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## **Board Meeting Accommodations and Food**

### **Sharon Stone**

#### **Meeting Location:**

Aloft Santa Clara Hotel  
510 America Center Ct  
San Jose, CA 95002

**Parking:** Complimentary parking!

#### **Saturday Lunch, Asian Themed**

Asian chopped salad with a variety of seasonal vegetables & honey-lime dressing  
Thai green curry beef  
Vegetarian fried rice  
Chili-garlic sautéed green beans  
Iced tea

**Saturday Dinner:** TBD

#### **Sunday Lunch, Mexican Themed**

Taco salad with corn, tomato, black bean, tortilla strips, balsamic & chipotle ranch dressings  
House-fried chips with from-scratch salsa rojo & salsa verde  
Fajita style chicken & beef fajita style vegetables corn & flour tortillas  
Rice & beans (vegetarian)  
Iced tea

# LWVC/LWVCEF October 19-20, 2019

Location: Aloft Hotel  
510 America Center Court  
San Jose, California 95002

## SATURDAY - October 19

*Note: Dora Rose and Karen Jones will attend the morning session. Dustin Alexander will attend the afternoon session.*

### 10:00 am: call to order

1. 10:00 am - 10:30 am **Board Check In**
2. 10:30 am - 11:30 am **Ballot Proposition; Recap of Legislative Year; Meet Trudy Schafer Public Policy Fellow Karen Jones (Dora)**  
Purpose: to discuss whether to support or oppose ballot measures on March 2020 ballot; to learn the results of advocacy efforts  
Outcome: to reach conclusions on which ballot proposition to support or oppose  
Level of discussion: tactical, strategic
3. 11:30 am - 12:00 pm: **Nonpartisanship in Advocacy; Schools & Communities First (Dora & Helen)**  
Purpose: Introduce board advocacy & nonpartisanship plus update on the proposition  
Outcome: Board knows & understands the concepts & plans  
Level of discussion: tactical & strategic

### 12:00 -1:00 pm LUNCH

4. 1:00 - 2:30 pm: **Fundraising (Dustin)**  
Purpose: To inform the board of status of fundraising and plans for the future  
Outcome: Board members understand and make personal commitments to fundraising projects  
Level of discussion: tactical, strategic, generative
5. 2:30 - 3:00 pm: **Update on 100th Anniversary Awareness (Aisha & Amanda)**  
Purpose--To inform the board of plans  
Outcome: Board knows and understands  
Level of discussion: (tactical, strategic, generative): tactical

### 3:00 - 3:15 pm Break

6. 3:15 - 4:15 **Financial Reports** (Jacquie)  
Purpose: Learn how to read the budget and financial reporting  
Outcome: Board gains knowledge  
Level of discussion: (tactical, strategic, generative): strategic
7. 4:15 pm - 4:30 pm: **Discussion of DEI & podcast** (Amanda)  
Purpose: Continued learning of issues  
Outcome: Board develops self knowledge and understanding  
Level of discussion (tactical, strategic, generative): generative
8. 4:30-5:00 pm: **Closed Session ED Search** (Carol, Gloria, Maxine)

**Prosecco hour**

**6:30 pm DINNER TBA**

**Sunday October 20, 2019 Board Meetings**

**League of Women Voters of California**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – October 20, 2019**

**A G E N D A**

10:15 am – Call to Order Moon Goldberg

Roll Call: de Llamas

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Debbie Fagen  
Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya  
Director Lori Thiel

Staff: Interim Executive Director Helen Hutchison

1. Agenda Adjustments (3 min) Moon Goldberg
2. Conflict of Interest (2 min) de Llamas
3. Approval of Minutes (5 min) de Llamas
  - LWVC Regular Meeting August 4, 2019
4. Consent Calendar Items (5 min) de Llamas
  - Ratification of Special Meeting Actions  
August 20, 2019; September 21, 2019
  - Resignations/Appointments/Routine Items
5. Treasurer's Report (10 min)
  - Financial Reports
6. Board Discussion of Nonpartisan Policy (10 min)
7. Interim Executive Director's Report (30 min) Hutchison
8. March Ballot Proposition – Motion Moon Goldberg

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| 9.  | Resolutions:   | Goldberg |
|     | a. Recognition of Cal Channel and its President John Hancock |          |
| 10. | Other Business   | Board    |
| 11. | Items for future agendas                                     | Board    |
| 12. | Adjournment by 11:00 am                                      |          |

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – October 20, 2019**

**A G E N D A**

11:00 am – Call to Order Moon Goldberg

Roll Call: de Llamas

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Debbie Fagen  
Director Gloria Chun Hoo  
Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya  
Director Lori Thiel

Staff: Interim Executive Director Helen Hutchison

1. Agenda Adjustments (3 min) Moon Goldberg
2. Conflict of Interest (2 min) de Llamas
3. Approval of Minutes (5 min) de Llamas
  - LWVCEF Regular of August 4, 2019
4. Consent Calendar Items (5 min) de Llamas
  - Resignations/Appointments/Routine Items
5. Treasurer's Report (10 min)
  - Financial Reports
6. Interim Executive Director's Report (30 min) Hutchison
7. Voter Service (10 min) Moon Goldberg



8. Items for future agendas Board
9. Other Business Board
10. Adjournment by 12:00 noon

***12:00 – 12:15 pm – LWVC/EF Leaders Update Review***

## AB 48 Analysis Barbara Inatsugu - Education

Analyst Name Barbara Inatsugu, Position Director

Today's Date 10/2/2019

Advocacy Area Social Policy

[League Position 1](#) Pre-K-12 Education (State)

[League Position 3](#) Public Higher Education (State)

**Subject AB 48: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020**

Bill Amendment Assessment Change Position

[LA Recommendation](#): Support  Oppose  Support if Amended  Take No Position

[PD Recommendation](#): Support Level given significance to League Position High - Add Testimony, Lobbying, Action Alerts

[AD Recommendation](#): Support Level given significance to Advocacy Area Choose an item.

Bill No. & Author<sup>1</sup> AB48, O'Donnell

Date Bill Introduced Click here to enter a date.

Most Recent Amendment Click here to enter a date.

[League Position 2](#) State and Local Finances (State)

[League Position 4](#) Housing (State)

Secondary Position Analysis Recommended

[Secondary Position Area](#) State and Local Finances (State)

### CURRENT LAW SUMMARIZED

The Legislation Committee received analyses of AB 48 earlier that included current law related to PK-12 facilities bond measures, so I won't repeat that information here unless the committee requests it.

