

2017 ANNUAL MEETING KIT

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Los Altos-Mountain View Area**

Annual Business Meeting

Celebrating Another Successful Year

**Saturday June 10, 2017
10:00 a.m.**

Michaels at Shoreline

2960 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View
(past Shoreline Amphitheater near the Golf Course)
(650) 962-1014

9:45 a.m. Arrival, Registration

Expect heavy traffic: Shoreline Amphitheater concert begins 11am Saturday

10:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

11:45 a.m. Break and Conversation

Noon LUNCH *See reservation instructions on the back cover*

12:45 p.m. Guest Speaker: Thuy Thi Nguyen, President Foothill College

PLEASE BRING THIS KIT WITH YOU

Annual Meeting Purpose

“An Annual Meeting of Local League Members shall be held between May 1 and June 30, the exact date to be determined by the Board. At the Annual Meeting, the Local League Members shall:

- (a) Adopt a local program
- (b) Elect directors, officers and Local League Members to serve on the Nominating Committee
- (c) Adopt a budget; and
- (d) Transact such other business as may properly come before it; ...” Local Bylaws, Article IX, sec. 2

“A quorum for the Annual Meeting of Local League Members ... shall consist of 10% of the Local League members.” Local Bylaws, Article IX, sec. 4

PROPOSED RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

- 1. Accepted parliamentary procedure (Robert’s Rules of Order) shall govern the conduct of the meeting.
- 2. All speakers must be recognized by the Chair and address their remarks to the Chair.
- 3. During discussion, each speaker will be limited to two minutes.
- 4. All lengthy motions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- 5. Majority vote is required to adopt the Agenda and Annual Meeting rules. Once adopted, a two-thirds vote is required to change them.
- 6. Majority vote is required for Budget adoption and the Election.
- 7. A Bylaw change requires a two-thirds vote.

Useful criteria to consider when considering or recommending a New Study:

- 1. Is the issue one on which government action is needed?
- 2. Will political realities permit effective action?
- 3. Does the issue involve a current need or is it well addressed without this study?
- 4. Will the issue be important and timely in two years, the time generally needed to complete a study and reach member consensus?
- 5. Does the issue fall within LWV principles?
- 6. Does it have member interest and commitment?
- 7. Would the study attract new members and community interest?

Renew Your Membership for 2017-2018!

On July 1, 2017 it will be time to renew your membership for 2017-2018. To pay your dues, please go to lwvlamv.org and click on the red “Join” button. There are instructions for paying online with your credit card.

You may also pay by mailing a check to:

League of Women Voters, PO Box 3492, Los Altos, CA 94024

Be sure to include the member’s name, address, telephone number and email address. Dues for 2017-2018 are \$75 for individuals and \$110 for households.

The League believes that sensible, responsible civil discourse and action, based on substance rather than partisanship, is essential for civic improvement. We believe that with members like you, we can make democracy work.

Renew your membership and be part of the solution!

**League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
Saturday, June 10, 2016
Agenda**

Parliamentarian: Crownie Billik

Secretary: Abby Longcor

9:45 a.m. REGISTRATION

10:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER Katie Zoglin
Welcome and introductions
Quorum count
Adoption of Rules & Agenda
Accept 2016 minutes
Announce Committee to review 2017 minutes
Treasurer's report Natalie Elefant
Budget Committee report (vote)
Program Planning 2017-2018 (vote) Julie Cates
Affirm existing local positions (vote) Julie Cates
Proposal for Mountain View Rent Stabilization Study (vote) Sue Russell
County Council: Proposal to Study Citizen Advisory Committees (vote) Katie Zoglin
2016-2017 Review Katie Zoglin
Recognition of 2016-2017 Board, Directors,
Consultants and Observers
Nominating Committee report (vote) Sue Graham
Welcome to the new Board Katie Zoglin
Direction from the Membership for 2017-2018

11:45 a.m. BREAK & CONVERSATION

Noon LUNCH

12:45 p.m. GUEST SPEAKER: Thuy Thi Nguyen, President, Foothill College

League of Women Voters of the Los Altos-Mountain View Area
Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget
(Reviewed by Board 4-18-17)

