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3. Consent Calendar (de Llamas)	26
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LWVC/LWCEF

Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2023

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5112570233>

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Bring your morning wake-up beverage for a chat

10:00 AM- 10:45 AM - Voter's Edge (Doute/ Stone)

Purpose: Review of Voter's Edge

Outcome: Board discusses possibilities for Voter's Edge

Level of Discussion: strategic

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM - Finance Committee (Carrillo)

Purpose: review financial reports as of end of January, 2023, budget proposal for 2023-2025, and proposed amendments to fiscal management policy

Outcome: Directors understand financial status. Discuss and approve budget proposal for 2023-2025. Discuss and approve amendments policy

Level of Discussion: strategic, tactical

Preparation: review the financial reports

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM - Lunch

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM - Nominating Committee Report (Goodman, Guevara & Committee)

Purpose: Receive the report of the Nominating Committee on the slate of nominees for the 2023-25 Board of Directors

Outcome: Board is informed of the slate of nominees

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM - Program Planning Report (Chun Hoo/ Hutchison/ Saini)

Purpose: Review results of the Program Planning Process in order to adopt Recommended Program for 2023-25

Outcome: Board is prepared to adopt Recommended Program

Level of Discussion: strategic, tactical

Preparation: review attached report and recommendations

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM - Advocacy (Chun Hoo/ Rose)

Purpose: review proposed Legislative Priorities and overview of advocacy for 2023 Legislative Session

Outcome: Directors approve Legislative priorities. Directors understand legislative work as it unfolds.

Level of Discussion: Strategic

Preparation: review attached documentation

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM Break

2:45 PM - 3:15 PM - Development (Paley)

Purpose: Discuss status of board raising and future plans including fundraiser Drag for Democracy

Outcome: Directors understand the plans and their roles in fundraising

Level of Discussion: tactical

3:15 - 3:45 - Convention (Fagen)

Purpose: Update Board on planning & their roles during Convention

Outcome: Board understands roles

Level of Discussion: tactical

3:45 - 4:00 PM Break

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM LWVC/LWVCEF formal board meetings



LWVC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, March 18, 2023

President Carol Moon Goldberg

Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo

Treasurer Frances Carrillo

Director Debbie Fagen

Director Helen Hutchison

Director Maya Paley

Secretary Caroline de Llamas

Director Maxine Anderson

Director Cynthia Heard

Director Adena Ishii

Director Shelly Saini

Staff: Executive Director Stephanie Doute

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2 min	1. Call to Order / Roll Call	Moon Goldberg
5 min	2. Agenda Adjustments	Moon Goldberg
2 min	3. Conflict of Interest Stated	de Llamas
5 min	4. Consent Calendar –See attachment for complete list of items	de Llamas
10min	5. Treasurer’s Report –	Carrillo
5 min	6. Executive Director’s Report	Doute

5 min	7. Motions -Adopt Recommended Program for 2023-25 -Adopt Proposed Rules of Convention -Adopt Proposed General Fund Budget for 2023-25 -Adopt Legislative Priorities for 2023 Legislative Session -LWVC/EF Fiscal Management	
	Director/Committee Reports	
	8. Program & Advocacy	Chun Hoo
	9. Other Business	Moon Goldberg
	10. Closed Session	
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	11. Items for Future Agendas	Moon Goldberg
	12. Adjournment	Moon Goldberg



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5 min	6. VP Report on Voter Service	Moon Goldberg/ Doute

10 min	7. Motions -Voter's Edge	
	8. Other Business	Moon Goldberg
	<i>none</i>	
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Program Planning Report

Gloria Chun Hoo

Purpose: Adoption of Program Planning Recommendations

Process: Read this report

Outcome: Adopt the proposed Program for 2023-2025 which will be presented to Convention as the Board's Recommended Program, based on input from Local Leagues

Preparation: Read information below and come prepared to discuss and vote

BACKGROUND:

Based on the recommendations from local Leagues and ILOs, the state Board has the responsibility to consider and then to formulate a proposed Program for the upcoming two years.

Per our By-laws, the LWVC Program consists of 1) action to implement League principles; and 2) those governmental issues chose for concerted study and action. Further, our Board recommended Program must be submitted to local Leagues and ILO boards at least one month prior to convention, along with a list of non-recommended items.

Adoption of the Program, as proposed by the Board, will happen at the May LWVC Convention, and requires a majority vote. At Convention, delegates may also make a request that a non-recommended item be considered. Consideration of a non-recommended item requires a majority vote, and adoption of a non-recommended item requires a 3/5 vote of delegates.

February 27 was the deadline for local Leagues and ILOs to submit their Program recommendations. The results have been tabulated and is provided in the table below.

A total of 44 local Leagues participated in program planning and submitted reports.

Recommended Program for 2023-2025

1 - The Board recommends all of the current LWVC positions for retention.

2 - No new study or update study is recommended

3 - LWVC Issues for Emphasis

- * **Making Democracy Work in California**, with a focus on election reform, voting rights, expanding the electorate, redistricting, money in politics and civic education

- * **Climate Change/Sustainability, including a focus on Water**

- * **Housing and Homelessness**

- * **Criminal Justice/Juvenile Justice Reform**, expanding our education and advocacy on policing and criminal justice and juvenile justice reform.

Many thanks to Board members Helen Hutchison and Shelley Saini who, with staff support from Julissa Rodriguez, reviewed the data from local Leagues, aggregated the data and compiled the final report of results.