### WHAT DOES AB 48 AS AMENDED DO?

**AB 48:** Places a \$15 billion Education Bond on the March 3, 2020 statewide ballot. The final language of [AB 48](#) is the result of the Newsom administration's intervention during the last two weeks of the legislative session and differs significantly from the bill previously dealt with by the LWVC Legislation Committee. Please note that the measure no longer includes provisions for a second bond in 2022.

If approved, the bond would provide \$9 billion to the PK-12 system and \$2 billion each to the three higher education segments, as follows:

#### Preschool through Grade 12 - \$9 billion

- \$2.8 billion for New Construction
- \$5.2 billion for Modernization (including \$150 million set-aside for a new Lead in Water Testing and Remediation program)
- \$500 million for Career Technical Education Facilities Program(CTE)
- \$500 million for Charter Schools Facilities Program

#### Higher Education - \$6 billion

- \$2 billion for University of California (UC)
- \$2 billion for California State University (CSU)
- \$2 billion for California Community Colleges

(Reference the analysis from the Higher Education Committee for more information on the higher education provisions of AB 48.)

The LWVC Legislation Committee earlier voted to support AB 48 but, with others, sought to have stronger equity-focused provisions included in the final language. As the committee heard earlier, Jeff Vincent, who co-authored [Financing School Facilities in California: A Ten-Year Perspective](#), provided the most extensive data to date documenting inequalities in the formula for allocating state money for construction projects under the state's School Facilities Program. For more information from EdSource on conversations triggered by Vincent's work, click [here](#).

The Newsom administration engaged in a late-hour intervention on AB 48 with just two weeks left in the legislative session. After additional negotiations, the final bill language reflects the administration's priorities, including those related to inequalities in the current system and California's housing crisis. Higher education provisions were also amended in and the bill was narrowed to the March 2020 election only. The language related to a second measure on the 2022 ballot was eliminated.

It is expected that AB 48 will be signed by the Governor and placed on the March 2020 ballot. If passed by the voters, it would change major portions of the state's School Facilities Program and add some new or expanded provisions. The amended language adopted by the Legislature includes the following:

#### **EQUITY-FOCUSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES PROGRAM.**

- **End of first-come, first-served; i.e., the “first in, first out” order of processing applications will be replaced by priority categories.** (see Attachment A for more detail) Within each category, a new point system – based on a district's unduplicated student count and gross bonding capacity – will determine who is processed first. Within each of the priorities, projects would be further prioritized based on inclusion of a project labor agreement - PLA (A “*project labor agreement*” is when the government awards contracts for public construction projects exclusively to unionized firms.)
- **Increased grant sizes for New Construction and Modernization.** Most districts are likely to see increased state matching grants under a new sliding scale that factors in a district's unduplicated count\* and gross bonding capacity. (\* *unduplicated count* = the percentage of students that are low-income, English learners, or foster youth.) Current state grant levels remain the floor.
- **Increase in Local Bond Capacity.** The program provides school districts with the ability to raise additional local funds by increasing the bond capacity for elementary and high school districts from 1.25 percent to 2 percent and for unified school districts from 2.5 percent to 4 percent. For purposes of determining eligibility to levy Level 2 developer fees, however, the bonding capacity limits of 1.25% and 2.5% will be retained. (ref. School Services of California)
- **Expansion of Eligible Expenditures.** Allows use of new construction and modernization funding to access broadband internet, seismic mitigation, construction of a school kitchen, transitional kindergarten classroom, preschool facility, or nursing/counseling facilities.
- **New Small district protections/supports.** Small school districts will be provided a grant for project and construction management and are entitled to a reservation of funds up to 10 percent of all New Construction and Modernization funding authorized by AB 48. The program creates a process for small school districts to apply for technical assistance from a county office of education, other local educational agency, or state department to assist with the planning, site acquisition, preconstruction, construction, and closeout of a project. Access to the financial hardship program (in which the state pays for some or all of the local match) is expanded. Many smalls qualify for financial hardship. All County Offices of Education are financial hardship automatically.
- **Financial hardship provisions expanded.** The program increases the number of school districts eligible to receive up to 100% of state grants due to its inability to raise local funds, by raising the total bond capacity from \$5 million to \$15 million, with cost of living adjustments. This move will capture more small districts as a result.
- **Testing & Remediation of Lead in Water (modernization program).** (1) Provides \$150 million stand-alone program for testing and remediation of lead in water outlets used for drinking or food preparation on school sites that were constructed before January 1, 2010, and (2) includes provides the authority to increase the Modernization grant by 10% to reflect the cost for the remediation of any water outlet with lead levels in excess of 15 parts per billion. The latter is consistent with federal safety standards. For more information, click [here](#) for an EdSource article.
- **District-run preschools to become eligible for state matching funding.** Advocates for early education initially sought a set-aside for district-run preschools. However, the final language includes them as part of the K-12 funding and makes them eligible for state matching funding, like K-12 projects.
- **UC/CSU provisions related to student affordable housing.** (For more information, reference Higher Education analysis.)

#### **OTHER CHANGES:**

**Facility Master Plans.** Districts who want to participate in the School Facilities Program (SFP) shall/must provide an up-to-date five-year facilities master plan. (see more detail in Attachment B)

**Ineligible Expenditure.** Specifically prohibits the use of grant funding for electronic devices with a useful lifespan of less than three (3) years.

**Natural Disaster Assistance.** Authorizes the State Board Allocation to provide assistance to local educational agencies in need of procuring interim housing, including but not limited to, the leasing/acquisition of portable classrooms and any work associated with

placing them on a site that has been impacted by a natural disaster for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency. This need has become more urgent in recent years as California experiences the impacts of climate change.

**Developer Fees.** The last minute negotiations with the Governor's Office resulted in the inclusion of provisions related to the state's housing crisis, a priority of both the governor and the legislature. One aspect is specifically the inclusion of the following changes to a school district's ability to levy fees on multifamily housing:

- Suspends school districts' ability to levy Developer Level 3 Fees beginning January 1, 2021 and shall remain inoperative until January 1, 2028.
- Exempts developer fees from being levied on multifamily housing developments that are located no further than one-half mile from a major transit stop, until January 1, 2026.
- Reduces the maximum amount of developer fees levied on any multifamily housing development in any other area by 20 percent, until January 1, 2026.

**Accountability & Transparency.** The governing boards of school districts, community college districts, charter schools and county offices of education shall ensure that an independent performance audit of any project funded using bond proceeds is conducted. The bill also requires at least one public hearing at a regularly scheduled and posted board meeting to solicit public input regarding proposed projects and post information regarding a project(s) seeking or requesting funds on its governing board's website.

