

# LWW<sup>®</sup> Voter

## of Southwest Santa Clara Valley



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October, 2018

## ★ 2018 Election Events ★

### Candidate Forums

#### Santa Clara County Sheriff

Monday • October 8 • 7:00 P.M.

Cupertino Community Hall

10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino

Questions Via Email To:

[lwvforumquestions@sclaraco.ca.lwvnet.org](mailto:lwvforumquestions@sclaraco.ca.lwvnet.org)



#### 7:00 P.M. Saratoga City Council

8:15 P.M. Saratoga

Union School District

Tuesday • October 9

Saratoga Civic Center

13777 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga



Congresswoman  
Anna Eshoo

#### 18th U.S. Congressional Dist. Candidates

Anna Eshoo & Christine Russell

Wednesday • October 17 • 7:00 P.M.

Campbell Community Center

Roosevelt Room #80

1 West Campbell Ave., Campbell

This event is free & open to the public,

**Registration Is Required.**

Go to: [bit.ly/18thCongressionalCandidates](http://bit.ly/18thCongressionalCandidates)



Christine Russell



## Pros & Cons

#### Loma Prieta Senior Center

Mon • October 1 • 11:00 A.M.

23845 Summit Rd., Los Gatos

#### Campbell Library

Tue • October 2 • 7:00 P.M.

77 Harrison Ave., Campbell

#### Terraces of Los Gatos

Mon • October 15 • 7:00 P.M.

800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos

#### Saratoga Retirement Community

Wed • October 17 • 2:00 P.M.

14500 Fruitvale Ave., Saratoga

#### Senior Lunch Group

Thu • October 18 • 11:30 A.M.

Sacred Heart Church

13716 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga

#### The Meadows

Fri • October 19 • 1:00 P.M.

110 Wood Road, Los Gatos



**YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE**

**Mission Statement:** The League of Women Voters is a diversified, nonpartisan political group of women and men, influencing public policy through education and advocacy and encouraging informed and active participation in government.



## President's Letter

Election season is here and your Board and other League volunteers are busy providing information to our communities about our local candidates, the 11 state ballot issues, and the 4 local ballot measures. As you know, the League is actively involved in a campaign with the initials: GOTV! What does it mean, you ask? Why, it's an acronym for "Get Out The Vote!"

Did you know that in the 2016 election, approximately 41% of eligible voters in the US did not vote! Proudly, voter participation was much higher in California and even higher in Santa Clara County. But, I would still like to challenge each one of us to work to increase the percentages in Santa Clara County and California to Get Out the Vote this November 6!! We can do that initially by encouraging all we know who are eligible to first of all register to vote and then try some of the simple ideas listed below:

- Encourage family members, neighbors, and friends to check their registration status before Election Day so there are no surprises.
- If you know someone who has moved, tell them they have to register again with their change of address.
- Make friends, neighbors and family members aware that they can register online.
- Don't assume that all your friends and family members are going to vote!. Ask them! If they aren't, see if you can discuss the reasons why and help problem-solve the issue.

- Ask your family members, neighbors, and friends if they need a ride to a polling location or a ride to drop off their mail-in ballot.
- Encourage friends, neighbors and family members to attend our Candidate Forums and Pros and Cons. Many times folks say they don't vote because they don't know the candidates or the issues.
- Share our publications with them: LWVC Pros and Cons, LWVC Easy Voter Guide and LWVC Ballot Recommendations.
- Make them aware of Voter's Edge—a great website that will show them their actual ballot.
- Let friends, neighbors and family members know that they do not have to vote for everything on the ballot. If they don't understand something or don't like or don't know any particular candidate, they can skip that part.

Eleanor Yick, LWVSWSCV President

**Welcome!**

**New Members**

**Ruth Hensley**

**Stefanie Nelson**

**We're so glad you have joined the League!**

### Two easy things new members can do for further participation:

1. Sign up for LWVC newsletters and action alerts, [lwvc.org/stay-informed](http://lwvc.org/stay-informed).
2. Like us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/LWVofCA](http://www.facebook.com/LWVofCA).

