



The Voter



League of Women Voters of North & Central San Mateo County, California

The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

October 2019

General Meeting Election Security

Tuesday October 15

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

City of San Mateo Main Library

55 West Third Street San Mateo CA 94402



Come meet Jim Irizarry, Assistant Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk Recorder, and see the debut of San Mateo County's first voting system update since 2006, just in time for the upcoming November 5, 2019 election. The adoption of this new voting system will change the way voters in San Mateo County mark and cast their ballots.

You are invited to a hands-on demonstration of the new Dominion Suite voting system. This new voting system will provide San Mateo County voters with an intuitive, accessible, and secure voting experience. The system also provides state of the art security solutions above and beyond the requirements by law, and generates a printed, paper ballot when the voter is finished making selections. No votes are stored electronically, and no part of the voting system is connected to the internet at any time; nor does it electronically receive or transmit election data through any type of external communication network.

Invite your friends, bring your "brown-bag" lunch and the League will provide drinks and dessert!



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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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President's Message



Voter registration is in progress! It cannot be better than a full weekend in Half Moon Bay, CA, where there were musicians playing and children and youth dancing on a very bright and sunny day. Bilingual English/Spanish assistance was available as per request.

Our League members are asked to support more voter registration trainings and to be present at many locations in North and Central San Mateo County.

Did you know that now youth can preregister at 16 and 17 years old to vote at 18?

Time to answer the Question!

True or False: One vote... made the United States an English-speaking country.



Half Moon Bay Voter Registration Event



Autumn Moon Festival Voter Registration

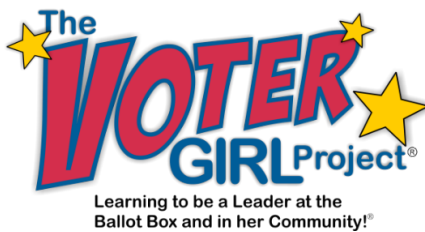
Marta Bookbinder, President

Board Highlights

At the September board meeting, our board

- Completed signatory forms for the checking account
- Discussed the use of scholarship funds for memberships
- Reviewed planned and proposed general meeting dates and topics for 2019-2020
- Was updated on many events and forums coming up, including several for Voter Registration Day on 9/24/19
- Decided to use a website to centralize sign-ups and documents for the board
- Heard that the Voter Girl project has finalized pricing and is now registering attendees
- Learned that the Woodlake Association Election will now occur 10/3

Nicole Niederer, Secretary



Voter Girl Project Needs You!

We still need a few volunteers on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for our first Voter Girl event– would you like to help? This is a one-day event where League members will lead classroom activities for 200 Girl Scouts to earn their Civic Engagement badges.

Classroom Assistants

Daisies: Grades K- 1	1 class (morning) – Assistants needed
Brownies: Grades 2-3	2 classes (1 morning, 1 afternoon) – Assistants needed (AM & PM)
Juniors: Grades 4-5	4 classes (2 morning, 2 afternoon) - Assistants needed (AM & PM)

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to staff:

- Welcome Area: registration, information, first-aid helpers
- Election helpers
- Parent lounge helpers
- Photographer
- Setup and cleanup



The excitement is growing, this is going to be a great event, hope you will join in the fun! Please contact Susie Raye for more information or to sign up to help: sraye94402@yahoo.com.

Susie Raye, Vice President

Voter Registration Report

Our Voter Registration team is having a productive fall. We were invited by the Coastside Lutheran Church of Half Moon Bay to register voters at its annual Labor Day Weekend used book sale. **Carolyn Belknap, Marta Bookbinder, Margie Gater, Joyce Delyani, Pat Paquette, Susie Raye, Cynthia Robbins-Roth, and Kathy Wheeler** staffed our table over the two-day event. Although we didn't register many voters, our presence was warmly appreciated. And we had fun getting to know one another!

Ann Kuchins tabled at a debate watch party at Skyline College on Sept. 12. On Sept. 15, Ann, **Jackie James, Sandra Shapiro, and Cynthia Robbins-Roth** womaned a voter registration and Census 2020 information booth at the Autumn Moon Festival in San Mateo's Central Park.

Finally, on National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 24, many of our volunteers joined with SF Peninsula People Power to staff voter registration tables at libraries from San Mateo to Daly City, while **Kathy Wheeler and Margie Gater** tabled at *Elections Night Out*, an event sponsored by the City of Half Moon Bay.

If you would like to be a voter registration volunteer, leave a message for Joyce Delyani on the office phone (650-342-5853). The March 3, 2020 primary is coming up fast and we are sure to have more requests for our services.

Joyce Delyani, Voter Registration

Welcome to Our New Member!