**Current status of the School Facilities Program.** According to the OPSC, as of the May 2019 meeting of the SAB, approximately \$4.871 billion remains in bond authority in the SFP. Of this amount, about \$2 billion is new construction, \$2.4 billion is modernization, and the remaining \$400 million is from a variety of smaller programs, including the Career Technical Education and Charter Schools program. The OPSC reported that as of February 2019, they have received just over \$5 billion worth of applications for the bond authority remaining. The OPSC will not process applications beyond available bond authority and they expect that some applications may be eligible for a reduced amount of funding. (reference 9/12/19 [Senate Floor Analysis](#))

**Fiscal Impact.** According to recently received numbers from Assembly Appropriations staff, a 2020 primary general obligation bond amount of \$15 billion could result in total principal and interest costs of \$27.4 billion (\$15 billion in principal and \$12.4 billion in interest), with annual General Fund (GF) costs of about \$900 million, assuming an interest rate of 4.5% and a 30-year maturity. Were interest rates to be 3.5%, total costs would be \$24.3 billion with annual GF costs of about \$800 million. (reference 9/14/19 [Assembly Floor Analysis](#))

**FOR APPLICABLE LEAGUE POSITIONS, SEE ATTACHMENT C.**

### **ARGUMENT(S) THAT JUSTIFY LEAGUE ACTION**

Public education is of fundamental interest to the State of California and is a Constitutional guarantee. The LWVC has a consistent history of supporting statewide public education facilities bond measures and had representation on statewide campaign committees for Propositions 47 and 55 during the 2000's. The League's position statements regarding equity and school facilities is clear: *We believes that basic educational necessities provided to some students must be provided to all and that the fundamental elements that must be present to create a teaching and learning environment that provides access and equitable opportunity for all children include a safe school environment and clean, healthy facilities in good repair, with seating for all students.*

It has long been understood that no single facilities bond measure could meet public school facilities infrastructure needs and a series of bond measures would be needed.

All new construction and modernization bond authority from previous bond measures has been spoken for.

The state spends billions to support the operations of K-12 public school. However, public school facilities are funded largely by local facilities bonds (local property taxes). AB 48 has triggered a growing discussion on how the money should be most equitably allocated. This bill has been amended to include a number of equity-focused provisions. For example, AB 48, if adopted by the voters, would change the current first-come first-served system of matching grants to one that increases focus on distributing funds to the neediest districts, based on their unduplicated student count (English learners, low income, homeless and foster children).

In assessing the equity value of AB 48's provisions, it is important to look at the measure as a whole, including elimination of first-come, first-served's replacement with priority categories; natural disaster assistance; testing & remediation of lead in water;

expansion of financial hardship provisions; increase in local bond capacities; new small school district protections/supports; expansion of eligible expenditures, and other provisions cited on pages 1-3 of this analysis.

The requirement that applying districts do a 5-year Facility Master Plan will also allow for the collection of valuable school facilities data on a depth and breadth not previously undertaken, providing more accurate information to policy/decision makers.

As noted earlier, the Newsom administration's late-hour intervention on AB 48 with just two weeks left in the legislative session. After a week of negotiations, the final bill language reflects changes that will fundamentally alter the state's facilities bond program. An EdSource article by John Fensterwald notes that in designing the new funding priorities, state leaders relied on a 2018 study for Getting Down to Facts (co-author Jeff Vincent) which found "tremendous inequalities" in distributing state facilities funding. (Also reference Elizabeth Ralston's analyses for more information on Vincent's findings.) On page 6 of an article written by EdSource's John Fensterwald, [Vincent](#) has praised the revisions to AB 48 while cautioning they do not go far enough. As always, there is more work to do.

As John Fensterwald noted, "Because the state matches money based on the size of bonds that local districts approve, districts with the most property wealth per student can more easily raise property taxes to finance larger bonds. In his 2015-16 budget message, Governor Brown called for a system that prioritizes health and safety and severe overcrowding projects, and "establishes a sliding scale" for state funding based on districts' capacity to finance projects. AB 48 moves in that direction.

Preschool is a priority education issue for the League. Advocates for early education initially sought a set-aside for district-run preschools. However the final language does include them as part of the K-12 funding and makes them eligible for state matching funding, like other K-12 projects.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Housing. Housing is not within my portfolio and statewide school bonds do not usually include housing elements, including the provisions about developer fees, which can effect local School Districts, and the affordable housing provisions (Higher Ed). They are not a large issue within K-12. However I am including a comment because the last minute negotiations with the Governor included his focus on housing, and as Scott Lay of the NOONER pointed out, it has turned a costly bond into a ballot measure about education and housing. The California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO), along with other some education organizations, will be monitoring these changes closely, and will, if needed, seek remedies on the impact to generate local funds by local educational agencies. These provisions are not considered deal-breakers, but we should be aware of them.

There is broad legislative support for this bond measure.

It passed in the Assembly 78-1 and in the Senate by 35-4-1. Also see Attachment C.

## ATTACHMENT A APPLICATION PRIORITIES

The program replaces the current application process by requiring the Department of General Services, on a quarterly basis, to process applications for new construction and modernization funds based on a priority structure, as follows:

***New Construction:*** The Department of General Services will rank the processing of projects that generate the same priority, based upon a school district's unduplicated pupil percentage. Within each priority, the department shall further prioritize projects that include the use of a project labor agreement. Applications will be processed using the following priority order:

1. Health and life safety hazard (districts with critical health and safety issues: e.g., mold in schools, seismic hazards.)
2. Financial hardship
3. Applications that were submitted but not reviewed in the two immediately preceding quarters and those applications shall be moved to the top of the list and shall be processed based upon the date order of their submittal
4. Severe overcrowding
5. Applications based on the state grant point system ranked by the highest number of points to lowest number of points
  - o Prohibits the use of grant funding for electronic devices with a useful lifespan of less than 3 years
  - o Allows use of grant funding to access broadband internet, seismic, mitigation, construction of a school kitchen, transitional kindergarten classroom, preschool facility, or nursing/counseling facilities.