	FY 2015-16 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2016-17 <u>Budget</u>	FY 2016-17 <u>Projected</u>	FY 17-18 Proposed <u>Budget</u>
INCOME				
Dues	\$15,145	\$14,000	\$12,025	\$14,000
Contributions	11,058	10,000	1,200	1,200
Miscellaneous	<u>1,175</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$27,378	\$24,900	\$14,035	\$16,800
 USE OF (CONTRIBUTIONS TO) RESERVES	 <u>0</u>	 <u>(2,073)</u>	 <u>0</u>	 <u>3,000</u>
 TOTAL INCOME & USE OF (CONTRIBUTIONS TO) RESERVES	 27,378	 22,827	 14,035	 19,800
 EXPENSES:				
Community/Voter Services/Action	1,140	1,935	4,103	700
Financial Support for Leagues	11,900	18,871	9,400	10,700
Member Services	507	505	1,215	1,200
Convention & Workshop Attendance	2,320	3,737	3,740	4,000
Office Expenses and Administration	5,720	4,329	2,290	2,200
Leagueathon	285	425	0	0
Miscellaneous	<u>140</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,812	\$22,827	\$20,748	\$19,800
 NET INCOME/LOSS PLUS RESERVE CONTRIBUTIONS	 <u>\$5,566</u>	 <u>\$0</u>	 <u>(\$6,713)</u>	 <u>\$0</u>

It is important to recognize that we are presenting a cash-only budget, which does not reflect volunteer time and effort, the most valuable of League resources. Consequently, in some categories the use of League resources is greatly understated. This is especially true in the category Community/Voter Services/Action, where many talented members contribute highly professional services at no cost to the League.

Account Descriptions:

Income:

Current dues for individual membership are \$75 and household membership is \$110. Honorary Life Members pay no dues and Students pay \$30. Contributions include member and non-member League-A-Thon and other cash donations made directly to our League. Miscellaneous income includes interest income, receipts from the Annual Meeting, and any other income not appropriate to other categories.

Reserve Contributions are monies used from prior year balances in asset accounts such as our checking accounts and the Leopold Fund.

Expenses:

Community/Voter Services/Action is made up of publications, among which are *Facts for Voters*, *Pros & Cons*, *Voters Guide* and all cost of supplies, printing, and mailing involved in their distribution; Public Meetings for voter education, including room rental, food, flyers and handouts; votersedge.org support; Public Meetings and flyers for advocacy projects; Study Committees including supplies, postage, transportation.

Financial Support for Leagues is made up of required Per-Member-Payments (PMP) to LWV Bay Area, LWV California, LWVUS, and the LWV Santa Clara County Council assessment.

Member Services is made up of the *Member Directory* and all cost of supplies, printing, and mailing involved in its distribution; Annual Meeting & Kit including all costs of supplies, printing, mailing and any subsidy for food and decorations; and Meetings for League members, including incidentals such as flowers and snacks. It also includes Web Hosting,

Convention/Workshop Attendance is made up of Convention or Council attendance expense, including registration, round-trip travel, ground transportation to and from the airport, hotel, and certain meals; and Workshop Attendance. (In both cases the Board gives specific details of covered expenses to the prospective delegate/attendee.)

Office Expenses and Administration are made up of Board and Off Board Expenses, Insurance, Storage Unit, Post Office Box, Supplies, Postage, Computer Maintenance, Telephone, Taxes, and Information Technology

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair: Katie Zoglin with members Sue Graham, Gary Hedden and Natalie Elefant

The Budget Committee met on April 1, 2017 to prepare the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018. The Board accepted the Budget Committee's recommendations at its April 18th, 2017 meeting. Below are conclusions and comments from the Budget Committee that help to explain the proposed budget.

1. Our League has good reserves, and thus we do not propose an increase to member dues. Since the November election our membership has increased thus adding to expected income from dues. As 2017-2018 will not include major elections, our expected expenditures are slightly decreased from the 2016-2017 fiscal year. A significant balance in the Leopold account remains. For these reasons, the Board voted to not hold a Leagueathon fundraiser this year and our contributions are reduced. With the general election in November, 2018, our League expenses in FY 2018-2019 will increase in order to support our voter outreach and education forums. In preparing the budget and plans for the 2018-19 fiscal year we may decide to raise our dues and/ or hold fundraising activities.

2. In order to balance the budget for FY 17-18 (and not raise dues) the Budget Committee agreed to use our year-end surplus/reserves in the bank account to balance the budget. The balance in our checking account has been >\$4000 all year.
3. We used a zero-based budgeting process. We use cost-cutting procedures such as using public facilities to hold events, or find co-sponsors or donors to share the cost of the activity. Any new projects/programs (or programs that have just getting “off the ground”) will likely be financed from the Leopold Fund which currently is approximately \$50,000. This includes any contribution to Voter’s Edge.
4. Financial support for Leagues remains the same as last FY.
5. Member Services costs include sending an updated directory.
6. The Convention and Workshop Attendance allocation is increased in the proposed budget since the LWV national convention will be in Chicago. This is consistent with past practice.
7. Routine Office and Administration Expense include the rental of a storage unit and a post office box. The outsourced and much improved database is included in this category

TREASURER’S REPORT (Natalie Elefant)

While our contributions are significantly down for FY2016-2017, there has not been a major impact on our finances. We started out and will end the fiscal year with a healthy balance in the bank; we have been careful to monitor our expenses. We expect to maintain our increased membership and dues. We look forward to our new members taking on positions of leadership and help our League with its valuable and worthwhile work. I will continue to be Treasurer as it takes almost a year to understand this board position.