Serene Williams

Local Ballot Measures on the November 2019 Ballot

Measure B	Residents of the City of Brisbane will be asked to vote yes or no on raising the uniform transient occupancy tax, more familiarly known as the hotel tax. Currently the tax assessed on hotel and motel rooms within Brisbane is 12%. This proposal would raise the tax to 14%. Proponents argue that this would bring Brisbane into line with surrounding cities, including San Francisco, which currently charge 14%. The increase revenue would go into the general fund to be used for general municipal uses. Majority vote required.
Measure C	Another measure for Brisbane residents, Measure C redefines the way that Kinder Morgan is charged for the liquid storage facility they operate within the city limits. A lawsuit was brought against the city by Kinder Morgan seeking reimbursement for taxes paid under the current system which charged per cubic feet of storage capacity. Under the terms of the lawsuit, the city will revise the way the business tax is calculated and charge per barrel of liquid fuel. The total amount of tax paid by Kinder Morgan would be roughly the same. If this measure passes, the lawsuit with Kinder Morgan will be considered settled. Majority vote required.
Measure E	Measure E is the third Brisbane measure on the ballot. It would establish a business license tax on cannabis businesses operating within the city. Cannabis businesses would be charged up to 6% of their gross receipts with the money going into the general fund to be used for municipal services and expenses. Voters vote yes to impose the tax and no to not impose it. Majority vote required.
Measure G	Th City of San Bruno is seeking to raise the transaction and use tax (sales tax) on purchases within the city by ½ cent. This would raise the sales tax amount collected in San Bruno to 9.75%. Items exempt from sales tax, such as groceries and prescription medications, would be exempt from this tax increase. The money raised by this tax increase would be used towards funding city services such as neighborhood police patrols, fire prevention, street repair, and upgrading parks. A yes vote increases the tax to 9.75%; a no vote keeps the sales tax rate at 9.25%. Majority vote required.

Kathee Tyson, Voter's Edge Coordinator

It Takes a Village!



The League of Women Voters of North and Central San Mateo County usually holds its member meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. It would be very helpful if we had a few volunteers to ensure the best experience for everyone involved. Help is appreciated to prepare for a meeting as well as on the day of a meeting. Please let us know if you'd like to help.

If you enjoy event planning, entertaining, and hospitality, we would love to have you join us to help organize our upcoming events and welcome attendees.

Meetings bring the League to life for current and potential members. It's a good opportunity to mix with others who have a lot in common, a concern about critical issues, involvement in our community and a desire to make a difference. Help us make our meetings awesome!

Please contact either Linda Jansen at ljansen0@gmail.com, or me at mbaldisseri@att.net if you'd like to join us or if you have any question.

Marie Baldisseri, Membership Director



Mark Your Calendars!

2019 – 2020 General Meeting Planner

DATE	TOPIC
2019	
Tuesday Nov. 19	Solving the Housing Crisis in San Mateo County
Tuesday Dec. 17	Holiday Party
2020	
Tuesday Jan. 21	Pizza and Program Planning. Plus, <i>The Electoral College and the Popular Vote</i>
Tuesday Feb. 18	Let's celebrate the 100 th anniversaries of the 19 th Amendment and the League
Tuesday Mar. 17	Fire Risk in San Mateo County
Tuesday Apr. 21	Schools and Communities First Act – Close the corporate property tax loophole!
Tuesday May 19	California Budget – Take the challenge!
Date TBD June	Annual Meeting. Plus, The State of the County

Note: Meeting times and locations to be announced

October Calendar

Date	Time	Description	Place
Tuesday Oct. 1	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	San Bruno City Council Candidate Forum	San Bruno Senior Center 1555 Crystal Springs Rd. San Bruno 94066
Wednesday Oct. 2	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	San Mateo/Foster City School Board Candidate Forum	School District Office 1170 Chess Dr. Foster City 94404
Thursday Oct. 3	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Woodlake Association Election	900 Peninsula Ave San Mateo 94401
Saturday Oct. 5	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Voter Girl	Notre Dame High School 1540 Ralston Avenue Belmont 94002
Tuesday Oct. 7	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Board Meeting All members welcome	444 Peninsula Avenue, Suite 1 San Mateo CA 94401
Tuesday October 15	12:00– 1:30 p.m.	General Meeting – Election Security Jim Irizarry, Assistant Chief Elections Officer & Assessor-County Clerk Recorder	San Mateo Public Library 55 West Third Street San Mateo 94402

JOIN THE LEAGUE!

Where new members just like you are taking advantage of leadership opportunities and making an impact.

Name(s)

Address

City

Zip Code

Phone Number (daytime)

E-mail address

Amount enclosed \$ _____

(\$75 one member; \$115 two members, same household; \$40 each additional member, same household. *Dues are tax deductible.*)

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