Program Planning Responses 2023-2025

Issue	1st choice	2nd choice	3rd choice	weighted total
climate change/water	15	7	5	64
housing/homelessness	10	9	8	56
criminal justice/juvenile justice	1	8	8	27
Making Democracy Work	1	12	3	10
civic ed	2		1	7
gun safety	1	1	2	7
mental health	2		1	7
healthcare	1	1		5
DEI		1	1	3
election integrity	1			3
equitable communities	1			3
RCV	1			3
reproductive freedom	1			3
status quo	1			3
Init & referendum		1	1	3
agriculture		1		2
energy		1		2
public libraries		1		2
public transportation		1		2
election process			1	1
local government issues			1	1
misinformation			1	1
popular vote for president			1	1
recall elections			1	1
voter participation			1	1

Advocacy Report & Legislative Priorities

Gloria Chun Hoo and Dora Rose

Purpose: To Adopt Legislative Priorities for 2023 and be updated on advocacy work

Process: Board reviews recommended legislative priorities from the Legislative Committee

Outcome: Board will approve legislative priorities to guide our work in advocacy

Preparation: Read report and be prepared to discuss and vote

Background

Legislative priorities are set each year by the Board based on recommendations from the Legislative Committee; these priorities apply only to the advocacy work we do in the legislature. This is distinct from our work in setting “Issues for Emphasis” that guides us in our education and advocacy, our budget decisions, and are broader in scope and which are set every two years at Convention (and is discussed in our other separate SBK report on Program Planning).

The Legislative Priorities take into account what we think will be “hot” issues in the legislative and will likely result in bills moving forward, and also where our work will have impact. It does not preclude us from taking action on a number of bills for which we have positions, but helps guide us into current areas for action.

Recommended Legislative Priorities

1. Making Democracy Work

1. Voting Rights
2. Voter Protection and Service
3. Election Reform with a focus on expanding the electorate and making it more representative - ACA 4 (to expand voting rights to those incarcerated) and SCA 1 (recall of the gov error)
4. Money in Politics
5. Local Redistricting Legislation - Fair Maps and Independent Redistricting Commissions bill)

2. Housing

1. Housing supply — availability, affordability, and production
2. Homelessness

3. Climate Change

4. Criminal Justice

Other Legislative Issues as time and resources permit:

1. Support requests from local Leagues and ILOs for advocacy on bills of specific interest to their jurisdictions
2. Act as appropriate on other core issues, like the Initiative and Referendum Process and Open Government
3. Consider Program Director recommendations for action on this highest priority bills in their program areas.

OTHER ADVOCACY WORK

Legislative Interviews: February 27 was the deadline for local Leagues to submit reports on their meetings with legislators. To date, we are receiving rich information and data which is still being reviewed and will help us in our advocacy work. Due to scheduling, many of these interviews are being held post the deadline and we will continue to review these.

Check the [Bill Status Report](#) to see what bills we have taken positions on. Letters are in the process of being submitted. See also the attached fact sheets on three of our co-sponsored bills.

AB 764 (Bryan): 2023 FAIR MAPS Act Reform

Background

Redistricting is of critical importance to democracy. How district lines are drawn has the power to determine whether communities' and neighborhoods' shared interests will be fairly represented in government, including on city councils, school boards, and county boards of supervisors. Every Californian's voice should be heard when determining how communities will be represented, and good redistricting practices can help achieve that.

[AB 849 \(Bonta, 2019\)](#) and [AB 1276 \(Bonta, 2020\)](#) created the FAIR MAPS Act (FMA), the first significant reform of California's local redistricting law since the 1940s. The FMA prohibits partisan gerrymandering and sets forth standardized, fair redistricting criteria for cities and counties meant to ensure neighborhoods and diverse communities are kept intact. The FMA also requires more transparency, public education, and outreach, particularly to underrepresented communities. In 2021 and 2022, cities and counties conducted their first redistricting under the FMA.

The Problem

Experiences of community members, community-based organizations, and good government groups in the 2020 redistricting cycle highlighted both strengths and weaknesses of the FMA in achieving equitable representation. While the redistricting process improved and overall resulted in more representative outcomes, problems included: local politicians abusing the redistricting process to protect their incumbency at the expense of communities; a lack of transparency in how adopted maps complied with redistricting criteria; difficulty engaging and meaningfully participating in the process; and confusion regarding when new lines would go into effect. Numerous examples of these issues are documented in ["The Promise of Fair Maps"](#), a report based on observations by civic, voting rights, and good government organizations of over 100 local jurisdictions. In addition, the FMA currently only applies to cities and counties, meaning that other local jurisdictions, such as school districts, do not have to abide by even the same basic redistricting criteria.

The Solution: Strengthen the FAIR MAPS Act

AB 764 (Bryan) would strengthen the FMA's redistricting criteria, administrative requirements, public engagement requirements, and transparency measures based on lessons learned from the 2020 redistricting cycle, extended the FMA to large educational districts, and extend specified key provisions of the FMA, such as redistricting criteria, to special districts and small educational districts.

Redistricting Criteria: AB 764 would prohibit incumbency protection in the redistricting process, add clarity regarding communities of interest and the proper prioritization of criteria, and ensure jurisdictions do their due diligence to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act.

Administration: AB 764 would change the redistricting deadline from a weekend to a Monday and clarify that elected officials continue to represent the constituents who elected them for the duration of the office term.

Public Transparency and Outreach: AB 764 would add requirements to increase transparency of district line decision-making including: requiring jurisdictions to publish all public comments received in the process in a timely manner; increasing the number of required public hearings; requiring jurisdictions to adopt redistricting outreach and education plans; and ensuring equitable public access by allowing the public to provide comment either remotely or in-person at all redistricting hearings.

Enforcement: AB 764 would create a clear legal process for bringing claims alleging violations of the FMA to ensure claims are brought and resolved promptly.