Program Planning 2017-2018

The League is a truly grassroots organization that sets its agenda through the **Program Planning** process. As members, this is our chance to help choose what we want California's and our League's future to be.

Over 30 League members gathered at the home of Alice Loughry on February 4th in order to set our priorities for advocacy and action during the next year. League Portfolio directors reviewed status and opportunities for action across a range of policy/position areas including: education – higher education, early education,-- money in politics, affordable housing, county transportation system, city development directions, clean energy and civic engagement. Meeting participants shared their areas of interest, and suggestions for actions, which are addressed below.

Program Issues for Emphasis during 2017-2018

We are aligned with the LWV US and LWVC recommendations for Issues for Emphasis for 2017 – 2019: We support the LWVUS national ***"Campaign for Making Democracy Work"*** program, with a focus on

- Voter protection and mobilization
- Election reform
- Money in politics, constitutional amendment, and redistricting

Our League identified our priority ***Issues for Emphasis***.

- Affordable Housing – both at the county and in Mountain View including rent stabilization
- Transportation – help in oversight for the plans and implementation of VTA Transportation bond passed November 2016.
- Los Altos Downtown Visioning Process
- Increasing civics engagement
- Voter education and outreach to local elected officials

Our League will continue to strengthen our support for the community in the following ways:

- Continue the Observer Corps and The Voter to communicate policies and discussion topics of our local school boards, city council meetings.
- Work actively to develop collaborations with neighboring Leagues and organizations to address common issues and support educational forums.
- Re-activate our League's speaker series to meet with and hear from local elected officials and policy area experts.
- Further outreach to bring in younger members and gain more diversity in our membership

As part of the Program Planning process, the LWVC asked for our inputs as to priorities for advocacy and education across the state. Our inputs are:

- Voter suppression, voter rights
- Making democracy work
- Money in politics, dark money
- Healthcare
- Housing and transportation

The LWVC considers these inputs as well as the inputs of the other 50 Leagues across California to determine its 2017-2019 Program Priorities. These will be discussed at the June LWVC State Convention.

Local Los Altos-Mountain View League Positions

League Members are asked to review and affirm these Positions

Local Government

- Support of General Plans in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and Mountain View, which set forth goals and plans for achieving those goals. Each city's plan should reflect that city's needs and values. State guidelines for general plans should be guidelines and not mandates. Background information should be expressed in a form that allows comparison of data on a regional basis. Los Altos Hills' plan should provide for services compatible with the rural nature of the area and should recognize LAH responsibilities to the region.
- Support for revision of general plans on a regularly scheduled basis with enough flexibility to allow early revision of any section that needs changing sooner than scheduled. Action plans should be revised more often than policies or goals. Early citizen input and public review are essential. Planning Commission should make proposals for revision. City Council should initiate unscheduled review if they see a need for it.
- Support of long-range capital improvement programs in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills based on effective city planning and sound financing.

Education

- Support of programs that develop and maintain quality education in local schools with curriculum that meets the needs of all students based on efficient administration and adequate financing.
- Support of merger of school districts as an option when class offerings are restricted so severely that more choice can only be brought about by merger. Mergers should maintain the community identity feeling and preserve neighborhood schools, particularly for primary grade students.
- Support of unification as a goal of school district reorganization.
- Support for annexation in concept.
- Support for school district reorganization in order to provide continuity (articulation) and to be a mechanism for handling school district integration.

Foothill-De Anza Community College District

- Recognition that standards at state level are necessary for academic and transfer programs.
- The diversity from community to community within the state requires a measure of local control and local implementation to meet the specific needs of the broad spectrum of the student community.
- Support efforts by the Community College Board of Trustees and the local administration to achieve adequate State funding for the local districts.
- We support a locally controlled public community college district that meets the diverse needs of the district's population.
- The objective of this position is to support the following programs:
 1. General Education program
 2. Transfer program
 3. Associate degrees program (A.A. & A.S.)
 4. Employment Training
 5. Counseling
 6. Learning Center/Library
 7. Basic Skills and Remedial program
 8. In-service training program
 9. Tutorial services
 10. Life-long learning
- The Community College District should be supported by public funds controlled by the Board of Trustees. Objective of this position is to support public funds that are adequate, equitable, flexible, fair, predictable, and collectible.