***Modernization:*** The Department of General Services will rank the processing of projects that generate the same priority, based upon a school district's unduplicated pupil percentage. Within each priority, the department shall further prioritize projects that include the use of a project labor agreement. (*A "project labor agreement" is when the government awards contracts for public construction projects exclusively to unionized firms.*)

Applications will be processed using the following priority order:

1. Health and life safety hazard (districts with critical health and safety issues: e.g., mold in schools, seismic hazards.)
2. Financial hardship
3. Lead in water testing and remediation
4. Submitted applications that were not reviewed in the two immediately preceding quarters, based on the order of those projects in the immediately preceding quarter.
5. Severe overcrowding
6. Applications based on the state grant point system ranked by the highest number of points to lowest number of points
7. Applications that have not been proceeds in a given quarter shall be retained and processed
  - o Prohibits the use of grant funding for electronic devices with a useful lifespan of less than 3 years
  - o Allows use of grant funding to access broadband internet, seismic, mitigation, construction of a school kitchen, transitional kindergarten classroom, preschool facility, or nursing/counseling facilities.

# **ATTACHMENT B**

## **5-Year Master Plan Requirements**

### **Impact of AB 48 Provisions on COEs, Districts, Small School Districts**

#### **REQUIREMENT FOR 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN**

As a condition of participation in the new school facilities program, school districts will need to submit a master plan that shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following information. This could provide the first step toward a statewide inventory of school facilities.

- An inventory of existing facilities, sites, and property
- Existing classroom capacity
- Projected enrollment growth over the next 5 years
- Capital planning budget outlining the applicable projects
- Financing and other funding sources that would be used to support the acquisition of the applicable schoolsite, new construction project, modernization project, and lead testing and remediation projects.
- Verification of the applicable district's current assessed value
- School district's deferred maintenance plan
- A narrative of how the school facilities master plan is consistent with the goals, actions, and services identified in the school district's local control and accountability plan for the first state priority (Basic Conditions).

#### **IMPACTS ON COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION (COEs), SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS (SMALLS):**

##### **COE impacts**

- As a "small district," the COE will now be able to reserve bond funds the moment your application is approved.
- As a "small district," the COE will be entitled to a 5% increase in your state grant to pay for project or construction management services.
- \$800 million in funding will be reserved for small districts, thereby preventing large districts from scooping up the money first.

##### **School District Impacts**

- Districts with high unduplicated pupil percentages (UPP) and low assessed valuations will be processed first
- Conversely, districts with low UPP numbers will be guaranteed a review of their application after waiting just two quarterly application cycles.
- Grant sizes will grow for districts with high UPP and low assessed valuations.

##### **Quick Summary of Small School District Specifics**

Small school districts will be provided a grant for project and construction management (up to 5% of the state's project contribution)

1. Smalls are entitled to a preliminary apportionment—immediate access to funding without waiting in line—once the district has approved plans.
2. Up to 10 percent of all New Construction and Modernization funding (a total of \$800 million) will be reserved for use by smalls, thereby ensuring funding will be available even as other projects take priority.
3. Access to the financial hardship program (in which the state pays for some or all of the local match) is expanded. Many smalls qualify for financial hardship. All COEs are financial hardship automatically.
4. "Small districts" are those under 2501 ADA, which includes county offices of education.

## **ATTACHMENT C APPLICABLE LWVC POSITIONS**

\*\*For relevant Higher Education positions, see Susan Rice's analysis.

\*\*\*For fuller SLF information, see Elizabeth Ralston's analyses.

### **Education PK-12**

Position in Brief: Support a system of public education funding that is adequate, flexible, equitable, reliable and sustainable; derived from a combination of revenue sources; and distributed fairly to support access and equitable opportunities for all students.

#### Equitable Access to Quality Education

1. The state is ultimately responsible for providing a system of public education .
2. Basic educational necessities provided to some students must be provided to all.
3. The fundamental elements that must be present to create a teaching and learning environment that provides access and equitable opportunity for all children include, but are not limited to: a. a safe school environment; c. clean, healthy facilities in good repair, with seating for all students.
4. An effective state system of monitoring and accountability must be present to ensure that all receive basic educational necessities.

### **Housing**

5. Standardization and modernization of local building and zoning codes to conform with a state code that: (c) encourages the use of density bonuses, mixed, cluster and inclusionary zoning; second units; infill development; ... and increased density along transportation corridors.
6. Removal of barriers that inhibit the construction of low and moderate income housing...

### **State and Local Finances**

#### Position in Brief:

Support measures to ensure revenues both sufficient and flexible enough to meet changing needs for state and local government services; that contribute to a system of public finance that emphasizes equity and fair sharing of the tax burden as well as adequacy; that include long range finance methods that meet current and future needs while taking into account the cumulative impact of public debt.

#### Long-Term Debt Financing

6. To insure provision for long-term debt financing of certain capital projects by:
  - a. approval of bond issues that take into account: 1) the current bond rating status of the state or local jurisdiction, including cumulative impacts and how the adoption of additional debt will impact ability to finance future projects;
  - b. use of bond financing for:
    - 1) construction of capital projects;
    - 2) purchase of facilities for public use;
    - 3) repair and retrofitting of existing public facilities and structures when other means of financing are not available;
    - 4) provision for voter approval of state and local bond easures by a simple majority vote.



## **ATTACHMENT D SUPPORT / OPPOSITION**

### **SUPPORT: (Verified 9/12/19)**

Advancement Project  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Arntz Builders  
Association of California School Administrators  
Atascadero Unified School District  
Beaumont Unified School District  
Borrego Springs Unified School District  
California Association of School Business Officials  
California Association of Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors  
California Association of Suburban School Districts  
California Building Industry Association  
California Community College Chancellor's Office  
California Educational Technology Professionals  
Association California Federation of Teachers  
California Head Start Association  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
California School Boards Association  
California State University  
California Teachers Association  
Cardiff School District  
Central Valley Education Coalition  
City College of San Francisco  
Coact Designworks  
Community College Facility Coalition  
Community College League of California  
Compton Unified School District  
County School Facilities Consortium  
Del Norte County Office of Education  
Del Norte Unified School District  
Dinuba Unified School District  
DLR Group  
East Whittier City School District  
Etiwanda School District  
Fallbrook Un High School District  
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District  
First 5 California  
Flint Builders  
Foothill-De Anza Community College District  
Fresno County Office of Education  
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools  
Fullerton Joint Union High School District  
GardenGroveUnified SchoolDistrict  
Glendora Unified School District  
GMH Builders  
Golden Valley Unified School District  
Hemet Unified School District  
HMC Architects  
Irvine Unified School District  
Jurupa Unified School District