## WaterFix Process & Lack of Transparency

Appeals for "transparency" in government appear over and over in statements of League principles and policies. Yet, the twin tunnels, called "WaterFix" that the governor wants to bore under the Delta to carry water south (two 40-foot wide tunnels, 35 miles long) got a boost with a simple hearing on September 11. The mere fact that the hearing was held—with no further legislative oversight required—means that despite a lack of sufficient information on financing, environmental review, future projects, and climate change effects, State Water Project contracts

can be changed to allow water projects built after 1987—think WaterFix—to be paid for with bond monies. Also, all contracting water agencies will not need to agree to such payments, and property taxes may be subject to increases to pay for the WaterFix project, a project that the League opposes.

Stay up to date on what's happening with the Twin Tunnels by reading the full article at <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/voter-newsletter>.

Meg Giberson, Natural Resources

**Diversity Equity & Inclusion in the Bay Area**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA FLAGSHIP EVENT

February 9, 2019

## 2019 LEAGUE DAY

### Save the Date

Join the Bay Area League of Women Voters at their flagship event on **February 9, 2019** at Bay Area League Day, where we examine diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of Bay Area life in our day-long symposium entitled, "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Bay Area: How do Regional Agencies and the League Address DEI? - A Region in Action - Equity in Practice?"

## 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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## Board Bytes - Meeting of Sept. 5, 2018

### Discussed:

- The Board discussed the training, schedule, format and promotions of the upcoming voter service events: the Candidate Forums and Pros & Cons. We will have eight Candidate Forums and 13 Pros & Cons sessions for this year. There will also be one Congressional Candidate Debate which requires advanced registration.



### Learned:

- We finished last year with a very healthy financial status due to the increase in membership. We have many new members joining us this year, several of them also stepping up to chair various committees. A two-year comparison pie-chart was presented by Tom Picraux giving an overview of our League's finances.
  - The Board was reminded that it was time to check on business ad supporters.
  - President Yick mentioned that she'd like to explore securing 501(c)3 tax status.
- Chancellor Schmidt from West Valley Mission Community College District presented Bond Measure W to gain support from the League. The bond money will be used to finish the rebuilding of the two campuses that are needed on a 30 to 50-year cycle. A decision on support by the Board was delayed as additional information is being requested.
- Housing Chair Liang Chao reported on updates to housing issues. She reminded League members to pay close attention to many recent housing bills which include: SB831, AB2890, SB827, SB828, AB2923, AB3104.
- Eleanor Yick gave updates on Santa Clara County's Education Committee and Juvenile Justice Committee. She also reported that Governor Brown had authorized legislation that created a new completely online community college.

Sophia Koa, Secretary



The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Education Fund publishes the *Bay Area Monitor* six times a year. The publication covers policies, plans, programs, and legislation that affect quality of life in the Bay Area and beyond.

**In addition** to receiving the *Monitor* by email, subscribers can receive weekly bulletins with *Monitor* article updates, regional policy news, and announcements from local

Leagues regarding events or activities that relate to the *Monitor's* coverage areas of transportation, air, water, open space, housing and land use.

To receive these emails, League members can sign up at

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Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. **We** are the ones we've been waiting for. **We** are the change we seek.

President Barack Obama

## LWV of California Recommends – Vote With the League

### November 6, 2018 General Election



#### **Prop 1 Veterans & Affordable Housing Bond YES**

California is experiencing a housing crisis. The state's extreme shortage of affordable housing has life and death consequences, especially for people with low incomes. Housing instability has been linked to public health crises, food insecurity, and developmental problems in children. Prop 1 will build and preserve affordable homes, including supportive housing, for veterans, working families, people with disabilities, Californians experiencing homelessness and others struggling to find a safe place to call home. It will authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds, to be used to support these affordable housing programs. It would also leverage federal dollars for construction of new housing.

