



League of Women Voters Eden Area

**VOTER**

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## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

All members of the League of Women Voters Eden Area, representing Hayward, San Leandro and surrounding unincorporated areas of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview and San Lorenzo are hereby called to the Annual Meeting.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 6,  
2020, 9:30-11:45am  
LWVEA ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Due to current sheltering in place safety concerns, our meeting will be held online using Zoom! Please log on 10 minutes before the meeting using this url:

<https://zoom.us/j/97785414757?pwd=dkplcW1nN3U3K1g0aHlybjhhTGhCZz09>

Meeting ID: 977 8541 4757, Password: 6jwJAK

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You can also view the meeting on our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/League-of-Women-Voters-of-the-Eden-Area-996397937079250/>

We plan to live-stream the meeting.

You can also attend the meeting using your phone, by calling in to this number: 1 669 900 6833; meeting id: 977-8541-4757; meeting password: 6jwJAK.

Inside this VOTER is the Annual Meeting Kit. It contains information which will be acted upon at the meeting. Please bring this kit to the meeting and help save trees and printing costs.

# 2020 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

9:30 a.m.: Business Meeting – LWVEA President – Penny Peck

## Welcome and Introductions

- Appointment of Parliamentarian by Penny Peck – Jewell Spalding (2 minutes)
- Credentials Report for Quorum – Secretary Marian Handa (2 minutes)
- Adoption of Order of Business – Carolyn Darcey (1 minute)
- Adoption of Rules of the Day – Lynda Foster (see below) (1 minute)
- Action on Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting – Secretary Marian Handa (see below) (2 minutes)
- Appointment of Committee to Review 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes – Jo Loss (2 minutes)
- Financial Report for 2019-2020 –Treasurer Hank Hansen (10 minutes)
- Action on Proposed 2019-2020 Budget – Budget committee members Jo Loss and Hank Hansen (see below) (8 minutes)
- Action on 2020 LWV Bay Area Day Program (accept the report) – Jo Loss (5 minutes)
- Action on 2020 Bylaws Change to Include Honorary Lifetime Members – Jewell Spalding and Penny Peck (5 minutes): Board passed the following update to the Bylaws (new bylaw addition in red):

### Section 2. Types of Membership.

a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League and pay dues shall be voting members of the local League, LWVC, and LWVUS:

(1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;

(2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;

(3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from payment of dues. [Mandated by LWVUS]

(4) those who have been voted Honorary Lifetime Members by the LWVEA board, for their longtime outstanding service to our league, giving dedicated, important service and making a significant contribution to LWVEA (excused from payment of dues).

b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

- President's Report – Penny Peck (see League Highlights below) (1 minute)
- Action on Election of 2020-21 Board – Nominating Committee – Janice Friesen and Aiwa Zelinsky (5 minutes)
- Charge to the 2020-2021 Board and Swearing In – Parvin Ahmadi (5 minutes)

- Volunteers needed for the Local Positions committee, Voter Registration, other committees (5 minutes) – Penny Peck

- Recommendations to the New Board – Member Recommendations (10 minutes)

Possible additional agenda item: Revision to Local Unincorporated Position – Jewell Spalding

11:05 a.m.: Keynote Speaker – Janice Friesen and Jo Loss: Presentation on 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

11:45am.: Adjournment

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA RULES OF THE DAY**

### **QUORUM**

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. Ten (10) percent of the members (115) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be twelve members.

### **VOTING**

Every LWVEA member who is current in her or his dues as of July 1, 2018 and beyond shall be entitled to one vote. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted. A majority vote of those local League members present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote providing proposals have been submitted to the membership one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

### **WRITTEN MOTIONS**

Main motions and substantive amendments shall be given to the secretary in writing with the name of the maker of the motion included.

### **DEBATE**

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### **PROGRAM ADOPTION**

Each recommended program item shall be moved and seconded, but there will be no vote on any item until all items have been discussed. A majority vote is needed to adopt a recommended item.

### **NOMINATIONS**

We are pleased to present a slate of twelve (12) Directors for your consideration.

### **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall govern.

**NOMINATIONS: We are pleased to present a slate of 11 Directors for your consideration.**

Slate:

**ON-BOARD POSITIONS**

Secretary Marian Handa

(President Jo A.S. Loss and Treasurer Hank Hansen will begin the second of their two-year terms).