Kern Community College District  
Kern Union High School District  
Long Beach Unified School District  
Los Angeles County Office of Education  
Maple School District McGrath Rentcorp Morrissey  
Associates  
Mountain View Los Altos High School District Napa  
County Office of Education  
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Oceanside Unified School District  
Orcutt Union School District  
Palm Springs Unified School District  
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Sacramento County Office of Education  
Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange  
San Bernardino County District  
Advocates for Better Schools  
San Diego County Office of Education  
San Francisco Unified School District  
San Luis Coastal Unified School District  
Santa Ana Unified School District  
Santa Cruz City Schools  
Santee School District  
School Facility Manufacturers' Association  
SGH Architects  
Small School Districts Association  
Solano County Office of Education  
Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools  
Temecula Valley Unified School District  
TLCD Architecture  
University of California  
Vallecitos School District  
Vista Environmental Consulting  
Wright Contracting  
Yolo County Office of Education  
Yuba Community College District  
ZFA Structural Engineers

**OPPOSITION: (Verified 9/12/19) None  
received**

## AB 48 Analysis

### Susan Rice, Veronica Tincher, Louise Jaffe, & Eleanor Yick – Higher Education

Analyst Name Veronica Tincher and Louise Jaffe and Susan Rice and Eleanor Yick

Today's Date 10/4/2019

Advocacy Area Social Policy

[League Position 1](#) Community College System (State)

[League Position 3](#) Pre-K-12 Education (State)

Subject Pssessment Choose an item.

[LA Recommendation: Support](#)  [Oppose](#)  [Support if Amended](#)  [Take No Position](#)

[PD Recommendation: Support Level given significance to League Position](#) High - Add Testimony, Lobbying, Action Alerts

[AD Recommendation: Support Level given significance to Advocacy Area](#) Choose an item.

Bill No. & Author<sup>1</sup> AB 48 (O'Donnell AND Glazer)

Date Bill Introduced 12/3/2018

Most Recent Amendment 9/10/2019

[League Position 2](#) Public Higher Education (State)

[League Position 4](#) State and Local Finances (State)

[Secondary Position Analysis Recommended](#)

[Secondary Position Area](#) Pre-K-12 Education (State)

**THIS ANALYSIS is intended to be accompanied by analysis re. LWVC positions on PK-12 and Finance.**

#### CURRENT LAW SUMMARIZED (REGARDING HI-ED PORTION ONLY)

1. The Facilities Bond Acts of 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2016 combined financing K-12 facilities with those in the segments of public higher education.
2. The most recent K-12-Higher Education Bond Act of 2016 (an Initiative) provided for Community College facilities but not UC or CSU in addition to K-12 facilities.
3. All the previous HE Bond Acts, with the exception of 2016, have issued all or nearly all of their authorizations. The 2016 Bond Act allocated \$2B to Community Colleges of which \$1.9B remains unissued as of 2019.

#### THE BILL'S CHANGES TO CURRENT LAW

This bill was originally introduced as a AB 48 for PK-14 (O'Donnell) while Glazer had introduced SB 14 for CSU and UC. In early September, as a result of these discussions, bill intentions were combined. AB 48 addresses all hi ed levels establishes the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 , authorizes a \$15 billion bond for the March 3, 2020 election. Bond funding for facilities will be distributed accordingly: \$9 billion for Preschool to Grade 12, \$2 billion for community colleges, \$2 billion for the CSU, and \$2 billion for the UC and Hastings School of Law. Notable additions include the requirement that both UC and CSU adopt a 5 -year affordable student housing plan as a condition for funding. AND, priority "is given to projects that address fire and life safety issues, seismic deficiencies, and critical deferred maintenance issues.

#### ARGUMENT(S) THAT JUSTIFY LEAGUE ACTION

1.The League supports a comprehensive system of public higher education that provides access to educational opportunities to advance both individual and public goals. 2. The League supports a comprehensive system of public higher education that prioritizes the dual values of access and excellence, with viable access points for all adult Californians. 3. The League supports equitable access to public higher education in California and Community Colleges provide the largest resource for more than 3/4 of students enrolled in higher education in California. Community Colleges provide a pathway to 4-year colleges and also career technology programs. 4. Community College enrollment will increase in years to come to meet the needs for additional educated and skilled workers in California. 5. Deferred maintenance resulting from financial constraints in the past took their toll on the condition of the physical plant. Technological advances also require updated facilities in order to train students in needed skills. 6. Community College districts may place Bond Acts on the ballot to be funded by local property tax. Since 2000, the law now allows for a 55% majority approval from the former 2/3 majority for the requirement of passage of CCC Bonds. This has enabled an increased number of districts to have successful bond measure elections. However, under-resourced districts find it difficult to pass such property tax bond measures. LWVC letter of support for SB 14 (the initial proposed bond measure for UC and CSU) says, *More than one-half of UC's space is at least 30 years old and more than half of the CSU's space is more than 40 years old, one third being over 50 years old. Projections are that California will need 1.1 million more Bachelor degree workers by 2030. As UC and CSU enrollment grows in order to meet increased demand, the need for safe and proper facilities is great. The League of Women Voters of California is in strong support of SB 14, a Bond Act that will support equitable access to public Higher Education and increased attainment of baccalaureate degrees by serving more transfers and entering freshmen.* **REGARDING THE HOUSING PLAN REQUIREMENT**, the LWVC position supports measures that ensure "the full cost of higher education attendance, including tuition, fees, food, **HOUSING**, transportation, and books or other educational materials, is affordable for all qualified students, regardless of their family's financial circumstances;"

**COMMENTS: SEE ATTACHED TWO PAGES**

<sup>1</sup> Please use a separate form for each bill and try to keep to one page. Save a copy & email one to your PD and [VPAdvocacy@lwvc.org](mailto:VPAdvocacy@lwvc.org).