#### **Prop 2 Homeless Housing Bond YES**

A quarter of the nation's homeless reside in California—over 130,000 people. A significant percentage of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Prop 2 allows the use of unspent money, originally allocated through a 2004 measure to fund mental health services, to be used to address the problem. If passed, the unspent money would be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services, and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

#### **Prop 3 Water Bond NO**

It is essential that California manage and develop water resources in ways that benefit the environment, and that the environmental focus emphasizes both conservation and use-appropriate high water quality standards. However, this bond is not the way to accomplish those goals. While the League of Women Voters of California supports the use of long-term debt (bond measures) to finance capital projects, this measure has a number of fatal flaws, including:

- Shifting the cost for water from the end users to California taxpayers;
- Reducing state money available for other critical state programs like education, affordable housing, and healthcare;
- Failing to provide for adequate project oversight and financial accountability.

#### **Prop 4 Children's Hospital Bond NO**

While the League of Women Voters of California supports quality healthcare for all Californians, Prop 4 would use \$1.5

billion in public, general obligation bond money to support privately-owned children's hospitals, along with five children's hospitals in the University of California system. State funds should not be used to support private facilities. This principle stands even when, as is the case in this measure, the facilities serve severely ill children. The bond money would be used for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. These are capital improvements that could be funded either through revenues the private hospitals generate or through capital campaigns (where, for example, a building is named after a donor).

#### **Prop 5 Property Tax NO**

Property taxes are the major source of funding for schools and local services. Prop 5 is a costly constitutional amendment that would reduce funds for schools and local services by \$1 billion per year. In exchange for that \$1 billion a year, Prop 5 would provide special tax benefits to some property owners. It does nothing to help low-income seniors, or families struggling to find housing. Seniors already have the ability to keep their tax break when they downsize. Prop 5 drains California's coffers of money that is essential to schools and communities.

#### **Prop 6 Gas Tax Repeal NO**

California is in critical need of highway and local street repairs and maintenance, and improvements to mass transit and transportation. Prop 6 would repeal the recently-enacted 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, amounting to a loss of \$4.7 billion in annual funding. The measure would also add a constitutional amendment requiring any fuel or diesel taxes to be approved by voters, limiting the legislature's ability to address California's serious infrastructure needs. Passage of this repeal measure would have significant negative impacts and leave our state structures vulnerable, especially during natural disasters.

#### **Prop 10 Repeal Costa Hawkins YES**

Multiple strategies are needed to address the significant housing shortages and inequities that exist across California. While this rent control measure offers little systemic progress, and may not result in adding new affordable housing units, it does allow local communities to respond to the housing crisis in ways that are appropriate for each of them. We support providing local communities with this control.

**Please Note:** Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC is taking no stand on Prop 7 (Daylight Savings Time), Prop 8 (Dialysis), Prop 11 (Ambulance Drivers), and Prop 12 (Farm Animals). Prop 9 was removed from the ballot by court decision.

## City & Town Council Observers

**Campbell:** No Report this month

**Los Gatos: Sept. 20** – Council members reviewed the findings of the Highway 9 Corridor Report on traffic and safety, begun October 2017. Actions the Town of Los Gatos will take: improve signage, trim foliage, increase bike lanes, install blinking lights at the Massol Avenue crosswalk. Highway 9 is a state highway, managed overall by Caltrans. The state is responsible for larger infrastructure improvements.

The School Bus Pilot Program was approved, to begin service in January 2019. 150 students have signed up for two bus routes, bringing them to and from Los Gatos High, Fisher Middle, and Blossom Hill Elementary schools.



In the first year, parents will pay a cost share of 14%; Town of Los Gatos will fund the remainder. The Town's goal is to reduce traffic congestion around the schools.

Lynda Jandron, Observer

**Saratoga: Sept. 5** – The Council reviewed the County Grand Jury's Report on Affordable Housing Crisis: Density is Our Destiny. They authorized the Mayor to reply as required to the recommendations with a letter of response sent September 7. Comments, both in agreement and disagreement, were added to the 19 recommendations and findings. The Response Letter is included as a PDF link in the September 5 Council agenda.

Raquel Durand, Observer Chair

### City & Town Councils

Members are encouraged to attend the Council meetings of the cities that our League serves.

#### Campbell City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:30P.M.

#### Los Gatos Town Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:00P.M.

#### Monte Sereno City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:00P.M.

#### Saratoga City Council

1st & 3rd Wednesdays – 7:00P.M.