Directors (one-year terms):

Carolyn Darcey - Membership Chair

Rita Duncan - Membership

Lynda Foster – Voter Services including Candidate Forums

Janice Friesen - Voter Services and Nominating

Sue Kleebauer – Pros & Cons, Debate Watch

Penny Peck – Past President, VOTER editor, Website

Jewell Spalding - Local Positions and Bylaws Committee

Aiwa Zelinsky – Pros & Cons, Nominating, Multimedia

**OFF-BOARD POSITIONS**

René Besold, Richard Maurer, Joanne Young

- PROGRAM PLANNING TEAM – Team Effort Coordinated by President
- VOTER SERVICES TEAM – Lynda Foster and Janice Friesen
- CANDIDATE FORUMS – Lynda Foster
- PRO/CON PRESENTATIONS – Sue Kleebauer, Chair, and Aiwa Zelinsky
- DEBATE WATCH (2020) – Sue Kleebauer and Penny Peck
- VOTER REGISTRATION/ AFFIDAVIT SERVICES – **open position – volunteer needed**
- STUDENT EDUCATION/REGISTRATION – Marian Handa
- VOTER'S EDGE – Chris Selig
- MEMBERSHIP– Carolyn Darcey, Chair, and Rita Duncan
- HOLIDAY PARTY TEAM – To Be Determined
- VOTER PUBLICATION – Penny Peck
- PR/COMMUNICATION – Marian Handa
- BUDGET & FINANCE TEAM – Hank Hansen, Chair
- LOCAL POSITIONS TEAM – Jewell Spalding
- NOMINATING TEAM – Janice Friesen, Chair, Aiwa Zelinsky, and Joanne Young
- MULTIMEDIA – Penny Peck and Aiwa Zelinsky
- HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS – **open position – volunteer needed**
- BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Jo Loss, Chair, Jewell Spalding, René Besold
  
- **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**
- RECORDING – Marian Handa
- FINANCIAL – Hank Hansen
- DATABASE – Hank Hansen
- BOARD ASSISTANT – none
  
- **REPRESENTATION SERVICES:**
- LWVACC – Jo Loss, Aiwa Zelinsky
- LWVBA – Jewell Spalding, Carolyn Darcey

# LWVEA BUDGET 2020-2021

## LWVEA 2020-2021 BUDGET

### LWVEA INCOME

DUES	\$ 5,600
DONATIONS	\$ 850
HOA ELECTION SERVICES	
(+) RECEIPTS	\$ 6,800
(-) <u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
(=) NET INCOME	\$ 2,800
HOLIDAY PARTY	
(+) RECEIPTS	\$ 2,500
(-) <u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
(=) NET INCOME	\$ 1,500
REGISTRATION AFFIDAVITS SITE SERVICE	\$ -
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 1,000
MONEY MARKET INTEREST	\$ 2
<u>CD INTEREST</u>	<u>\$ 338</u>
LWVEA TOTAL INCOME	\$ 12,090

### LWVEA EXTERNAL EXPENSES

NATIONAL PMP	\$ 2,576
STATE PMP	\$ 2,254
BAY AREA PMP	\$ 242
LWVC INSURANCE	\$ 100
LWVC WEBSITE	\$ 350
LWVC EDGE	\$ 200
CAL. SEC'Y OF STATE FILING FEE	\$ 20
<u>CAL. ATTORNEY GENERAL FILING FEE</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>
LWVEA TOTAL EXTERNAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,767

### LWVEA LOCAL EXPENSES

CASTRO VALLEY STREET FAIR	\$ 300
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	\$ 200
OTHER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	\$ 100
ELECTION FORUMS	\$ 250

MEET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS	\$ 400
VOTER REGISTRATION EVENTS	\$ 400
OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS	\$ 150
LWV CALIFORNIA CONVENTION	\$ 2,810
LWV BAY AREA, OTHER MEETINGS	\$ 100
LWVEA WEBSITE	\$ 350
D&O INSURANCE	\$ 557
BOARD MEETINGS (including planning)	\$ 200
TREASURER SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES	\$ 150
ANNUAL MAILBOX FEE	\$ 106
<u>PRINTING</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>
<b>LWVEA TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,323</b>
<b>LWVEA INCOME LESS EXPENSES (to equal \$0)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## **LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS, July 2019-June 2020**

As one can assume, many of our Spring 2020 events were cancelled due to Sheltering in place, including our participation in International Women’s Day, the Castro Valley Reads program, and other outreach and educational events. The national convention in Washington, D.C. was cancelled, but LWV will be holding a virtual convention later this Spring. We hope some of our members can attend that virtual conference.

### **Community Outreach and Voter Service**

-Voter Registration Events: Richard Maurer led our voter registration outreach efforts, with a booth at the Castro Valley Fall Festival, Women’s March, the Lake Chabot Peace Walk, and appearances at local farmers’ markets, BART stations, and libraries. Several high school voter registration events coordinated by Marian Handa were also held. Thanks to all our volunteers who assisted in this vital service.

-Candidate Forums: On January 30, 2020, our league held a forum featuring all of the candidates running in the primary for the Assembly District 20 seat. Jo Loss was our moderator. Thanks to everyone who assisted and to the staff at Hayward City Hall for their help. We also held a candidate forum for the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association board; only one candidate attended (although two others had committed to attend). It was very well attended.