**COMMENTS** This bill represents a compromise among the different public segments and provides the means to address some of the unmet need for new facilities and/or modifications. It is supported by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, Community College League of California, California State University, and the University of California. On the political advocacy front, LWVC would benefit from a partnership with the three levels of higher education and the many organizations supporting access to higher education. (list to be provided by SFR)

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA position:**

A UC representative states, *" We have \$8.8 billion of state-eligible capital projects systemwide over the next five years that we do not have funding identified for at this time and \$2 billion is a huge portion of that, if it passes. State-eligible means GO bond financing can be used for the projects, primarily classrooms and labs; non-state eligible are things like athletic facilities, hospitals, or residence halls, which self-finance capital. ...We had not been part of a GO bond for 13 years and for the two decades prior to 2006 we were part of a bond nearly every two years! "...(Regarding the housing requirement, he says they have no issues with it and goes on to say.)... Initial language discussed would have been overly onerous. Although there will be costs associated with doing this campus by campus, at large UC has created 15,000 beds over the last five years and has plans for 15,000 more. We can get you more of a bill analysis soon."* September 14 statement from Janet Napolitano says, *The University of California is pleased the recently approved Public Education Facilities Bond will be on the March 2020 ballot and deeply appreciates the \$2 billion that the measure allocates to UC, which sets the stage for the biggest capital investment in the University since 2006.*

*This would be a significant and much-needed investment in the safety and welfare of students in California's public schools, from preschool through college. For UC, the funding would help modernize our campuses while addressing critical infrastructure needs, including seismic retrofits, and expand our capacity to serve even more California students.*

*We are immensely grateful to Gov. Newsom, Senate President Pro Tem Toni G. Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon for their leadership as well as the dedicated public education advocates who helped craft this important legislation.*

*Now is the time to make a solid investment in our schools, our students and California's future.*

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY position**

September 12, 2019 letter states, in part,

*The \$2 billion set aside for CSU would enable us to begin to address the construction, renovation, and renewal of facilities throughout our 23 campus system, as outlined in our five-year capital outlay plan. The CSU has an aging infrastructure in dire need of renovation and replacement, with more than half of our facility space being 40 years or older and a third being over 50 years old. Our five-year capital outlay plan reflects more than \$10 billion in academic infrastructure and \$3.7 billion in deferred maintenance needs. These challenges were highlighted in a recent PPIC report, [Financing Higher Education Capital Projects](#) (December 2018), which also noted the increasing demand for a CSU education, and the parallel need to invest in critical safety, infrastructure, and modernization of our facilities if we are to effectively serve California's students. AB 48 provides essential funding for our campuses to address fire, safety, seismic and deferred maintenance issues, to modernize and construct facilities to keep pace with current technology and workforce needs, and to expand student capacity in classrooms and labs. The last state authorized GO bonds for higher education were over a decade ago (2006) and those funds were essentially exhausted by 2012. Absent this bill, financing of our facilities and deferred maintenance needs **will** continue to come from our operating funds, in direct competition with the resources we need to educate and serve our students.*

## AB 48 Analysis

### Elizabeth Ralston – State & Local Finances

Analyst Name Elizabeth Ralston

Today's Date 10/2/2019

Advocacy Area SLF

[League Position 1](#) Choose an item.

[League Position 3](#) Choose an item.

Subject Click here to enter text.

Bill Amendment Assessment Choose an item.

[LA Recommendation](#): Oppose or no position

[PD Recommendation](#): Support Level given significance to League Position Choose an item.

[AD Recommendation](#): Support Level given significance to Advocacy Area Choose an item.

Bill No. & Author AB 48 /School Bond Measure

Date Bill Introduced 12/3/2018

Most Recent Amendment 9/10/2019

[League Position 2](#) Choose an item.

[League Position 4](#) Choose an item.

Secondary Position Analysis Recommended

[Secondary Position Area](#) Choose an item.

#### CURRENT LAW SUMMARIZED

A School Facility Program was established in 1998 whereby school districts can apply for state money to fund school construction, modernization, and seismic retrofits. Since then voters have approved a total of \$43 billion in state general obligation bonds for K-12 school facilities, the most recent in 2016. All funds from these bonds have been committed.

In addition, voters have authorized more than \$110 billion in *local school bonds* since 2004. Under the SFP, school districts apply for grants from the state, and must supply matching funds, although the local contribution waived in rare cases due to financial hardship. In general, funds are provided on a first-come/first-serve basis.

#### THE BILL'S CHANGES TO CURRENT LAW

Note: This analysis focuses on the changes made to the School Facility Program by AB 48 – which will be implemented if voters approve the associated bond measure in March. It focuses on concerns with the current SFP and whether AB4 addresses these concerns. Barbara Inatsugu has summarized these changes in her analysis. A number of changes were made at the request of the Governor's Office and Department of Finance at the very end of the session. The thrust of these changes was to reduce the size of the bond measure, eliminate a companion bond measure originally planned for 2022, enable local school districts to take on more debt, and to try to deal with some of the equity issues identified by critics, including LWVC. The final bill contained drafting errors and a "clean-up" bill is expected in the next legislative session.

In June the Legislation Committee took an "Approve if amended" position with respect to AB 48 as the Committee had concerns about the equity of the School Facility Program.

#### ARGUMENT(S) THAT JUSTIFY LEAGUE ACTION

Both the State and Local Finance and the Pre-K – 12 Education positions strongly support an equitable system of public education funding. The current School Facility Program has perpetuated serious inequities in funding for school construction and modernization. These are outlined in a report [Financing School Facilities in California: A 10-year Perspective](#), authored by Eric J. Brunner and Jeffrey Vincent. The most significant inequity comes from the fact that, except in a few hardship cases, all districts are required to pay 40% or 50% of the cost of a project. These funds normally come from local school bonds, which are repaid by increasing the property tax rate for the time necessary to repay principal and interest on the bonds. High wealth districts are able to raise more money than low wealth districts and end up getting more state funds than lower wealth districts even as the wealthier district's taxpayers repay the bonds with a lower property tax rate

In addition, the current system operates on a first come/first served basis, rather than setting any priorities in terms of urgency or need. This has a tendency to favor larger and/or wealthier districts with either the in-house resources to complete the application or the revenue to hire outside consultants to do so.

The new rules set up a point system based on a district's "unduplicated pupil percentage" (percentage of low-income, English learners, and foster children, with no child counted more than once) and per pupil bonding capacity. Priorities are set for

approving grant requests and within these priorities requests will be processed based on score. However, applications that have gone two quarters without approval will have higher priority than newly submitted projects. This makes it hard to tell whether this priority system will have a meaningful impact.

A district's score also determines the portion of a project that the state will fund – a maximum of 55% and minimum of 50% for new construction and a range from 65% to 60% for modernization projects. This will make virtually no impact on equity as shown in the comparison of bond financing in the San Francisco and Fresno school districts on the next page.

In the last fifteen years far more K-12 school bond funding has come from local bonds - \$110B between 2004 and 2018<sup>1</sup> – as compared to state bonds (\$23.5B). Given that most bond funding now comes local sources which differ greatly in their capacity to raise money, it seems all the more compelling that state money be used to primarily to help low property wealth districts.

