicle is towed away. Say this is possible because the government "negotiates" with

the vehicle manufacturers to scale-up to handle the production volume and receive fantastic sales numbers if they offer the vehicles for an average price of \$25,000. (Yeah, I know what a Tesla costs, but I am not talking about everyone getting one of those.) I'm talking about cost savings due to high volume.

If only 2/3 of the vehicle owners are willing to turn-in their gas or diesel guzzler for a new electric vehicle, what does this program cost? About \$125 billion a year for 20 years. That's a lot of money, but less than 20% of what the Defense Department spends every year. I suggest we can afford that, especially if we cut their budget some. Of course the devil is in the details, and you'd have to be aware of clever folks who want to scam the program, so this would take some sharp people to design and manage this program. But we could make it work. We're Americans, remember?

OK, you don't like my idea. What is your "giant-stride" idea to get us quickly off fossil fuel-powered vehicles?

Have you already made the move to an electric vehicle? Personally, I own a plug-in hybrid car. We use it mostly on battery for in-town use, so it seldom operates on gasoline. In fact, we visit a gas station only about once a quarter. It is very well designed and very comfortable. We love it. We also own an eight year old gasoline powered SUV. We have decided already that we will never buy another gasoline-powered vehicle, so when we replace this SUV in a few years, we will buy an electric vehicle.

The State of California has taken a good "giant stride" to get us off gasoline and diesel-powered trucks. In June of this year, the state Air Resources Board ruled that automakers must sell more electric trucks starting in 2024, and by 2045 all new trucks sold in the state should be zero-emissions; that means electric-battery-powered. Of

course, the diesel truck manufacturers are crying, but tears won't stop global warming. Let our local state legislators know that you support this policy because the diesel engine truck manufacturers and trucking companies are trying to pressure the legislature to resist such policies.

Remember, our goal is to reduce the 28% of GHG emissions from the Transportation sector. This isn't going to happen fast enough without bold personal and regulatory action.

The other vehicles which burn fossil fuels are ships, trains and airplanes. I will not suggest that you stop making airplane flights, but I will suggest that if we returned to making more things in this country then we could reduce the use of ships to import as much as we do and then railroad it across the state and country. Such trains pass through the Eden Area every day. Next time, we'll look at another of the sectors in the GHG emissions pie-graph above, and discuss how we can reduce the use of fossil fuels in that sector. Remember our goal here is to slow global warming to reduce many consequences including SLR and the impact on our Hayward---San Lorenzo---San Leandro shoreline of our Eden Area communities.

By the way, Mr. Englander's response to Questions 2 above is that he is pessimistic based on the inadequate overall level of planning he is seeing across the country. That's why I urge readers to become more informed on the whole global warming/climate change issue and press your California and federal representatives to take bold action.


His response to Question 3 above, in light of his response to Question 2, is that 'Fortunately the actual rise of base sea level is slow enough that there is time to get out of harm's way. In fact, there is no choice. In the end, the sea will win. We will adapt. We will move to higher ground.'



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