Libraries

- Support of funding for local libraries sufficient to maintain essential services, continuing the present level of funding plus an inflation factor.
- Support for supplemental library funding by the cities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills and by the Santa Clara County General Fund representing unincorporated areas for the Los Altos and Woodland Libraries.
- Support for continuing Sunday hours at Mountain View Public Library and Los Altos Library, realizing it may be necessary to reduce other hours to achieve this.

Housing

- Support for ordinances against age discrimination in housing.
- Support for retention of city ability to refuse conversion of apartments to condominiums when such conversion is not in the best interest of the city.
- Support of the following ways to cope with jobs/housing imbalance and related transportation problems:
 - a. Increased densities where appropriate if a feeling of open space is retained.
 - b. Cluster zoning, which provides open space.
 - c. Retention of non-conforming use dwellings.
 - d. Rezoning commercial to residential or mixed use.
 - e. Improvement of CalTrain passenger service.
 - f. Improvement of present freeways without expansion of system.
 - g. Encouragement of car-pooling, company buses, use of bicycles.

Healthcare

- Support for increasing the number of skilled nursing facilities which accept Medicare and Medical in order to make nursing home care more accessible to all.
- Support for continuation of the ombudsman service to patients of skilled nursing facilities.
- Support for services (e.g., hospice, day health, home health) which enables the chronically or terminally ill to be cared for outside of institutions.
- Support for programs which make health education and outreach services (e.g., nutrition, transportation, social services) accessible and affordable to those in need.
- Support for the use of health insurance plans which encourage the most appropriate and cost-effective care.
- Support for programs which seek to educate consumers about health insurance coverage.

El Camino Hospital

- Support efforts to preserve the hospital as presently located and to continue to serve the health care needs of the community.
- Support efforts to attract enough primary care physicians to meet the health care needs of the community.
- In the interest of good public relations, both the El Camino Hospital District Board and the El Camino Hospital Board should communicate with the public regularly, make frequent progress reports, and have periodic meetings open to the public.
- El Camino Hospital District should continue to collect property tax moneys and should make detailed reports to the community on how the taxes are used.
- El Camino Hospital District should not transfer the hospital land to any entity without a vote of the electorate. El Camino Hospital District should not be dissolved without a vote of the electorate.
- The LWV study of El Camino Hospital District and El Camino Hospital Board should remain active to monitor the collection and use of tax dollars and any changes in the organization of the district, in order to reach new consensus as appropriate and take action in a timely manner.

New Business

Proposal by LWV LAMV Housing Committee

Proposal: Conduct a Study of the implementation of rent stabilization in Mountain View

Scope: Study of various rent stabilization ordinances in California with particular attention to the new Mountain View ordinance and other ordinances with similar provisions, such as just cause. Study the effect of other ordinances on rental housing supply, including new production of rental housing, maintenance of current housing stock, and rents. With the Study completed and adopted position statement on rent stabilization, our League should be able to comment on implementation of the charter amendment as Issues arise.

The Study on Rent Stabilization is to be completed by Spring 2018, such that LWV LAMV members are able to consider multiple consensus questions and positions. The consensus position statement would be presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting for vote.

League members are welcome to join the study group. Contact the Housing Committee co-chairs Sue Russell and Donna Yobs to learn more.

Proposed Motion: The League of Women Voters Los Altos Mountain View to conduct a one-year study on the implementation of rent stabilization.

Proposal by the San Jose-Santa Clara League – desire for support across Santa Clara County

The San Jose - Santa Clara League has proposed a county-wide study to review the impact of oversight committees and the training needed to serve on such a committee. The study is to: "Evaluate the effectiveness of citizen oversight boards and make recommendations on best practices. Are these oversight boards being effective? Can they be made more useful or effective?"

When our LWVLAMV Board discussed this proposed study, it felt that we could not take on this study. The Board noted that our members have other interests, including initiating a Rent Stabilization Study. Our Board does not recommend adding this proposed study at the county level.

According to League policies, for a study to be approved across the County, it must be voted on by all Leagues at their Annual Meeting. Each League's board can present it to their members as a recommended or non-recommended study item. In order to become a county-wide study, at least three Leagues need to approve the study, and every League that voted yes must have at least one member on the study committee.