AB 1248 (Asm. Bryan and Sen. Allen):

Expanding Independent Redistricting Commissions for Fair Redistricting

Background

Voters and communities should have the right to choose their elected representatives, rather than the elected officials choosing their voters. Independent redistricting commissions (IRCs) are one tool to ensure that the redistricting process respects and fairly represents communities, neighborhoods, and shared interests.

IRCs have been used successfully at the state level, via the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, and in local government. Five counties are statutorily required to utilize IRCs ([Los Angeles](#), [San Diego](#), [Kern](#), [Fresno](#), and [Riverside](#)), while two other counties, 14 cities, and one school district also utilized IRCs in the 2020 redistricting cycle. [Observational data](#) from local jurisdictions in the 2020 cycle demonstrated that IRCs lead to the most participatory, most inclusive, most transparent, and most fair processes; while the most manipulative, most self-serving, and least participatory processes were all run by sitting incumbents.

The Problem

While local jurisdictions have the ability to create their own IRCs through [SB 1108 \(Allen, 2016\)](#) and [SB 1018 \(Allen, 2018\)](#), most jurisdictions have not. For instance, Santa Barbara is the only county that has passed an ordinance establishing an IRC under the authority granted by SB 1108. Self-interested political incumbents simply do not have an incentive to cede their own authority to gerrymander to protect themselves and their political party.

Unfortunately, this means many communities continue to be subjected to gerrymandering and poor outcomes compared to those with IRCs, as incumbents with an inherent conflict of interest determine district boundaries. Examples range from councilmembers in the City of Alhambra stating it was a priority to not draw incumbents out of their districts, to the City of El Cajon ignoring community of interest testimony from Arab and immigrant communities in favor of keeping district lines unchanged.

Most notably, [leaked audio recordings](#) of councilmembers in Los Angeles revealed, in addition to racist remarks, attempts to intentionally undercut the power of communities of color and renters, and strategically include economic assets into districts, in order to benefit themselves and their allies. The audio recording also revealed elected officials referring to commissioners of the advisory commission as going “rogue” for not simply serving the interests of the elected officials who directly appointed them, highlighting the potential for corruption with direct political appointees.

The Solution: Require Local Jurisdictions to Utilize Independent Redistricting Commissions

Time and time again across the state, local redistricting processes have proven that in order to have the best and fairest outcomes for voters, independent redistricting commissions must be used. **AB 1248 would require the use of IRCs in larger counties, cities, and educational districts’ future redistricting processes.**

Specifically:

- All counties, cities, school districts, and community college districts with a population over 300,000 would be required to establish an IRC before March 1, 2030 pursuant to existing standards and requirements in law ([ELEC Sec 23003](#)), and the redistricting procedures and criteria established by the FAIR MAPS Act.
- Additionally, commissioners of these IRCs would be prohibited from engaging in ex parte communications and would be required to receive a stipend in an amount determined by the local jurisdiction.
- For applicable jurisdictions which fail to establish an IRC by the March deadline, the bill would establish in more detail a default commissioner structure of 14 members with 2 alternates, a selection process of commissioners, additional commissioner qualifications, and administrative requirements such as quorum.
- The State Auditor would be required to help connect applicants to the state commission who are no longer being considered with potential local opportunities to serve, in order to promote large and diverse commissioner pools.



ACA 4 and AB 1595 – Voting Rights for All Californians

SUMMARY

Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 will put a fundamental question to the voters of California: should we restore voting rights to citizens of our State who are completing their prison sentences? Specifically, ACA 4 proposes amending Article II Section 4 to remove the disqualification of incarcerated people from civic participation.

BACKGROUND

For much of its history, California has taken steps to restrict the rights of both poor and nonwhite citizens. The state refused to ratify the 15th Amendment until 1962 and including – until 1926 – language in the Constitution declaring that “no native of China” could vote.¹ But in recent years, California has led the nation in ensuring the right to participate in free and fair elections. Protecting the right to vote – and ensuring that the voices of all citizens are heard, equally and without bias or favoritism, is a core Californian value. As the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled, restrictions on those values and that right “strike at the heart of representative government.”²

And yet to this day, California citizens serving a prison term are denied the right to vote. These restrictions emerged as a counterweight to the righteously won efforts to expand the franchise to include people who had previously been denied both their citizenship and personhood. Various methods of disenfranchisement were enacted in many states across the nation in the aftermath of Reconstruction and the 14th Amendment, as efforts by states to restrict and suppress the voting rights of their Black citizens.

These efforts to restrict voting rights were facially race-neutral – but clear in intent, and maliciously effective. Along with poll taxes, and literacy tests, criminalization and increasing penalties for minor crimes, the effect was exactly as intended – a dramatic and lethal restriction on

the political participation of Black, Brown, Poor, and Indigenous communities.

There are States and U.S. territories that allow everyone to participate in the democratic process. Maine, Vermont, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico all allow incarcerated people to vote. In fact, the United States as a whole is a dramatic outlier in the community of developed global democracies. Nearly all Western European countries allow incarcerated people to vote, as do others around the world, including 28 European nations, Israel, Canada, Zimbabwe, Japan, Kenya, Peru, and others.

Additionally, here in California, we already facilitate elections in carceral settings. People in jails have the right to vote, and some jails already serve as polling places for the people who are inside each election – including in Los Angeles County.

PROBLEM

In 2020, over 5.1 million citizens in the United States were prohibited from voting because of their contact with the criminal legal system. This included over 50,000 Black people and over 77,000 Latinx people in California alone.³ The rates of these legal barriers to civic participation and social engagement are shocking: Black men are disenfranchised at a rate 10 times that of white men; Black women at a rate 5 times greater; Latino and Native American men at a rate double that of white men.⁴

This disenfranchisement also disproportionately impacts our veterans, many of whom return to civilian life with visible and invisible trauma, and face a likelihood of becoming unhoused and arrested that is significantly higher than the general public.⁵ California currently has nearly 7,000 veterans who are denied their voting rights because they are incarcerated.⁶

¹ Katz, de la Vega, Hadad, Ramin and Yaroslavsky, “Reckoning With Our Rights: The Evolution of Voter Access in California,” UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, September, 2020.

