

**League of Women Voters of North and Central San Mateo County
Observers Corp**

Mission: to promote accountability, transparency and genuine access to government that values the public's participation in their government.

Vision: Increased public participation in government.

Objectives

1) Accessibility:

- Research and identify the minimum requirements for government agencies to facilitate access to public meetings and information, such as:
 - on-line and hard copy access for notices, agenda, minutes and staff reports
 - contact information for public officials and staff
 - timely responses to questions or requests for public information
- Provide information and support regarding how decisions are made and how to participate in the decision-making process

2) Transparency:

- Ensure clarity of agendas and staff reports, aiding public understanding of any actions to be taken
- Televisе meetings live and/or archived on-line
- Provide language options that reflect/meet the public's communication needs
- Retain original recordings of meetings as a permanent file

3) Accountability:

- Complete, accurate, easy to use directories to contact elected officials, their staffs, as well as the location of services
- Effortless, timely access to public records
- Adherence to laws and ordinances

Action Plans

- Create a template (Building Communities Together) to identify the preferred / best practices in the standard communication methods used to inform the public of civic activities
- Evaluate a sample number of municipalities using template: county/city/school district
- Report findings to the public with the LWV North & Central SM County Board's Approval
- Thank governing agencies for collaboration