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Los Angeles, CA – The general municipal election on May 21 is just around the corner. Let's work together to ensure that voters receive the information needed to get active. Voters will have the opportunity to hear the candidates speak on the issues at two League hosted candidate forums. On May 8th, City Council District 13 candidates will participate in a candidate forum at Karapetian Hall. On May 10th, in collaboration with the Pat Brown Institute and KABC7, we will be hosting a L.A. Mayoral Runoff Election Candidate Forum on the California State University of Los Angeles campus. To provide Californians with accessible information, the LWVLA has created the Easy Voter Guide.

The Easy Voter Guide (EVG) educates the community about the election, its issues and candidates, and the voting process in a quick reference and impartial format that aims to increase informed voter turnout. The EVG is available at our candidate forums, community presentations, local libraries, schools, and on our website. The EVG is available electronically on the LWVLA website in both English and Spanish and can be provided to over 100 community partners to post on their websites and social media.

With more than 1.8 million registered voters, Los Angeles now has the largest municipal community of voters in the western United States. The figures are startling when looking at off-year elections, when local races and issues are decided. In March 2013, the L.A. City turnout was 21% of registered voters.

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles (LWVLA) continues to broaden access to civic knowledge and to enhance the prospect of broad-based, enlightened participation in our city's civic life and governance. During the fall 2012 election cycle, the LWVLAEF distributed more than 34,000 pieces of educational materials to the public. Over 290,000 people used our electronic resources, including our popular SmartVoter.org website.

For more information on the Easy Voter Guide and our candidate forums visit our calendar page or call (213)-368-1616. The LWVLA encourages informed and active participation in government, an increased understanding of major public policy issues through education. League membership supports this

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