-Chris Selig worked on the “Voter’s Edge,” reaching out to candidates to encourage them to post their information to this website, assisted by new members Margaret Rott and Ronna Jojola. Our league donated \$200 to “Voter’s Edge.”

### **Programs**

-Our annual party and fundraiser was held in December at the San Leandro Senior Center, earning approximately \$1445 from the silent auction.

- League Centennial Event: We held an Open House at the Castro Valley Library in February, featuring information on the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, history of the League and history of African American voting, a trivia contest, a performance by Terry Guillory, and more! Several people interested in becoming members attended the event.
- Library bulletin board displays on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters, with information on our league, were put up at the Castro Valley and San Lorenzo libraries in March 2020, in celebration of Women's History Month. These displays are scheduled for August 2020 at the Hayward and San Leandro Libraries.
- Marian Handa and Aiwa Zelinsky interviewed Assembly member Bill Quirk as part of the LWVC's legislative interview program. The interview will be in the June VOTER.

### **Action/Advocacy**

- In November 2019, the board voted to endorse the parcel tax Measure I for the Castro Valley School District, which was defeated at the March 3 primary election. There were complaints that because it was on the back page of the ballot, many voters skipped that item.
- Proposition 13 reform efforts: LWVC asked all local leagues to circulate petitions for the Schools and Communities First proposition set for November 2020. This would institute reforms to the Proposition 13 tax regulations. Our league offered these petitions at our voter registration events.
- The board voted to support Measure AA proposed for the November 2020 ballot – this would redistribute funds from Measure A so that St. Rose Hospital would be allotted 10% of those funds.
- Program Planning Survey: We did this recently at our Open House celebration on Feb. 11th, as part of our Centennial of the League event. Members were asked to name their three top priorities for League attention; the results were Climate Change, Health Care, and Voting Rights. It was very clear that Climate Change, which some now call the Climate Crisis, was a top priority for the majority of our members. We hope to hold a Climate Crisis program in the near future.
- A letter was sent to our federal legislators (Senators and House of Representatives) and to the California Secretary of State advocating that the November 2020 election **not be postponed** (due to Covid 19); thanks to Jewell Spalding for writing the letter.
- The board voted to endorse the letter to the Registrar of Voters written by Helen Hutchison concerning the lack of transparency about recent county measures.

### **Member Services and Outreach**

- Several Membership Socials were held throughout the year at the home of our membership chair Carolyn Darcey. A Sips and Civility event on Climate Change was held in November 2019 at Carolyn's home, featuring our member April Oquenda, who is the LWVC Legislative Analyst on Climate Change.
- Our VOTER newsletter continues to be popular and was published regularly. Penny Peck took over editing January 2019, pairing the newsletter with our website updates.
- Our membership brochure was updated, reflecting our new dues and website address.

### **Administration**

- Our league, led by Sue Kleebauer, administered the Palomares HOA Election again this year, which earned our league \$850.
- Treasurer Hank Hansen has worked diligently on several areas of our finances, including updating our information on the national database, maintaining our membership roster, and investing in Certificates of Deposit. Our website now takes credit cards for membership and donations.
- The board voted to obtain Directors and Officers insurance.

### **Awards**

- Marian Handa received the volunteer award for her leadership on teen voter registration at the October 2019 Volunteer Dinner sponsored by the City of Hayward. One of her initiatives involved a grant for high school voter registration at Tennyson High School in Hayward.
- Lynda Foster was appointed to the Alameda County Measure A1 Oversight Committee.

***Penny Peck, LWVEA President***



## **LWVEA 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES MINUTES**

### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS-EDEN AREA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019**

Castro Valley Office of Education  
**4400 Alma St., Castro Valley, CA**

9:00-9:30 a.m.: Registration and refreshments.

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

The LWVEA Annual Business meeting was called to order by President Penny Peck at 9:31 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions: Penny welcomed the members in attendance. She thanked Jo Loss and Janice Friesen for arranging the meeting location, Aiwa Zelinsky for the audio-visual equipment set-up and Lynda Foster for coordinating the refreshments and other meeting logistics.

Penny noted the recent passing of two elected officials: Tony Santos, former San Leandro Mayor and League member; and Roberta Cooper, former Hayward Mayor and League supporter.



Appointment of Parliamentarian by President Penny Peck: Jewell Spalding was appointed Parliamentarian.

Credentials Report for Quorum: Secretary Marian Handa confirmed there was a quorum. Membership Chair Carolyn Darcey reported that the LWVEA currently has 121 members. League bylaws require a minimum of 10% of the membership be present to constitute a quorum. Thirteen are required; 21 members were in attendance.