During our LWV LAMV Annual Meeting we will conduct a vote to determine whether our members would like to support the proposed county-wide study on citizen oversight committees.

Slate of Officers and Directors 2017-2018

2017-2018 Nominating Committee: Crownie Billik, Sue Russell

Officers	President:	In Rotation
	Vice President, Action:	Merrian Nevin
	Vice President, Program	
	Secretary:	Abby Longcor
	Treasurer:	Natalie Elefant
Directors	Government	Katie Zoglin
	Natural Resources	Gary Hedden
	Social Policy	Ellen Wheeler
	Voter Service	Vicki Gilfix
	Data Manager	Catherine Vonnegut
	<i>Voter</i> Editor	Sue Graham, Lisa McLain
	Membership	Sue Graham
	Tech Team Director	Max Beckman-Harned (website)
	Director-at-Large:	

2018-2019 Nominating Committee: Crownie Billik

2016 – 2017 LWV LAMV Board and Portfolio Directors

Officers	President	Katie Zoglin
	Vice-president, Action	Cathy Lazarus
	Vice-president, Program	Julie Cates
	Secretary	Abby Longcor
	Treasurer	Natalie Elefant
Directors	Government	Nancy Brewer Cavagnaro
	Natural Resources	Gary Hedden
	Social Policy	Ellen Wheeler
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	<i>Voter</i> Editor	Sue Graham
	Tech Team	Max Beckman-Harned
	Data Manager	Therese Kristensen
	Voter Service	Vicki Gilfix
	Directors-at-large	Dorothea Grimes-Farrow, Merrian Nevin, Jackie Johnson

Portfolio Reports

Portfolio Report – Government: Nancy Brewer Cavagnaro

Civics 101 Training – Get to Know Your Local Government

Local government has a great impact on everyday life in Mountain View and Los Altos. Local governments work on vital areas such as transportation, housing, services for seniors and the needy, and education in our communities. To help members of our community better understand how to have an effective impact on issues relating to local government, the League has developed presentations on “Understanding Local Government” for Mountain View and Los Altos.

The presentations are to give people the tools and information to help people have a voice in shaping City policies, and to learn how decisions are made in each jurisdiction. A single person can have a positive impact on the issues that are important to that person, and can effectively have his or her voice heard whether in support or opposition. The first presentation was held at the Mountain View Public Library, and more presentations are in the works.

Social Media

In an effort to reach out to more voters and potential voters, the LWV LAMV has increased our presence on social media, both on Facebook and Twitter. Social media is an important way to try to engage younger voters who obtain much of their information from the internet. We have tripled our followers on Facebook in the past six months.

Education Report: Ellen Wheeler, Chairperson

The education committee of LWV Santa Clara County has met all year in essentially bimonthly lunchtime meetings on the 4th Monday of the month. Its chair is Ellen Wheeler of our Los Altos-Mountain View LWV. We have representation from all 5 Leagues in Santa Clara County. Our group includes Leaguers with lots of history and new Leaguers, many of whom are school board members who have been recruited by Ellen. Having this wide range of knowledge is beneficial to the robustness and relevance of our committee. We share education news and issues and always have great discussions. This year our meetings continued to focus on the bookend topics of higher education and high quality early education. Additionally we discuss contemporaneous education topics that arise throughout the year such as the new school rating “dashboard” and state and federal legislation impacting education.

At last year’s annual meeting we were all waiting to get the results of the consensus meetings held by Leaguers all over the state regarding our LWVC study on “Public Higher Education in California.” Good news! Our excellent state study committee did such an outstanding job of utilizing that grass roots input that our LWVC board approved the higher education positions recommended by the committee. Our local delegates to the LWVC convention saw that those higher education policies approved within the Social Policies positions at that convention. Thank you, all! Now we can point to our new higher education positions when we advocate pro and con on proposed bills when we visit or write to our legislators and governor.

LWV LAMV Housing Committee – Housing Committee Chairs Susan Russell, Donna Yobs

The Housing Committee has been advocating on many issues in both Los Altos and Mountain View.

In November 2016 Mountain View voters approved Measure V, a charter amendment to curb rent increases and allow a roll-back in rent levels to October 2015 rates. The California Apartment Association filed a lawsuit

against Measure V and a trial is expected in a few years. We did not advocate as League members for this amendment because our League doesn't have a position. The Housing Committee proposes that our League do a local study on rent stabilization, so that we would have a position on this amendment and be able to support or not support specific provisions of the amendment.

We have sent many letters to the Mountain View Council and Environmental Planning Commission urging a higher percentage of below-market-rate units, loosening of the requirements for second units, and more housing in North Bayshore to help alleviate the jobs/housing imbalance.