If this \$15B bond measure passes, the annual cost to the state will be around the \$700M-\$800M<sup>2</sup> over 35 years. That money could be more usefully spent on a program that reduces disparate funding between districts or else spent on other state priorities, such as affordable housing. It is true that opposing this bond measure could be a difficult sell to our membership, the public, and current or future allies. Yet if the equity issue gains traction, it would be unfortunate to be on the side of supporting the very flawed status quo. I advise that the League either oppose or remain neutral.

#### COMMENTS:

**SOME BACKGROUND:** In 2013 the Legislative Analyst issued a report on school facilities funding that called for a new model for funding school construction and modernization, identifying some of the weaknesses in the SFP mentioned above. Governor Brown noted the same weaknesses in his 2015 and 2016 budget messages, calling in 2016 year for a “new school facilities program that provides enhanced local flexibility and reflects the major changes in demographics and lower local bond authorization thresholds of recent years.” He opposed the 2016 bond measure (Proposition 51) and has slowed the sale of the authorized bonds since then, meaning that more than \$1M worth of bond money has been committed but not funded.

**REDUCTIONS IN DEVELOPER FEES:** School districts can get funding for school construction by imposing fees on residential construction. Among the last minute additions to AB 48 were provisions to suspend these fees until 2026 for new construction within ½ mile of a major transit stop and reduce them by 20% for other multi-family buildings as well to eliminate level 3 fees until all bond money is spent. This presumably reflects Governor Newsom's interest in the supply of housing in California.

<sup>1</sup> [https://ballotpedia.org/School\\_bond\\_elections\\_in\\_California](https://ballotpedia.org/School_bond_elections_in_California) for bonds passed in 2017 and 2018 and <https://www.ppic.org/publication/bonds-for-k-12-school-facilities-in-california/> for 2004-2016

<sup>2</sup> This is a rough estimate based on LAO estimates of the cost of bond measures in 2016 and 2018

## San Francisco and Fresno Unified School Districts: A comparison

	San Francisco USD	Fresno USD
Enrollment (FY 2018) <sup>3</sup>	60,263	73,455
Total assessed property value (FY 2019) <sup>4</sup>	\$250B	\$21B
Assessed Property Value/Student	\$4.1M	\$288K
Unduplicated Pupil Count (FY 2018) <sup>5</sup>	62%	89%
Bond measures since 2001 <sup>6</sup>	\$2.02B	\$704M
School District Debt Service (FY 2019) <sup>7</sup>	0.0387%	0.1889%
Per pupil bonding capacity under AB 48	\$166K	\$12.8K
Priority score under AB 48	7	11
State match for modernization (AB 48)	61%	65%

Comparing the situations of Fresno Unified School District and San Francisco Unified School District illustrates that AB 48 will not address the inequities of the current bond program in a meaningful way.

SFUSD has a property tax base per student (\$4.1M) that is about 14 times as high as that of FUSD (\$288K). That means that in order to provide a comparable amount of funding per pupil the tax rate for Fresno's taxpayers would have to be more than 14 times as high (1400% as much) as for San Francisco's taxpayers.

The reality is that San Francisco USD has invested much more in its facilities than Fresno USD, while Fresno has had to assess its taxpayers at a higher rate. FUSD has passed three bond measures since 2001 for a total of \$704M. During that same period, SFUSD has passed four bond measures for a total of \$2.02B – nearly three times as much for a smaller student population. But because of the lower tax base in Fresno, the property tax rate to service its debt is almost 5 times that of San Francisco.

Current law provides a 60% match by the state for modernization projects – under AB 48 the match will be between 60% and 65%. FUSD would qualify for the maximum 65% match. That higher match means that FUSD could finance 14% more in modernization costs as compared with current law – about 1/100 of the 1400% difference in revenue generating capacity between it and San Francisco. This is not a meaningful improvement.

Perversely, despite the obvious ability of SFUSD to pay for its capital needs without state aid, SFUSD will also qualify for an increased state match (61%) under the AB 48 system due to its relatively high unduplicated pupil percentage. San Francisco could conceivably receive more state bond funds than Fresno receives because it has greater local bond proceeds to be matched.

**Note:** Of 914 districts for which data was collected, San Francisco USD ranks 107 and Fresno USD 858 in terms of assessed valuation/student.

The following is a link to video a describing Fresno's challenges: <https://edsource.org/2019/achieving-fair-funding-for-school-modernization-in-california-a-case-study-video/617096>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ed-data.org/district/San-Francisco/San-Francisco-Unified> and <https://www.ed-data.org/district/Fresno/Fresno-Unified>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=31948> and <https://www.sfassessor.org/news/san-francisco-leads-ca-counties-property-tax-growth>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ed-data.org/district/San-Francisco/San-Francisco-Unified> and <https://www.ed-data.org/district/Fresno/Fresno-Unified>

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>7</sup> <https://sftreasurer.org/property/understanding-property-tax> and <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Home/ShowDocument?id=31948>



# LWVC Signed and Vetoed Bills 10-9-2019

## Co-Sponsor

### [AB 849](#) **(Bonta D) Elections: city and county redistricting.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Current law establishes criteria and procedures pursuant to which cities and counties adjust or adopt council and supervisorial district area boundaries, as applicable, for the purpose of electing members of the governing body of each of those local jurisdictions. This bill would revise and recast these provisions. The bill would require the governing body of each local jurisdiction described above to adopt new district boundaries after each federal decennial census, except as specified. The bill would specify redistricting criteria and deadlines for the adoption of new boundaries by the governing body. The bill would specify hearing procedures that would allow the public to provide input on the placement of boundaries and on proposed boundary maps. The bill would require the governing body to take specified steps to encourage the residents of the local jurisdiction to participate in the redistricting process.

**Attachments:**

[AB 849 \(Bonta\) LWVC Support, Cosponsor to Author, Governor 9-11-19](#)

[AB 849 \(Bonta\) LWVC Co-Sponsor Support to Author, S.- E & C.A., S-GOV & FIN 6-11-19](#)

[AB 849 \(Bonta\) LWVC Letter to Support as Amended, Cosponsor A. LG 4-16-19](#)

[AB 849 \(Bonta\) LWVC Co-Sponsor Support Letter to Author, A-E & R Committee](#)

**Position**

Co-Sponsor

**Assigned**

Hutchinson,  
Rose

### [SB 72](#) **(Umberg D) Conditional voter registration: provisional ballots.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would specifically require, rather than permit, the county elections official to offer conditional voter registration and provisional voting at all satellite offices of the county elections official and all polling places in the county. If the elections official is able to determine a conditionally registered voter's precinct, and the ballot for that precinct is available, the bill would require the elections official to provide the voter with a ballot for the voter's precinct. If the elections official is unable to determine the conditionally registered voter's precinct, or a ballot for the precinct is unavailable, the bill would require the elections official to provide the voter with a ballot and inform the voter that only the votes for the candidates and measures on which the voter would be entitled to vote in the voter's assigned precinct may be counted.