**Monte Sereno – Observer needed.** Council meetings happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. *Agendas* and *Minutes* can be accessed at: <http://cityofmontesereno.org/2148/citycouncil>.

## Foreign Policy Association – Great Decisions 2019

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, watching a DVD and meeting in a discussion group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Volunteer discussion leaders are needed for each session.

The LWV Great Decisions Groups for 2019 will start in February, 2019. The topics will be:

- Refugees & Global Migration,
- The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?
- The Rise of Populism in Europe
- Decoding U.S.— China Trade
- India and Its Neighbors
- Cyber Conflicts & Geopolitics
- The United States & Mexico: Partnership Tested

- The State of the State Department and Diplomacy.

The **LWV Afternoon Group** will meet on the first and third Thursdays in February, March, April and May from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. The group will meet at the Saratoga Area Senior Center, across from the Post Office. (This location still needs to be confirmed. If changed, you will be notified.) A **Book Pick Up** for this group will be on Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 1:00P.M. to 3:00P.M. at the Saratoga Area Senior Center.

The **LWV Evening Group** will meet on the first and third Wednesdays in February, March, April and May from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. This group will meet at the Los Gatos Methodist Church located at 111 Church Street in Los Gatos. A minimum sign up of 12 registrations is required for this group to be held. **Book Pick up** for this group will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2019, from 12–1P.M.

The **Registration Fee** for LWV Great Decisions 2019 is \$40 for an individual and \$50 for a couple sharing a workbook. The **deadline for registering** is October 22, 2018.

**Checks** should be made out to Rosalie Price (who runs the AAUW group at the Saratoga Retirement Community). Mail them to 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Cottage #6110, Saratoga, CA 95070. Please put your phone number and group number on your check.

**Group 1** is the LWV Afternoon group, **Group 2** is the LWV Evening group, and **Group 3** is the AAUW group that meets at the Saratoga Retirement Community.

For questions, please contact LWV Program Coordinators: Terry Zaccone at [tzaccone@pacbell.com](mailto:tzaccone@pacbell.com) or Eleanor Yick at [egyick@icloud.com](mailto:egyick@icloud.com).

Terry Zaccone & Eleanor Yick,  
Great Decisions Coordinators

## Annual Fiscal Report

### Audited Financial Statement For Fiscal Year 07/01/17 – 06/30/18

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Income</b>			
Finance Drive	5,312.27	4,862.00	450.27
Contributions	348.97	300.00	48.97
Dues	12,524.80	8,000.00	4,524.80
Fund Raising - Business Card Ads	600.00	1,600.00	-1,000.00
Interest and Misc.	378.25	500.22	-121.97
Events--Self-Funded	1,355.00	1,200.00	155.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,519.29</b>	<b>16,462.22</b>	<b>4,057.07</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>A. Administration</b>			
1. General Supplies-Postage, Stationery	407.21	200.00	-207.21
2. P.O. Box, Bank Charges	362.89	100.00	-262.89
3. Officers	0.00	50.00	50.00
4. Finance Drive	428.73	250.00	-178.73
5. Membership and Hospitality	698.35	200.00	-498.35
6. Directory and Handbook	307.73	300.00	-7.73
7. Public Relations	236.10	250.00	13.90
8. Website Maintenance	566.49	250.00	-316.49
9. Board Meeting Room	220.00	240.00	20.00
10. Liability Insurance	672.00	667.22	-4.78
<b>B. Service and Educational Activities</b>			
1. VOTER Newsletter	549.53	500.00	-49.53
2. Voters Service	0.00	300.00	300.00
3. General Meetings, Program	263.53	500.00	236.47
4. Annual Meeting	65.05	100.00	34.95
5. Study Materials	0.00	25.00	25.00
6. Voter's Edge	540.00	1,000.00	460.00
7. Position Support (Advocacy, Action)	0.00	50.00	50.00
<b>C. Delegates/Travel</b>			
1. Bay Area Council	210.00	50.00	-160.00
2. Convention	2,573.20	4,000.00	1,426.80
<b>D. Financial Support</b>			
1. Santa Clara County Council	100.00	100.00	0.00
2. LWV Bay Area Per Member Payment	96.50	100.00	3.50
3. LWVC Per Member Payment	2,701.50	2,618.00	-83.50
4. LWVUS Per Member Payment	3,088.00	2,992.00	-96.00
5. Dues Assistance	320.00	320.00	0.00
<b>E. Helga Ruby Award</b>	<b>152.95</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-52.95</b>

