How Many Initiatives are Too Many??

The Initiative and Referendum study is underway. So what, you ask, is the group studying? With the November election, we just completed a big ballot – 11 state measures. That's a big ballot and a lot of studying.

What if, like the Swiss, we held separate elections for initiatives? Or what if the number of initiatives per ballot was limited – with the overflow being held to the next election?

Are these good ideas or expensive non-fixes?

You can read the article by Joe Matthews on the NBC website (see link below) and form your own opinion. If questions and articles like this intrigue you, consider joining the Initiative & Referendum study. Our League’s group is forming and will be meeting soon. Not sure? Feel free to come and listen and then decide.

Contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com or 760-942-2458.

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The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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**President’s Message**  
by Mary Crowley, President

There simply aren’t enough words to sing the praises of the Civil Discourse, Voter Service and SmartVoter committee members. As I was trying to figure out a way to include them all I not only quickly determined there was no way, but also I discovered how many of the names appeared over and over. There were members who gave up their summer to help organize the MiraCosta College/Patriocracy Event and then went right on to do Pros & Cons, help with forums and work on SmartVoter. As you will note in Joyce Joseph’s and Cathy Greene’s articles we broke all records this year in our election efforts to help voters get informed. So, thank you all; put your feet up (for a short while) and then come celebrate with us at our Holiday Theater Party.

As you know we are not ones to rest on our laurels so the Board has been busy putting together a Master Calendar for the entire year. We have decided to put a Google Calendar on our members’ website so we can update and revise as frequently as needed. Check it out, it’s very user friendly; just go on to the members’ site, hit the Master Calendar tab and you’re in. This is in addition to our regular calendar that can be found here in the VOTER and on our public website – lwvncsd.org.

As we head into our holiday season, I’m reminded how much we have to be thankful for and to celebrate, not the least of which is our freedom that allows us to make our voices heard at the polls.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Observer Luncheons and the Theater Party.

Mary
IT’S A PARTY!
CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR LEAGUE FRIENDS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATER
2787 State Street
Downtown Carlsbad

Refreshments Served 1PM – Play starts at 2

Plaid Tidings! – A nostalgic holiday extravaganza!
Deck the halls with Plaid as Sparky, Jinx, Smudge and Frankie – those original celestial Guardians of Harmony – return for a command performance that rings in the holiday season. Take a break from the hustle and bustle for a show that’s sure to send you back to the days of Ed Sullivan and get you humming along to your favorites from the jukebox era.

Wine, appetizers, dessert and socializing with your favorite people.

$40.00 per person

All members are asked to bring an appetizer, sweet or wine.

For tickets call or email:
Jackie Stone
760-687-3141
jlscarlsbad@gmail.com
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For Comprehensive Election Information, Check the Resources Below:

- [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org) (LWV website providing comprehensive election information/links)
- [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org) (concise facts on statewide propositions in various languages)
- [www.CAVotes.org](http://www.CAVotes.org) (LVWC Voter Information – up-to-date voter information)
- [www.sos.ca.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections) (Secretary of State)
- [www.sdvote.com](http://www.sdvote.com) (San Diego County Registrar of Voters)
- [www.Cal-Access.ss.ca.gov](http://www.Cal-Access.ss.ca.gov) (Secretary of State - information on campaign funding)
- [www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov) (CA Legislative Analyst – analyzes all ballot measures)
- [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org) (CA Budget Project – analyzes fiscal effects of statewide ballot measures)
- [www.calvoter.org](http://www.calvoter.org) (CA Voter Foundation – data on campaign contributions)
- [www.votersedge.org](http://www.votersedge.org) (Voter’s Edge California - comprehensive information on ballot measures)

Do Facts Matter Anymore? Check it out at:

- [factcheck.org](http://factcheck.org) (Annenburg Public Policy Center at Univ. of Pennsylvania combines journalism and scholarship)
- [politifact.com](http://politifact.com) (Pulitzer Prize-winning project of *Tampa Bay Times* reflects dogged pursuit of details with Truth-o-Meter ratings from true to half true to false to Pants on Fire!)

**Election 2012... by the Numbers...**

- Over 4,000 [SmartVoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org) bookmarks have been distributed to voters and candidates this fall in North County.
- In 2008, San Diego County was the third highest county in the state for ballot lookups with 53,220. It is expected that this number will be exceeded in the 2012 election.
- In 2008, 9.3 million page views were recorded statewide. It is expected that more than 3 million additional views will be recorded this fall.

    ~ Ed. Note: Thank you to Joyce Joseph, LWV Smart Voter County Coordinator, for these statistics.