² *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U. S. 533 (1964)

³ Uggen, Larson, Shannon and Pulido-Nava, “Locked Out 2020: Estimates of People Denied Voting Rights Due to a Felony Conviction,” The Sentencing Project, October 2020.

LWVC/EF SBK, March 2023

⁴ Widara, Gomez. “Where People in Prison Come From: The Geography of Mass Incarceration in California,” Prison Policy Institute and Essie Justice Group, August 2022.

⁵ “From Service through Reentry,” Council on Criminal Justice Veterans Justice Commission, August 2022.

⁶ Coupp. “California opens a dedicated prison yard for veterans, hoping camaraderie helps rehabilitate them,” American Homefront Project, December 2021.



ACA 4 and AB 1595 – Voting Rights for All Californians

SOLUTION

Preserving the right to vote for all people, including those who are currently incarcerated, will have significant and positive impacts on community safety. The vast majority of people incarcerated in state prison – upward of 95% – will eventually return home. Data shows that people who vote while incarcerated and shortly thereafter are 50% less likely to ever be arrested.

California voters should have the opportunity to decide if our Democracy is one that thrives with the participation of everyone. ACA 4 will give the people of California a choice – should we be an inclusive, democratic society, or should we turn back to our own dark history of racially motivated disenfranchisement, voter suppression, and restriction of civil rights and participation.

SUPPORT

Initiate Justice (Co-Sponsor)
Initiate Justice Action (Co-Sponsor)
ACLU California Action (Co-Sponsor)
Anti-Recidivism Coalition (Co-Sponsor)
California Black Power Network (Co-Sponsor)
Ella Baker Center (Co-Sponsor)
Jewish Center for Justice (Co-Sponsor)
League of Women Voters of California (Co-Sponsor)
National Lawyers Guild Los Angeles (Co-Sponsor)
Pillars of the Community (C-Sponsor)
Building the California Dream Alliance

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2023 Proposed Rules of Convention

Convention rules work with the LWVC bylaws and *Robert's Rules of Order* to ensure a well-run meeting. They are the rules that are consulted first during the running of the General Session.

1. ADMISSION

- Only persons wearing authorized badges are admitted to the convention.
- Badges must be worn at all meetings, including general sessions, workshops, and caucuses.

2. SEATING

- Only delegates may sit in the delegate area.
- Observers, other non-voting members, and visitors sit in designated areas.

3. VOTING

Only accredited local League delegates, local League and ILO presidents or their alternates, and members of the LWVC board may vote.

4. ALTERNATES

- If a delegate leaves the convention before final adjournment, an alternate delegate may be designated for the duration of the convention.
- **The alternative delegate must be registered with the Credentials (or Registration) Committee.**
- **A delegate who temporarily leaves the general session may not give his/her badge to an alternate delegate to cast a vote.**

5. OBSERVERS

Each authorized Member-at-Large (MAS/MAL) unit may be represented at convention by official observers. They may participate in discussion and debate, but may not vote.

6. VISITORS

League members or nonmembers may attend as visitors and may observe all convention meetings and other events where space permits. They may not participate in discussion or vote.

7. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Past state presidents, national board members, state board nominees, nominating committee chair, official observers, consultants, and committee members shall be extended the privilege of the floor. They may participate in discussion and debate, but may NOT vote.

8. DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

- **Use the provided microphones** to speak to the convention.
- During debate, microphones are designated Pro and Con; during free discussion, the microphones are numbered.
- **State your name and League before saying anything else.**
- During debate on a motion, the speaker has two (2) minutes to offer remarks. The chair is authorized to shorten or extend the time.
- During debate on a motion, **no person may speak more than once until all others who wish to speak have done so.** No person may speak more than twice on the same motion.
- During free discussion, each speaker has two (2) minutes to speak.
- During free discussion, no motions are allowed.

9. MOTIONS

- Main motions, or amendments of more than a few words, must be in writing. Forms for motions are provided at convention and are available from the Doorkeepers/Runners.
- Give copies of the motion to the people on the dais, specifically the president and the secretary, and give one to the person controlling the convention projector.

10. MOTIONS OR REQUESTS THAT INTERRUPT THE SPEAKER (RED CARD MOTIONS)

Some motions or requests need immediate attention. These are “red card motions”.

- There are motions or requests that may use a **red card**:
 - point of order,
 - parliamentary inquiry,
 - personal privilege, or
 - requests for information.
- Consult the parliamentary aide to determine whether use of the red card is appropriate **before** going to a microphone. (See Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance for more information on motions that may interrupt.)
- For these, go directly to a microphone and ask the microphone monitor for a red card. There is no need to wait in line.
- A red card cannot be used for discussion or debate or to make any other motion.

11. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

The procedure shall be as follows:

a) Procedure for the Recommended Program:

- The Recommended 2023-2025 LWVC Program is moved for adoption by a member of the LWVC Board. Debate and action on the Recommended Program take place at a time designated by the Chair.
- During the times specified in the agenda for Program consideration and Program debate, the Chair will divide the time among the Program Items to ensure fair and equitable debate on all items.

b) Procedure for Considering Not-Recommended Program Items:

- Any delegate may move for consideration of a not-recommended Program item. Items must be listed in the Convention Workbook **and** the wording must conform with that contained in the workbook list.
- The delegate making the motion may speak on behalf of the motion for up to three (3) minutes. No debate or additional motions are in order at this time.
- If a not-recommended item is moved for consideration, any delegate may request a statement from the LWVC Board, limited to three (3) minutes, during which they provide the reasons for not recommending the item.
- After all the not-recommended items have been moved for consideration, a vote for consideration of each shall take place in the order in which the items were moved.
- A majority vote is required to consider a not-recommended item as part of the proposed program.
- Debate and voting on not-recommended Program items occurs during debate and action on the proposed Program
- A three-fifths **(60%) vote is required to adopt** not-recommended Program items.

c) Procedure for CONCURRENCE:

- Program items may be moved for concurrence if they meet the requirements in the Concurrence Policy printed in this Convention Workbook and have been submitted by the program planning deadline.
- Items moved for concurrence will be considered during debate and action on the proposed Program.

d) Amending Program Items

- Wording of all proposed program items (recommended and not-recommended) may be amended during program discussion and debate at the time specified in the order of business. The president will ask if there are any proposed amendments.
- **A recommended item may not be enlarged by amendment.**
- Any proposal that enlarges a recommended item must be presented as a not-recommended item following the rules of (11b) above.

12. BUDGET ADOPTION

Any motion to amend the proposed budget contained in the Convention Workbook **must be presented to the Budget Adjustment Committee before introduction** to the general session.

- The delegate making the motion to amend may speak on behalf of the motion for three (3) minutes.
- If a motion to amend is made, any delegate may request a statement from the LWVC Board, limited to three (3) minutes, during which they provide the reasons for not recommending the item.
- Debate on any motion to amend the proposed budget follows the Debate and Discussion in Rule 8 above.

13. RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions to Express the Will of the Convention may be offered by any local League or ILO. Resolutions cannot be used to expand or modify the procedure described in Rule 11 for adoption of positions or Issues for Emphasis.

Procedure for adopting resolutions:

- Motions expressing the Will of the Convention **must be submitted to the secretary no later than 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 20, 2023.**
- The Resolutions Committee will use the following criteria to judge the appropriateness of proposed resolutions. The resolution:
 - has complied with procedural requirements of this rule;
 - is consistent with LWVC Bylaws, League Principles and League Positions;
 - does not seek to change motions on Recommended Program or motions to adopt a not recommended program item;
 - addresses a single, topical issue;
 - has a minimal LWVC budgetary impact; and
 - Addresses something with California.
- The Resolutions Committee will report its findings on all submitted resolutions.

- Any resolution reported by the Resolutions Committee as complying with the criteria may be moved for consideration of the convention.
- Resolutions to Express the Will of the Convention are main motions and follow Rules 8 and 9.
- Adoption of a resolution requires a **majority vote**.
- If the Resolutions Committee reports a resolution as not complying with the criteria, the convention delegates may override the decision by a two-thirds (66%) vote. The resolution may then be moved for consideration of the convention.

14. ELECTION OF LWVC OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- The slate of Officers, the Board of Directors, or the Nominating Committee proposed by the LWVC Nominating Committee may be approved by a voice vote if there are no nominations from the floor.
- Prior to submitting a nomination from the floor, the person to be nominated must agree to the nomination and the motion to nominate the person must state that the person has agreed to the nomination.
- If nominations for officer, the Board of Directors, and/or the Nominating Committee are made from the floor, creating a contested race, the vote will be by paper ballot.
- The Elections Committee is responsible for providing and counting the ballots.
- All candidates for office will comply with the LWVC Campaign Policy and sign the LWVC Fair Campaign Practices Principles as indicated below.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES PRINCIPLES

As a candidate for LWVC office, I pledge the following:

I will conduct my campaign for the LWVC Board of Directors or Nominating Committee openly and fairly. I will discuss the issues and participate in fair public debate with respect to my views and qualifications.

I will neither engage in nor be involved with unfair or misleading attacks upon the character of an opponent, nor will I engage in invasion of personal privacy unrelated to fitness for office.

I will not be part of any appeal to prejudice.

I will neither use nor be involved with the use of any campaign material or advertisement that misrepresents, distorts or otherwise falsifies the facts

regarding an opponent. I will clearly identify (by name and address) the source of all advertisements and campaign literature published or distributed.

I will publicly repudiate support deriving from an individual or group whose activities would violate the Fair Campaign Practices Principles.

In signing this pledge, I assume personal control over and responsibility for the conduct of my campaign.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All announcements will be made by the LWVC secretary.
- Forms for announcements will be available at the Registration Table during Convention.



**LWVC Board of Directors Meeting
March 18, 2023
Submitted by: Fran Carrillo, Treasurer**

The policy below has been revised by the Finance Committee with a recommendation that the Board approve the update policy as provided below. A redline version will be provided separately for the Board for review.

LWVC/LWVCEF Management

Adopted: May 8, 2006
Amended: July 15, 2006
Amended: May 17, 2009
Amended: November 14, 2009
Amended: March 14, 2010
Amended: May 17, 2010
Amended: May 16, 2011
Amended: September 11, 2011
Amended: January 30, 2012
Amended: May 18, 2012
Amended March 18, 2023

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

All funds of the LWVC and the LWVCEF shall be deposited to the credit of the LWVC or the LWVCEF in banks and financial institutions designated according to the investment policy adopted by the board of directors. All banking and financial institutions shall be FDIC insured.

At the beginning of each term the president, and the treasurer shall be designated by the board of directors as the authorized signatories on the transactional accounts of the LWVC/LWVCEF. The board may authorize additional signatories as required. As required, the board of directors shall designate who will be the signatories on investment accounts.