Adoption of Order of Business: Motion by René Besold, seconded by Jewell Spalding, to adopt the Order of Business. Motion passed.

Adoption of Rules of the Day: Motion by René Besold, seconded by Jewell Spalding, to adopt the Rules of the Day. Motion passed.

## **LWVEA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—RULES OF THE DAY**

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Action on Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting: The minutes of the June 2, 2018 Annual Meeting were reviewed by a committee comprised of René Besold, Lynda Foster and Janice Friesen prior to this meeting, and were presented today for approval. Richard Maurer moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Carolyn Darcey. Motion passed.

Appointment of Committee to Review 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: President Penny Peck appointed Jo Loss and Shelia Young to this committee.

Action on Proposed 2019-2020 Budget: Treasurer Hank Hanson submitted the proposed budget, which was included in the meeting kit distributed to all members. Hank reviewed the budget, and responded to members' questions. Hank reported that this year, the League assumed the finances for the affidavit program from the Alameda County Council. Lynda Foster moved to approve the 2019-2020 budget, seconded by Rita Duncan. Motion passed.

Action on Dues Increase to \$70: Members discussed the proposal to increase membership dues for individual members from \$60 to \$70. Hank noted that the PMP paid per member to the LWVUS, LWVC and Bay Area League is \$63 per year. April Oquenda suggested waiving or reducing dues for recently graduated students and/or first-time members. Jo Loss pointed out that information should be provided to the membership about the dues increase, given the League's \$44k surplus. Aiwa Zelinsky moved to approve the dues increase to \$70, seconded by Mark Norberg. Motion passed.

Hank thanked René Besold and Lynda Foster for their work on the Budget Committee.

Action on 2019-20 LWVC Program: Penny noted the 2019 LWVEA Program Planning report, which contains our League's concurrence with LWVC positions and the issues we want the LWVC to focus on over the next two years, was provided in the meeting kit.

Rita Duncan, April Oquenda and Jewell Spalding attended the LWVC Convention earlier this year, and briefly reported on their experiences. Their written reports will appear in an upcoming issue of The VOTER.

Action on 2019-20 LWV Bay Area Program: Carolyn Darcey and Rita Duncan attended Bay Area League Day 2019. Their report is included in the meeting kit.

President's Report: Penny Peck's report is contained in the LWVEA Highlights, 2019-2020, in the meeting kit. Penny announced that René Besold will be going off the Board. Penny thanked René for her many years of service as Board Assistant, and presented her with a Thank You gift.

Action on Election of 2019-20 Board: On behalf of Nominating Committee Chair Janice Friesen, who was not in attendance, Penny presented the slate of nominees from the committee:

**Slate:**

**ON-BOARD POSITIONS**

Jo Loss - PRESIDENT-ELECT

Hank Hansen – TREASURER

(President Penny Peck and Secretary Marian Handa will begin the second of their two-year terms).

Directors (one-year terms):

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Rita Duncan – Membership

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Sue Kleebauer – Pros & Cons

Richard Maurer – Voter Registration/Affidavits

Jewell Spalding – Local Positions and Bylaws Committee

Aiwa Zelinsky – Pros & Cons, Nominating, Multimedia

**OFF-BOARD POSITIONS**

René Besold – Bylaws Committee

April Oquenda – Sips and Civility

Lenora Taylor – Budget & Finance Team

Joanne Young – Homeowner Elections

Liz Bathgate moved to accept the slate, seconded by Shelia Young. Motion passed.

Charge to the 2019-2020 Board and Swearing In: Shelia Young read the charge, and administered the oath of office, to the newly elected board officers and directors.

Penny announced that volunteers are needed for the Local Positions committee, the League's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration committee and other LWVEA committees. Sign up sheets would be available during the break for those interested in volunteering.

**Recommendations to the New Board—Member Recommendations:**

- Possible program topic—How to Identify/Distinguish “Fake News”
- Dues structure—consider installments
- Form a diversity committee
- Interns, mentorships
- Create a telephone tree for contacting members—ex: each member contact 5 others
- Apply for a 501(c)(3)
- Offer civil discourse at local high schools

League Advisor Bonnie Hamlin mentioned that the LWVC Education Fund can hold funds for local leagues. To do this, LWVEA would need to open an account with the LWVC.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Break—10:48-11:02 a.m.

Keynote Speaker Casey Farmer, Executive Director of the Alameda County Complete Count Committee, gave a presentation on the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and the challenges to achieving an accurate count.

**Adjournment**

President Penny Peck adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Penny thanked everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Handa  
LWVEA Secretary



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**Dues:** Regular \$60  
2<sup>nd</sup> member same household \$30,  
Student \$25



*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of the public in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

**For our Calendar of upcoming events, go to:**  
<https://my.lwv.org/california/eden-area>

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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