## Annual Fiscal Report (cont.)


Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
F. Events—self-funded	1,790.00	1,200.00	-590.00
G. PayPal receipts transfer to Edu Fund	48.25	0.00	-48.25
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>16,398.01</b>	<b>16,462.22</b>	<b>64.21</b>

League Accounts	7/1/17	6/30/18
Wells Fargo Bank - Checking	\$18,185.21	\$22,377.24
Fidelity Investments - Cash Fund	\$3,391.00	\$3,424.82
Education Fund	\$5,702.11	\$5,631.36
Accounts Receivable*	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$27,278.32</b>	<b>\$31,933.42</b>

\* Requested transfer from Education Fund to General Fund debited in FY2017-18 but not completed by LWVUS until FY2018-19.

An audit of the SWSCV financial records for 7/01/17 to 6/30/18 was conducted by Maria Guldner and the records were found to be in order and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

**Report submitted by Danice Picraux, Treasurer.**



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Membership Renewal:  New Member:  Check# \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voter Mailed to You \$20.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to LWV-SWSCV Ed Fund  
(include as a separate check)

Membership year is from July 1 to June 30. Members joining after January 1 shall pay one-half the annual dues amount. Dues and contributions to the League are not tax deductible. Contributions to the Education Fund are deductible to the extent allowed by law. Joining at the local level makes you a member at all levels: County, Bay Area,

State, and National. Financial assistance is available; please address questions regarding membership to the LWVSWSCV at, [lwwswscv@gmail.com](mailto:lwwswscv@gmail.com). Your contact information will be added to our membership database and our published *Membership Directory*.

# Student Voter Registration

High school voter registration has been an ongoing event led by Claudia Aden, who joined the League after the Florida school shooting, wanting to capitalize on the survivor's goal of encouraging students to register and vote. Claudia adopted the use of a short Palo Alto League Power Point presentation, created by Katharine Miller, for classroom use after adding an introduction about the League and why voting is essential to making Democracy work. At the encouragement of former President Hana

Itani, she applied for a \$500 grant to continue these presentations.

Having great success, she made presentations on voting and registering in seven classrooms in one week last May. Presentations were made at DelMar and Presentation High Schools, registering 54 students in two days. Registration tables were also set up at West Valley College and the Saratoga Library during September.

For those interested in volunteering, there are three scheduled events for October so far. They are:

**Oct. 3** – A classroom presentation at Presentation High School in San Jose followed by a regular lunchtime table registration.

**Oct. 10 & 11** – Presentations in five Political Science classes at West Valley College invited by instructor Nichola Gutierrez.

LWVUS prioritized a goal to get students to register and vote, as well as join the League. "I've been hitting the ground running in this endeavor and would enjoy any who would be interested to volunteer," states Aden.

## Support LWV SWSCV Supporters!

We appreciate the support of the following businesses and business professionals!

Please remember to mention seeing these ads when you utilize these businesses' services.

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**Lisa Myers** Owner  
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[info@losgatosbirdwatcher.com](mailto:info@losgatosbirdwatcher.com)  
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 Senator Dianne Feinstein  
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[www.feinstein.senate.gov](http://www.feinstein.senate.gov)  
 Senator Kamala Harris  
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<http://harris.senate.gov>  
 Rep. Anna Eshoo  
 (408) 245-2339  
 (650) 323-2984  
<http://eshoo.house.gov>

### California

Governor Jerry Brown  
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<http://gov.ca.gov>  
 Senator Jim Beall, Jr.  
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<http://sd15.senate.ca.gov>  
 Assemblyman Evan Low  
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### Santa Clara County

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Supervisor Mike Wasserman  
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### SCC Registrar of Voters

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# County of Santa Clara

## Registrar of Voters

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09/15/2018

### **NOTICE OF OBSERVER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018, GENERAL ELECTION**

You and your representatives are invited to observe the November 6, 2018 General Election at the Registrar of Voters' Office (ROV), 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose, CA, 95112. ROV's election activities are open to the public to observe at any time. The following is only a partial list of ROV's election activities; the dates are subject to change. Please call one to two days before the date you wish to observe to confirm the actual date and time of the activity you wish to observe.