Disbursements of budgeted expenses do not require special authorization of the Board of Directors. Unbudgeted expenses greater than \$3,000, not associated with a new grant or other revenue source conditioned upon such expense, require approval of the Board Treasurer, or President if the Treasurer is unavailable. Approval from the Treasurer or President must be in written form, which may include digital authorization.

The executive director may not authorize disbursements to themselves, with the exception of payroll and employee benefits. There is no limit for the amount of disbursements or other transfers



between League bank or investment accounts which can be made by the executive director or treasurer.

The board will determine on an annual basis if there should be an internal audit or review or professional audit or review conducted by an independent CPA firm.

The treasurer shall provide the LWVC/LWVCEF with a bimonthly finance report, including a Statement of Financial Position and a Statement of Activities. These will be provided for the current month with a YTD and percentage against the Budget.

- The executive director, in consultation with the treasurer, shall maintain a set of internal financial controls that is regularly updated as staff responsibilities and board members change. The system of controls must provide a segregation of duties so that no financial transaction is handled by only one person from beginning to end. (See Internal Financial Controls document)
- A written document retention and periodic destruction policy, in accordance with good business practices and compliance with applicable law, shall be established and maintained by the executive director. The president shall review and approve the document. The executive director will ensure that all office personnel are informed of the length of time that records must be maintained.
- The Western Urban Consumer Price Index shall be used as the index for cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for employee payroll.

Bequests

- Bequests to the organization shall be applied as follows, unless otherwise specified by the donor:
 - If the LWVC/EF is not in compliance with the operating reserves percentage as required under the policies, all bequests shall be deposited into the operating reserves until such time that either the organization is in compliance, or the Board of Directors makes an exception to this policy based on the financial position and financial need of the organization. Bequests to the 501(c)3 LWVCEF may not be applied to the operating reserves of the 501(c)4 LWVC.
 - Bequests that include donor specification for how they are to be used will be used in accordance with donor intent unless such intent is counter to the needs, mission, vision, values or capacity of the organization. In that event, the LWVC staff shall manage all communications with the Estate to resolve any concerns.
 - Bequests over the amount of \$500,000 shall be addressed to the Finance Committee with a recommendation to the Board on application of funds.



Stock, Securities & Other Real Property Donations

- Donations of stock, securities, or cryptocurrency shall be liquidated within 30 days of receipt and cash proceeds shall be treated as cash donations and applied to unrestricted individual giving.
- The LWVC and LWVC EF will not accept donations of non-stock real property with the exception of vehicles donated through the vehicle donation vendor. Donors should be encouraged to liquidate property and donate proceeds directly. In the event that the Executive Director wishes to make an exception to this policy, they must present a proposal to the Treasurer and Finance Committee outlining the property, potential value, and how the property will be disposed of to convert to monetary value for the LWVC/EF. The Finance Committee may review and approve such exceptions.

Strategic Initiative Fund

- The LWVC/EF "Strategic Initiatives Funds" support strategies for, and development of, services and programs to ensure that the League remains accessible, nimble and able to respond in a lively political community for decades to come. The purpose and use of the Strategic Initiatives Funds shall be determined by the LWVC/EF boards of directors.
- Examples of the LWVC/EF services and programs that might be supported with funds from the Strategic Initiatives Fund include, but are not limited to: responding to opportunities to have the League participate in important policy debates; development of current and future League leadership; building infrastructure for smart growth; implementing innovations that ensure the League's work and mission remain relevant; or providing funding for day-to-day operations in times of financial need.

LWVC/LWVCEF Consent Calendar
Caroline de Llamas, Secretary
March 18, 2023 – State Board Kit

REVISED

Governance/Administration

- 1. Approval of LWVC Minutes***
 - Regular Meeting of January 21, 2023.
- 2. Approval of LWVCEF Minutes***
 - Regular Meeting of January 21, 2023.
- 3. Approval of the Dissolution of the Santa Clarita MAS Unit**
 - Recommended by Jacquie Canfield, Chair of the Local League Coaches (see SBK Report).
- 4. Adoption of LWVCEF Resolution No. 2023-1 regarding the acceptance of a Bequest to the Education Fund.**

***Attachments**

Please note: Consent Calendar items are adopted by one motion. Any board member may request removal of an item for individual consideration at the meeting. Report any additions or corrections to the LWVC/EF Secretary prior to the board meeting at dellamasc@aol.com.

League of Women Voters of California
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 21, 2023 – Electronic Communication

CALL TO ORDER: President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) to order at 1:13 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg
Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Cynthia Heard
Director Adena Ishii

Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Helen Hutchison
Director Maya Paley.

Absent: Director Shelly Saini.

Staff Present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

Guests Present: Nominating Committee Chair Carolina Goodman.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

CONSENT CALENDAR: By unanimous consent of those present, the LWVC Board acted as follows:

Approval of LWVC Minutes

- December 3, 2022 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Ratification of LWVC Special Meeting Actions

- December 13, 2022 – 12 Noon - Executive Committee Meeting – Personnel Matters
- December 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. – Executive Committee Meeting – Personnel Matters
- January 11, 2023 – Executive Committee Meeting – Committee Appointments.

LWVC Nominating Committee Appointments

- Maya Paley (LWVC Director) to the vacancy on the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee.

LWVC Board Committees and Task Force Appointments

- Debra Barger (LWV Butte County) to the Development Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Frances Carrillo presented an overview of the LWVC Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2022, Budget by Class July 2021 to November 30, 2022, and Budget vs. Actuals July 2021 to November 30, 2022. The reports were received and filed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Stephanie Doute offered an update regarding grant funds, LWVC Convention 2023, preparation of the 2023-2035 LWVC Budget and timeline, consultants for DEI and Strategic Planning, and staffing considerations.

OTHER BUSINESS: President Moon Goldberg called for other business and the following motions were presented for consideration.