In Los Altos, we encouraged the City to perform a nexus study; such a study shows how building offices, retail, hotels, market-rate housing, etc. leads to a need for affordable housing. The nexus study, now complete, then provides a rationale for adoption of commercial and housing impact/linkage fees. At the time of writing this report, our committee has urged the Planning and Transportation Commission to adopt these various fees. The Council will be discussing this issue in May.

In Los Altos we also urged the Council to loosen their requirements for second units, and, after our local advocacy, California passed a new law making it imperative that Los Altos loosen their requirements. This issue will also be taken up by the Council in May.

We usually meet the second Monday evening of the month, but best to check with Sue Russell to confirm date and place. We welcome new members.

Transportation –2016 Measure B – Lucas Ramirez

In November 2016, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure B, a 30-year, half-cent sales tax to enhance transportation infrastructure throughout the county. The measure passed by nearly 72%. The tax is projected to generate approximately \$6 billion, and tax collections are expected to begin April 2017. A Citizen's Oversight Committee will be formed to ensure transparency and accountability, and VTA is developing a web presence that will include a reporting dashboard and an interactive map showing planned, funded, and completed projects.

Transportation projects are built using a variety of funding sources. A countywide sales tax provides a local revenue source that can be leveraged to help obtain additional funds through regional, state, and federal sources. Projects for Measure B were drawn from the Envision Silicon Valley and Plan Bay Area 2040 long-range transportation plans. Measure B includes the following nine funding categories:

\$1.5B – BART Phase II: extension to San Jose/Santa Clara. 6 miles, four stations.

\$250M – Bicycle/Pedestrian Program.

\$314M – Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements. Expand capacity, increase service, level boarding.

\$700M – Caltrain Grade Separations. Separate tracks from roadways.

\$750M – County Expressways. Intersection/interchange widening, non-Caltrain grade separations.

\$750M – Highway Interchanges. Connectors, on/off ramps, widening.

\$1.2B – Local Streets and Roads. Repairs, complete streets requirements. All cities receive funding.

\$350M – State Route 85 Corridor. Corridor transit study, transit, noise abatement.

\$500M – Transit Operations. Increase bus frequency, first/last-mile connections. Programs for seniors, disabled, low-income, and students.

Measure B program guideline development and review for these funding categories will occur February-April 2017. A VTA Board of Directors Workshop and review of the Final Draft Program is scheduled for April 2017. In

June 2017, the Final Draft Program will be approved, and the Measure B FY2018-2019 Allocation will be approved with the VTA Budget.

A good overview and slide set on Measure B is available from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority website: <http://www.vta.org/measure-b-2016>

Complete Text of Measure B: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Info/Nov2016Info/Documents/E110%20-%20Measure%20B.pdf>

List of Projects:

http://vtaorgcontent.s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/Site_Content/FINAL%20BOARD%20ADOPTED%20PROJECT%20LIST.PDF

City of Los Altos Development Directions -- Cathy Lazarus

Los Altos remains a divided community on many issues important to the League of Women Voters; affordable housing, building heights on El Camino Real and downtown, a new community center, economic vitality and much more. As of this writing (April 2017) building moratoriums remain in place along El Camino Real and Loyola Corners pending City Council decisions regarding land use patterns and building heights.

The League housing committee continues to communicate to the City Council on affordable housing topics and is one of the few voices in support of slightly denser projects that include below market rate housing units. The League is an active member of the Los Altos Community Coalition, a consortium of community groups and others that meets every other Friday to hear speakers about downtown vibrancy and to discuss developments pertaining to the Downtown and Civic Center. The mission of the group is to advocate for an adopted plan for the downtown and civic center ending years of changing city policy and uproar every time a development is proposed.

Los Altos has begun the public process to develop a vision for its downtown. An economic analysis of the downtown was completed to form three or more potential future development scenarios. Outreach to the public is underway and will continue over the summer. Although there is planning fatigue in the community, it is very important for residents to participate in this process, which will set the future direction for the City's downtown core. Here is a link for more information and to join the visioning mailing list: www.losaltosca.gov/DowntownVision

After failed initiatives regarding the funding and location of a new building to replace the badly deteriorated Hillview Community Center, the City retained an architectural firm to do preliminary size and cost analysis of a new facility at roughly the existing Hillview location.

The League continues to monitor and participate in the visioning process and community center planning and will take positions as appropriate on topics relevant to adopted League positions.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) – Gary Hedden

Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) is now our official electricity provider, bringing us 100% carbon-free electricity at rates about 1% lower than PG&E. Formed by twelve local government agencies in 2016, SVCE was established to provide clean electricity to PG&E customers; PG&E remains responsible for the transmission and distribution of the electricity, management of outages and billing.