#### **DRE Touch Screen Voting Machine Preparation and Testing**

This is the loading of election data and comprehensive election logic and accuracy testing that ensures that each machine is securely programmed and prepared properly. Testing is comprised of 19 major sequential steps to ensure the integrity of the vote counting on Election Day. Testing will occur October 10, 2018, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

#### **400C Optical Scan Pre-LAT (Logic and Accuracy Testing)**

The optical scan system is tested prior to each election by using a pre-marked set of test ballots. The ballots test the computer system's ability to prevent over-votes and account for under and invalid votes. The preparation of the ballot test deck and testing of the tabulation equipment will begin on October 19, 2018, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

#### **Returned Vote by Mail Ballot Processing**

In accordance with the California Elections Code Sections 15101, et seq., the ROV will begin the processing of returned Vote By Mail Ballot envelopes on October 23, 2018. Ballots received by 8:00 a.m., on November 6, 2018, in our office and from the Post Office, will be tallied and included in the results posted at 8:05 p.m., on Election Night. Approximately 95 - 98% of the remaining ballots received on Election Day at all return sites, including all polling places, will be counted by November 11, 2018. Due to a recent change in state law, ballots postmarked on Election Day and received by November 9, 2018, are valid. These ballots may continue to be processed and tallied through the evening of November 11, 2018.

As a result of another change in state law, Vote By Mail Ballots returned without the required voter signature on the return envelope can be corrected by the voter by 5:00 p.m., on November 14, 2018. These ballots may continue to be processed and tallied through the evening of November 14, 2018.

If the signature on a Vote by Mail ballot return envelope does not match ROV records, a "Signature Verification Statement" will be mailed to the voter. The voter must complete the "Signature Update Statement" and return it to the ROV's Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 2018.

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## NOTICE OF OBSERVER OPPORTUNITIES (Cont.)

### Election Night Ballot Receipt and Counting

The “Semi-Official Election Results” will be posted at approximately 8:05 p.m., Election Night, on the ROV website at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org). Updates of results can also be found on ROV’s website until the canvass of the vote is complete. After the polls close at 8:00 p.m., the ROV will wait for the receiving of ballots from all polling places. Optical scan and voting machine ballots will be delivered by Couriers to the ROV Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Bldg. 2, San Jose, CA, 95112, for receipt and counting.

### Official Canvass

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 15301, the election canvass must start no later than the Thursday after the election. Santa Clara County prefers to begin the canvass one day earlier, on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. The canvass process is open to the public and must continue for at least 6 hours a day (Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted) until completed. ROV will extend work hours, including weekends and holidays, as needed. After completing this process, the election results are then certified by the Registrar of Voters and made public.

The canvass includes, but is not limited to, the inspection of all materials and supplies; processing and counting valid Vote-by-Mail and Provisional ballots; counting valid write-in votes; selection of the 1% manual recount precincts; and conducting the 1% manual recount. Please contact the ROV regarding the anticipated schedule of specific activities if you are interested in a particular aspect of the canvass process.

We thank you for your interest in the election process.

Sincerely,

Shannon Bushey, Registrar of Voters

### ❧ Event Calendar ❧

- Oct 3 Wed **Board Meeting**, 10:00 A.M. Saratoga Fire Station
- Oct 11 Thu **Clip ‘n Come**, Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share Home Renata Lytle, contact [patwh.athome@gmail.com](mailto:patwh.athome@gmail.com)  
**Please let hostess know you will be coming.**

### ❧ Save the Date ❧

- Nov 12 Mon **Political Book Club, Will resume again in November!**

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