Motion: Hoo/Hutchison moved the LWVC Board of Directors approve the Climate Action Update as presented in the January 21, 2023 State Board Kit. The motion carried unanimously (Saini absent).

Motion: Hoo/Hutchison moved the LWVC Board of Directors approve the LWVC Climate Smart Agriculture and Food Action Policy as presented in the January 21, 2023 State Board Kit. The motion carried unanimously (Saini absent).

Motion: Legislation Committee moved the LWVC support the ballot proposition that is created by SCA 2 to repeal Article 34 of the California Constitution. The motion carried unanimously (Saini absent).

CLOSED SESSION: President Moon Goldberg called for a Closed Session at this juncture, 1:36 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters. The Executive Director was invited to join the Board Members.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 1:44 p.m. with all Board Members listed in the initial roll call in attendance. President Moon Goldberg advised that there was no reportable action.

Note: Nominating Committee Chair Goodman left the meeting prior to the Closed Session and returned when the regular meeting reconvened.

PROGRAM AND ADVOCACY: Second Vice President Gloria Hoo noted the *All-Hands Advocacy Training* is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 16, 2023. Both the Program Planning and Legislative Interview responses are due February 27, 2023.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: President Moon Goldberg advised that likely items for the next meeting will include Program Recommendations, Legislative Priorities, the Proposed Budget, and Convention Rules.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 1:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

Caroline de Llamas
LWVC Secretary

Attachment: LWVC Board Committees and Task Forces – Updated through January 21, 2023

LWVC Board Committees – Updated 01/21/2023

Audit	Convention	DE&I
Marjorie Bailey – Chair Staff: N/A Debbie Fagen	Debbie Fagen – Chair Staff: Sharon Stone Carol Moon Goldberg Off Board Support - TBD	Adena Ishii – Chair Staff: Sharon Stone Carol Moon Goldberg Gloria Chun Hoo Maya Paley Off Board Darlene Evans Laura Hernandez April Oquenda
Development	Executive	Finance
Cynthia Heard – Co-Chair Maya Paley – Co-Chair Staff: Stephanie Doute Carol Moon Goldberg Helen Hutchinson Adena Ishii Off Board Debra Barger	Carol Moon Goldberg - Chair Staff: Stephanie Doute Fran Carrillo Caroline de Llamas Gloria Chun Hoo	Fran Carrillo – Chair Staff: Rosalinda Venegas/ Stephanie Doute Debbie Fagen Carol Moon Goldberg Maya Paley Shelly Saini Off Board Katherine Gavzy Natalya Zernitskaya
Governance	Legislation	Local League Coaches
Chair – TBD Staff: Stephanie Doute Fran Carrillo Caroline de Llamas Carol Moon Goldberg Helen Hutchinson Adena Ishii Off Board Jacquie Canfield	Gloria Chun Hoo – Chair Staff: Dora Rosa Maxine Anderson Carol Moon Goldberg Helen Hutchinson Off Board Mary O'Kicki April Oquenda Elizabeth Ralston Ashley Raveche Susan Rice Shelly Saini Diz Swift Mia Villasenor	Jacquie Canfield – Chair Caroline de Llamas – Board Liaison Staff: Sharon Stone Carol Moon Goldberg
Nominating	Voter Engagement	
Carolina Goodman – Co-Chair Marilu Guevara – Co-Chair Staff: Stephanie Doute Kandea Mosley Gandhi (<i>Appointed to fill vacancy of elected member</i>) Maxine Anderson Maya Paley	Carol Moon Goldberg – Co-Chair Co-Chair - TBD Shelly Saini Staff: TBD	

LWVC Task Forces – Updated 01/21/2023

Strategic Planning	MyLO	Voter's Edge Fundraising
Chair – TBD Staff: Stephanie Doute Fran Carrillo Debbie Fagen Carol Moon Goldberg Adena Ishii	Shelly Saini – LWVC Liaison Staff: Amaris Lebron Carol Moon Goldberg Off Board Support – TBD	Chair - TBD Staff: Sharon Stone Cynthia Heard Carol Moon Goldberg Off Board Support - TBD

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 21, 2023 – Electronic Communication**

CALL TO ORDER: President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2023. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Gloria Chun Hoo
Director Adena Ishii

Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Cynthia Heard
Director Helen Hutchison
Director Maya Paley.

Absent: Director Shelly Saini.

Staff Present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

Guests Present: Nominating Committee Chair Carolina Goodman.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

CONSENT CALENDAR: By unanimous consent, the LWVCEF Board acted as follows:

Approval of LWVCEF Minutes

- December 3, 2022 Regular Meeting, as presented.

LWVCEF Board Committees and Task Force Appointments

- Debra Barger (LWV Butte County) to the Development Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Frances Carrillo presented an overview of the LWVCEF Balance Sheet as of November 30, 2022, Budget by Class July 2021 to November 30, 2022, and Budget vs. Actuals July 2021 to November 30, 2022. The reports were received and filed.

VOTER SERVICE: President Moon Goldberg advised that the local League Voter Service Survey results are being compiled and information will be available as soon as possible.

OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Director Stephanie Doute provided an update regarding the local and state Redistricting Papers, the September FOCE Conference, and Member and Community Education programs.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 2:14 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/
Caroline de Llamas
LWVCEF Secretary

LWVC Convention 2023

Debbie Fagen

Registration for the convention is open. The cost breakdown is as follows:

Full registration: \$415

Daily registration rate: \$150

Discounted banquet rate for full registration payors: \$80

Standard banquet rate: \$150

Sponsorship letters have gone out to Leagues. Our goal is to raise \$14K.