**Voter Service has set new records this election season!**

Volunteers presented twenty-seven programs on the state ballot measures – more than double what was offered two years ago - and, seven candidate forums with one more event to moderate on October 29th: a student debate of the ballot measures in Escondido.

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North County Leaguers also registered voters at four separate events. Mary Crowley and Amber Starbuck enlightened young women about the history of the League at a CSUSM class. Mary Thompson and Martha Cox continued the discussion on civil discourse at three events in October.

A conservative estimate of audiences reached totals 1,300 voters, specifically for the forums and pros and cons. Of course, none of this would have happened without you, our wonderful voter service volunteers. Approximately 1/3 of our membership volunteered to register voters, present the pro/con discussions, and help with the many jobs of moderating a forum. Quite a number of you were new to voter service. Welcome to new volunteers in voter registration, pro/con presentations, and forums. Just as welcome and valued are the Leaguers who return each election season to help with these essential programs.

The groups who requested our help with registering to vote, understanding the issues, and meeting the candidates are all very appreciative of our help. This year, in addition to our usual requests from homeowners groups, senior groups, private clubs and sororities, and political clubs, we had requests for programs from several area libraries, the NAACP, and an affordable housing community group. The word has evidently spread about our impartial and informative programs and our professional competent volunteers. Thank you all for making these many many events so successful.

~ Ed. Note: Many thanks to our hard-working Director of Voter Services, Cathy Greene, for coordinating this massive effort and for providing this information for us.

Time to Mark your Calendars for the December Unit Observer Reports Luncheons!

If you are a new member of League you may not be familiar with our observer program. Observers are League members who volunteer their time to observe the governmental agencies in their community. LWVNCSD observers can be found at the public meetings of the Oceanside School Board, the Vista City Council, the Tri-City Board of Directors, the Mira Costa Community College Board of Directors, the North County Transit District Board, the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee and the 22nd Agricultural District Board which has oversight of the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Twice a year unit members come together to hear the observers give updates on the recent activities of these committees. The question period following each report frequently leads to informative and interesting discussions. We hope you can join us. Whether you take part in a discussion or not, you'll have an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new members and learn more about your community.

Of course all LWV members are welcome to come to any or all of the unit luncheons. These potluck luncheons are among our most popular league events, so please let your hostess know if you plan to attend and what you will bring to the potluck.

Check the information below for the schedule and feel free to contact the unit chair if you have questions (see unit chair roster on page 2).

### Carlsbad/Oceanside/Vista Luncheon

The units of Carlsbad and Oceanside/Vista will hold a joint observer luncheon on **Saturday, December 1st at 11 am** at the Aegis at Shadowridge, 1440 South Melrose Drive, Oceanside. Several observer reports apply to both areas and combining units for a joint luncheon will offer members a more global perspective. This will be a potluck luncheon of salad, sandwiches and dessert. Please contact your unit chair if you will be attending, and coordinate with them what you plan to bring.

### San Dieguito Luncheon

The San Dieguito Unit will hold its semi-annual observers luncheon on **Monday, December 3rd at 11:30 am** at the home of Barbara Mendell. Please call Barbara if you plan to attend (858-759-1687) so that she can provide you with entry information. This will be a potluck; please coordinate what you are bringing with Barbara. Thank you.

These luncheons are always great fun, for meeting new members and socializing. We also learn about what is going on in our area, which is often far more interesting and exciting than you might expect. Reminders will go out shortly before the luncheon. We look forward to seeing you there. **Escondido members**, you are invited to attend the observer luncheons - one or both; please contact the appropriate unit chair or hostess if you plan to attend.
Carlsbad Unit Mtg.
Thursday, Nov. 15 • 10 am - 12 pm
The Carlsbad unit will meet on Thursday, Nov. 15th at the Leucadia Wastewater District offices, 1960 LaCosta Ave., Carlsbad from 10:00 to noon.
As this issue goes to press, the previously scheduled guest speaker is now unavailable. Please refer online to the master calendar for further information. The guest speaker will be indicated when arrangements have been confirmed.
All members are invited to bring neighbors and friends to our unit meeting. Please contact Carol Grimes-Gartland at 760-729-0278 for information.

San Dieguito Unit Mtg.
November meeting cancelled
The November meeting of the San Dieguito unit has been cancelled, as it falls the day before Thanksgiving. Please plan to join us for our semi-annual observer luncheon on Dec. 3rd.

Escondido Unit Mtg.
Friday, Nov. 16 • 10 am - 12 pm
The Escondido unit will meet on Friday, Nov. 16th at the Joslyn Senior Center, 210 Park Ave., Room 4, Escondido from 10:00 to noon.
We are pleased to welcome speakers who will enlighten us on the San Dieguito Riverpark and the Escondido Creek Conservancy. You won’t want to miss these presentations. For more information, please call Yvon Dacayana at 760-749-7647.
There will be no December unit meeting. Escondido members are invited to attend one or both of the observer luncheons (see page 5).