All customers in the participating cities will be automatically enrolled in SVCE's baseline service, GreenStart, which offers 100% carbon-free energy from solar, wind farms and hydroelectric sources. Enrollment of residential customers is in two phases - 20% of the customers in April and 80% in July. Customers will receive two notices before their enrollment date and two after announcing and explaining the service. These notices also announce the opportunity to easily opt-out and stay with PG&E.

Solar customers will be enrolled in four phases, to better match their annual "true-up" dates. Importantly, and unlike PG&E, solar customers will receive full retail pricing for any excess electricity generated.

Customers may choose to opt-up to GreenPrime, offering 100% renewable electricity (solar and wind) at a cost premium of about 0.7 cents/kWh. An average residential account using 460 kWh per month would pay about \$3.22 more per month with GreenPrime.

In a show of leadership, the Cities of Mountain View and Los Altos have enrolled their municipal electricity accounts into GreenPrime. By upgrading from GreenStart to GreenPrime, they have demonstrated additional commitment to climate protection and environmental sustainability, and by choosing GreenPrime, they further expand the demand for generation from renewable energy sources.

For more information, visit <http://www.svcleanenergy.org>

Juvenile Justice -- Crownie Billik

Melody Grandell, Chair SCCC Juvenile Justice Committee

Crownie Billik, LAMV Juvenile Justice Committee

The County Juvenile Justice committee continues to follow state and county legislative measures and their potential impact on youth in the Juvenile Justice System, and in our community.

The Committee's current project is examining Santa Clara County's Juvenile Justice System for how it meets the challenge of the new science on Youth Brain Development in work with its youth. The committee plans several meetings involving youth service providers for the County System. Its first meeting was with Susie Rivera, Director of Client Engagement for Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY). The final event is the Public Information Forum, to be held in the late fall of 2017, or early spring of 2018.

For more information on the Juvenile Justice Committee's activities, check our Voter or Website on a regular basis.

Voter Service – Vicki Gilfix

2017 is an off season for elections, and the only issues to come before the Voters, will be local matters and a few County-wide elections. Typically, off seasons are slower for us, so Voter Services has been working with Sue Graham and her "After the March" groups. These new Members have broken into smaller interest groups, working on a variety of issues - watch for our activities on the E-Blasts and the Events Calendar, or contact Vicki Gilfix for additional information. (gilfix@att.net)

Our League and the other four Leagues in Santa Clara County will continue with programs to help increase voter turn-out. Across Santa Clara County over 82% of registered voters cast ballots in the November 2016 election. League member Lois Rosenblum worked with Voters Edge (formerly Smart Voter) to help ensure that information about local candidates was posted. With so much interest in the elections and election process, we

have looked at how to become more involved with volunteering with the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to help at polling places and at the ROV offices.

We are sorry for the passing of League member Greg Fowler this year. Greg played a critical role in supporting County Council and overseeing Voters Edge. We would like to recognize the many contributions he made to our League and the County Council over the years.

Our League continues to participate in the County's Citizens Naturalization ceremonies. These events are coordinated by the Southwest Santa Clara Valley League. Our League will once again support the ceremonies on July 27th. Contact Vicki Gilfix, if you would like to participate at this very inspiring event.

Membership and New Teams – Sue Graham, Therese Kristensen

As of January 31, 2017, which is when we report our membership count to the national and state Leagues, our membership count was 213, up from 181 in 2016. We'd like to thank our members for renewing their membership dues promptly. Not everyone can commit time to the League. Know that your membership helps increase the effectiveness of the League's advocating efforts. The more members we have, the stronger our voice.

Like Leagues across the country, many people joined our local League of Women Voters following the January 22nd Women's March, as they sought ways to become more involved in their communities and in politics. We have formed a group called "After the March," which is pursuing various avenues of civic engagement including civil discourse, bridging the divide, voter rights, LWV action alerts, and voter registration. To join us contact Sue Graham, sgraham@batnet.com

During the past year, we converted our membership database to a more sophisticated, customer relationship management system. Our new CRM - Neon, is designed specifically for non-profit organizations and provides broad capabilities to assist in keeping track of memberships, donations, events, and communication. We look forward to utilizing Neon's extensive capabilities to expand and improve communication with new and existing members and donors.

Reminder: On July 1, annual membership dues (\$75 for one, \$110 for household) for the FY 2017-2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) are due. We will issue dues reminders via email to those members who have email. For non-email users, we will send reminders through regular mail. Look for your dues notice in late June. We hope that all of you continue to support our League with your timely membership renewal.