Details:

Hyatt Regency San Francisco, Downtown SOMA May 19-21, 2023

<https://lwvc.wordpress.com/>

Some Important Dates:

Registration begins: 3/1/23

Deadline for hotel reservations: 4/17/23

Planning for the Convention is moving along. This year we will offer a panel discussion that will happen during the General Session about working in coalitions that accomplish our work. It will feature some of the League's coalition partners. Workshops on Advocacy (Under the Hood of Advocacy), Housing and Homelessness, Local Redistricting, Voter Education Strategy, and communications plus others are planned.

Drag for Democracy

Drag for Democracy is coming together beautifully! The planning committee has been working hard on the preliminaries needed to package this event for sponsors and guests. We have a great location with a view of the Bay Bridge, a glittery fun [website](#) for the event, an Honorary Advisory Council that includes the CEO of the San Francisco Travel Association and local performers, and some performers already lined up!

The sponsorship packet has been spread around and committee members are combing their contact lists and contacting potential sponsors. Sponsors are extremely important to the success of the event. They provide money to underwrite the event and are, of course, the source for fundraising too. Take a look at the attached package. If Board Members have contacts with potential corporate or other type sponsors please let the committee know.

This event is designed to be a fun, celebratory night out mixed with recognition and of people who exemplify the values and strength of our democracy through their work in advocacy and activism for LGBTQ+ people, rights, and equality. LGBTQ+ advocates, and indeed people who are not part of the dominant culture, have always been at the forefront of efforts to build power, create possibility, and expand our democracy to include all people. And with much fanfare, glitter, and glam, we will honor community members making democracy work as they build justice and equity in California.

The planning committee is lining up performers for the event. There will be queens from the San Francisco Bay Area. A headliner has not yet been found, but the committee through Cynthia Heard's contacts are working on that. Keep checking the event website. It will be updated as further performers are confirmed.

Jacque Canfield Information Only

Consent Agenda Item –

- 1) Dissolve Santa Clarita MAS unit – The Santa Clarita MAS unit is recommended to be dissolved. If approved, the paperwork will be completed with LWVUS to recognize this change. Santa Clarita MAS unit has struggled for many years. Covid caused the unit to become nonexistence. We had hoped to revitalize the unit afterwards. Unfortunately, this did not happen.

Information Only

Local League Coaches Committee Report - The team continues to work to find additional LLCs, providing monthly reminder of national and state League items to local League leaders, work on materials to assist local Leagues and LLCs, and providing support to local Leagues. Below are summary notes from the February 14th (12 attended) meeting. Monthly meetings are recorded for coaches not able to attend.

Trainings/Tools for Local Leagues

- Just In Time Training – At the February meeting the coaches gave feedback on the two JIT videos and agreed they were ready for approval. Since the February meeting they were approved by LWVC. These videos will be placed on the LWVC YouTube website. We are in the middle of two more videos that are focused to help local League boards and hoping to complete these in the next couple of months and publish the set of videos. The group also discussed ideas for future videos. Here are links to the current two videos.
 - [Chairing a Board Meeting](#) 8 minutes long
 - [League Committees](#) 6:30 minutes long
- State Convention – Since all the workshops have been planned, the Local League Coaches are planning a caucus for local Leagues to share what type of additional support they would like to see from the coaches.
- In-Person Meeting for LLC – As mentioned in the January SBK the coaches will be meeting in person in April. The meeting will be held at the Martin Luther King Library in San Jose. We are aware that no funds were budgeted for the current budget. We plan to keep costs low and working on covering costs. We will have a hybrid option for those unable to travel. The purpose of the meeting is to:
 - Get to know each other better
 - Explore ways to assist local Leagues better
 - See how we might be able assist with the State Convention.

Local League Coaches Willing to Serve 23/24 and 24/25 - Several of the Local League Coaches have served many years. Since individuals time commitment and interests can change, we checked in with each of the coaches to see if they would be willing to serve an additional two years or one year and how many Leagues they can support. Below is a list of the Local League Coaches noting their home League, current continuous service starting year, wiliness to continue service and current number of Leagues they support. LLC showing 1 year will evaluate if they continue for an additional year later. Roseanna Torretto after 14 years of service will be resigning June 30, 2023.

Coach	Home League	Served Since	Willing to continue	# of Leagues serving
Marie Baldisseri	North/Central San Mateo	2010	2	4
Debra Barger	Butte County	2022/1	2	2
Mary Ellen Barnes	Palos Verdes	2022/5	2	2
Jeanne Brown	San Diego	2017	2	2
Carol Burr	Butte County	2020	2	2
Lianne Campodonico	Piedmont	2015	1	3
Jacquie Canfield (Coordinator)	Fresno	2019	2	4
Chris Carson	Los Angeles	2009	2	3.5
Tom Carson	Los Angeles	2016/3	2	3.5
Robbie Davis	Pasadena	2017	1	1
Caroline deLlamas (S. Coordinator)	East San Gabriel	2001	2	5
Bonnie Hamlin	Oakland	2001	2	4
Mary Hanson	San Diego	2020	2	2
Ann Havlik	San Luis Obispo	2021	2	2
Jackie Jacobberger	North/Central San Mateo	2022/9	2	0
Lois Ledger	Long Beach	2005	2	2
Nancy Mahr	Palos Verdes	2020	1	3
Deborah Shefler	Oakland	2021	2	2
Alex Starr	Fremont/Newark/Union City	2022/5	2	2
Roseanna Torretto	Sacramento	2009	Resigning	1
Kathee Tyson	North/Central San Mateo	2007/12	2	4
Sharon Wallace	Butte County	2020	TBD	2
Ellen Wheeler	Los Altos/Mountain View	2018	2	2
Susan Morris Wilson (N. Coordinator)	Redding	2009	2	3

* Served many years before - Time represents current continuous service