Oceanside/Vista Unit Mtg.
Monday, Nov. 12 • 11:30 am
The Oceanside/Vista unit will meet on Monday, Nov. 12th at the home of Barbara Lorenzen at 11:30 am. We will be discussing the progress of our unit.

Saturday, Dec. 1st • 11 am - 2 pm
Oceanside/Vista Observer Potluck Luncheon
Join us for our semi-annual observer potluck luncheon, which will be held jointly with the Carlsbad unit. See details on page 5.

Saturday, Dec. 1st • 11 am - 2 pm
San Dieguito Observer Potluck Luncheon
Join us for our semi-annual observer potluck luncheon, which will be held at the home of Barbara Mendell. See details on page 5.

Book Group
Monday, Nov. 19 • 1:15 - 3 pm
The group will discuss “The Warmth of Other Suns” by Isabel Wilkerson at the home of Heather Callaghan. Please call 760-479-2466 to RSVP.

Monday, Dec. 17 • 12 - 3 pm
The group will discuss “China Shakes” by James Kynge at the home of Anne Omsted. This is also our annual potluck and book exchange. Please call 760-753-6970 to RSVP.

Civil Discourse Group
Saturday, Nov. 17 • 10 am - 11:30 am
The next meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. We will continue work on our 2013 roadmap. Please call Mary Thompson at 760-942-2458 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 15 • 10 am - 11:30 am
This meeting may be cancelled. The committee will decide at their next meeting. Please be cautioned to confirm this meeting schedule online. If held, it will be at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. Please call Mary Thompson at 760-942-2458 for more information.

Education Group
This group will meet again in January after the election season. For information, please call Carol Grimes-Gartland at 760-729-0278.
LWV North County San Diego
Membership Application
~ Share this with a friend! ~

Membership is open to all US citizens of voting age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Name________________________________
Address______________________________
City_____________State_____Zip____-____
Phone____________Cell_________________
E-mail________________________________

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD and mail to:
LWVNCSD • Attn: Membership
PO Box 131272
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or join online at:
http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html

Dues:
• $60/year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
• $30/year for 2nd member, same address
• New members joining after Feb. 1st will pay 1/2 annual dues.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):
• $100/year • Suffragist
• $200/year • Activist
• $300/year • Advocate
• $500/year • Founders Circle

o New Member    o Renewal
o Contributing Member - unable to be active at this time (full membership/benefits).
o Why I’m joining

I am interested in the following (please √ interests):
• Provide organizational support
• Participate in Voter Service
• Participate in Interest Groups:
  ✦ Book Group
  ✦ Civil Discourse
  ✦ Education
  ✦ Natural Resources
  ✦ Women’s Issues

Act Now!
Don’t miss this opportunity to hear
John Chiang, CA State Controller
Thursday, Nov. 15th at 11:30 am
Register online at
www.lwvsandiego.org by Nov. 12th.
Click on “Donate” - click on $25
“November luncheon”.

Welcome New Member
Andy Mauro

Mark Your Calendars!
The 2nd Annual Restoring Respect Conference
Wed., Feb. 20, 2013 • 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Register online at:  http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/registration.php
Keynote Speaker:
Eugene Robinson, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist
Panelists:
Jeff Light, Martha Barnette, Marty Block, Maria Nieto Senour

Lunch with League
Thursday, November 15, 2012
11:30 am-1:30 pm
Tom Hane’s Lighthouse Restaurant
2150 Harbor Island Dr.
$25 with reservation; $30 after November 12

Lunch with League:  John Chiang, California State Controller
“The 2012 Election’s Impact on California’s Finances”

“Lunch with League”
John Chiang, California State Controller

John Chiang, California’s chief fiscal officer since 2007, has fought to make finances more transparent and accessible to the public and to ward off volatile market forces that have forced California to face the consequences of years of fiscal irresponsibility. Under his leadership, the state has generated billions of dollars in surplus savings. He’ll share his insights on how the November election impacts California’s fiscal future.

Provide organizational support
Participate in Voter Service
Participate in Interest Groups:
✦ Book Group
✦ Civil Discourse
✦ Education
✦ Natural Resources
✦ Women’s Issues
Civility Matters

"Nobody speaks twice until everyone has spoken once......."

~ Justice Stephen Breyer at The New Yorker Festival, October 12, 2006, speaking about how the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist fostered collegiality at the Supreme Court

Have you checked North County League’s website this week?

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

www.lwvncsd.org

LWV California
www.lwvc.org

LWV United States
www.lwv.org