Tech Team Max Beckman-Harned techteam@lwvlamv.org

The 2016-2017 year has been one of transition for the Tech Team; both in membership and in responsibilities. I would like to specially recognize Greg Fowler, a stalwart member of the Tech Team (as well as an active volunteer for Voters Edge and for other local organizations), who passed away in the fall; and Hoa Phan, who performed above and beyond the call of duty with a herculean migration of our membership and financial data into NeonCRM, well past the beginning of her new job, which necessitated her stepping down from her Tech Team role (as well as her other roles in the League). The League owes both of them a great debt for their service.

The primary project of the Tech Team in the past year was the setup and configuration of NeonCRM, our new constituent management system. Working closely with Therese Kristensen, Data Manager, we worked to configure the system to accurately capture our membership and donation records; and are presently working to

thoroughly document the procedures we have developed over the past year. NeonCRM formalizes many of our ad-hoc processes, enables us to automatically keep records of our member communications, and enables authorized users to perform detailed queries and examinations of our membership and financial data. There are still many features the system provides that we have not yet implemented, and looking forward we plan to add additional functionality in the upcoming year, working closely with Catherine Vonnegut, our new data manager.

The Tech Team's responsibilities also included creating and sending e-blasts as well as maintenance and update on our websites (both internal board SharePoint and outward-facing public site). We onboarded our public website to Cloudflare, increasing its speed and security and made targeted improvements to it, including adding an automatic translation widget, updating styling to increase consistency, and adding a rotating "our positions" widget.

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our new volunteers who joined us throughout the year--Catherine Vonnegut has been doing an excellent job with our event and reminder e-blasts; Lisa McLain has integrated our website into our new streamlined Voter, which she assembles and sends; and Tricia Jordan quickly learned the ropes of updating our website, has fixed numerous broken links, and has many great ideas on how to make our website more usable, useful, and relevant which we will work on in the next year.

Finally, the Tech Team wishes to thank Sue Graham, who has tirelessly worked in the background of all aspects of our League to keep things running smoothly, recruit new volunteers, and engage our new members. Without her, both this report and many others would be much shorter.

The Voter, Eblasts, and Observers Corps **Sue Graham, Lisa McLain, Catherine Vonnegut**

It was with great pleasure that our League was able to resume publishing the Voter this year with the help of new member, Lisa McLain. For the time being, the Voter will be published only online. Electronic versions of The Voter make it easier for readers to link to expanded stories or to sign up for an event. Every month, The Voter contains in-depth Observer's reports, news from local, state, and national levels of the League, and mentions of local events sponsored by other community members of interest to League members. We are indebted to our Observers who attend city council meetings and school board meetings in order to bring our members up-to-date information about what is happening in our community.

In addition to our monthly Voter, we email an event update around the first and the fifteenth of each month to alert you to events of local League interest. Catherine Vonnegut manages the announcement updates for our League.

This past year our Observer Corps has been ably represented by:

- Julie Lovins and Lucas Ramirez, Mountain View City Council
- Claire Noonan, Los Altos City Council
- Sally Ahnger, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District
- Terry Terman, Foothill-DeAnza Community College District
- Dana Bunnett, Santa Clara Board of Supervisors
- Dorothea Grimes-Farrow, El Camino Hospital District Board
- Ellen Wheeler, Bullis Charter School

We have Observer openings at Los Altos School District, Mountain View Whisman School District and Los Altos Hills Town Council. If you are interested in becoming a League Observer, contact Sue Graham. We'll show you how it is done.

The League would like to thank Julie Lovins for her years of covering the Mountain View City Council. Her knowledge and insight into city government made for informative reading. Lucas Ramirez will be the main observer for city council going forward.



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ANNUAL MEETING KIT

**Annual Meeting LWV Los Altos -Mountain View Area
Saturday, June 10, 2017**

PREPAID RESERVATION REQUIRED FOR LUNCH
Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View

Go online to lwvlamv.org to reserve and pay
or
return this portion with your check for \$30.00 per person (tax & tip included) to:
League of Women Voters, P. O. Box 3492, Los Altos, CA 94024

Luncheon includes iced tea service.
Please mark your choice of entrée and your guest's choice of entrée:

- _____ Breast of Chicken, Marsala
_____ Chicken Caesar Salad
_____ Grilled Vegetable Brochette with Wild Rice

Make checks payable to League of Women Voters. **Respond by June 3rd.**

Name _____ Phone _____
Guest _____