**Attachments:**

[SB 72 Governor Cosponsor Request for Signature Letter 9-17-19](#)

[SB 72 \(Umberg\) LWVC Letter Requesting Governor's Signature 9-13-19](#)

[SB 72 \(Umberg\) LWVC Cosponsor and Support to Appr. 6-20-19](#)

[SB 72 \(Umberg\) LWVC Co-Sponsor Letter to Author, A-E. & R. 6-11-19](#)

[SB 72 \(Umberg\) LWVC Co-Sponsor Letter to Appropriations](#)

[SB 72 \(Umberg\) LWVC Co-Sponsor Letter to Author, S-E. & C.A.](#)

**Position**

Co-Sponsor

**Assigned**

Rose

## Oppose

### [AB 1451](#) **(Low D) Petition circulators.**

**Current Text:** Vetoed: 10/7/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/7/2019-Vetoed by Governor.

**Summary:** Would provide that a person or organization who pays a person money or any other thing of value based on the number of signatures obtained on a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a specified fine, imprisonment, or both that fine and imprisonment. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1451 without my signature. This bill makes it a misdemeanor to pay signature gatherers based on the number of signatures they collect on a state or local initiative, referendum or recall petition, and requires that at least 10% of signatures on a state initiative petition be collected by unpaid circulators. While I appreciate the intent of this legislation to incentivize grassroots support for the initiative process, I believe this measure could make the qualification of many initiatives cost-prohibitive,



thereby having the opposite effect. I am a strong supporter of California's system of direct democracy and am reluctant to sign any bill that erects barriers to citizen participation in the electoral process. For this reason, cannot sign this bill.

**Attachments:**

[AB 1451 \(Low\) LWVC Letter Requesting Governor's Veto 9-18-19](#)

[AB 1451 \(Low\) LWVC Coalition Opposition Floor Alert 9-10-19](#)

[AB 1451 \(Low\) LWVC Letter of Opposition to Author, S-E. & C.A. and S-PUB. S. 6-11-19](#)

[AB 1451 \(Low\) LWVC Letter of Opposition to Author and A-E. & R.](#)

**Position**

Oppose

**Assigned**

Thompson

**[SB 230](#)**

**(Caballero D) Law enforcement: use of deadly force: training: policies.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/13/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 9/13/2019-Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 285, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Would, by no later than January 1, 2021, require each law enforcement agency to maintain a policy that provides guidelines on the use of force, utilizing deescalation techniques and other alternatives to force when feasible, specific guidelines for the application of deadly force, and factors for evaluating and reviewing all use of force incidents, among other things. The bill would require each agency to make their use of force policy accessible to the public. By imposing additional duties on local agencies, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

[SB 230 \(Caballero\) LWVC Oppose Unless Amended to Author; A-APPR. 7-11-19](#)

[SB 230 \(Caballero\) LWVC Oppose Letter to Author A-PUB. S. 6-18-19](#)

[SB 230 \(Caballero\) LWVC Oppose as Amended Letter S. PS 4-16-19](#)

[SB 230 \(Caballero\) LWVC Opposition Letter to Author, S-PUB. S.](#)

**Position**

Oppose

**Assigned**

Raveche

**Support**

**[AB 30](#)**

**(Holden D) Community colleges: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/4/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/4/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 510, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a community college district participating in a CCAP partnership to assign priority for enrollment and course registration to a pupil seeking to enroll in a community college course that is required for the pupil's CCAP partnership program that is equivalent to the priority assigned to a pupil attending a middle college high school and consistent with specified middle college high school provisions. Current law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2022. This bill would require specified protocols as described to require a high school pupil participating under a CCAP partnership to submit only one parental consent form and principal recommendation, and would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, on or before July 31, 2020, to revise the special part-time student application process to allow a pupil to complete one application, for the duration of the pupil's participation under the CCAP partnership.

**Attachments:**

[AB 30 \(Holden\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-24-19](#)

[AB 30 \(Holden\) LWVC Letter of Support S. Edu. 6-11-19](#)

[AB 30 \(Holden\) LWVC Letter of Support A. Appr 4-22-19](#)

**Position**

Support

**Assigned**

Jaffe

**[AB 45](#)**

**(Stone, Mark D) Inmates: medical care: fees.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would prohibit the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or a sheriff, chief or director of corrections, or chief of police from charging a fee for an inmate-initiated medical visit of an inmate of the state prison or a county or city jail, and would make a conforming change. The bill would also prohibit those officials from charging an inmate of the state prison or a city or county jail a fee for durable medical equipment or medical supplies, as defined.

**Attachments:**

[AB 45 \(Stone\) LWVC Support to Author, Governor 9-13-19](#)

[AB 45 \(Stone\) LWVC Letter of Support S. PS 6-17-19](#)

[AB 45 \(Stone\) LWVC Letter of Support 2-19-19](#)

**Position**

**Assigned**

**[AB 59](#) (Kalra D) Elections: polling places: college and university campuses.****Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor**Summary:** Would direct a county elections official conducting an all-mailed ballot election to consider vote center location on a public or private university or college campus. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.**Attachments:**[AB 59 \(Kalra\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)[AB 59 \(Kalra\) LWVC Support to Author, S-E. & C.A. 6-26-19](#)[AB 59 \(Kalra\) LWVC Support to Author, S-E. & C.A. 6-24-19](#)**Position**

Support

**Assigned**

Avina

**[AB 65](#) (Petrie-Norris D) Coastal protection: climate adaption: project prioritization: natural infrastructure: local general plans.****Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/27/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)**Status:** 9/27/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 347, Statutes of 2019.**Summary:** Would require specified things of the State Coastal Conservancy when it allocates any funding appropriated pursuant to the The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, including that it prioritize projects that use natural infrastructure, as defined, to help adapt to climate change. The bill would require the conservancy to provide information to the Office of Planning and Research on any projects funded pursuant to the above provision to be considered for inclusion into the clearinghouse for climate adaption information. The bill would authorize the conservancy to provide technical assistance to coastal communities to better assist them with their projects that use natural infrastructure.**Attachments:**[AB 65 \(Petrie-Norris\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-24-19](#)[AB 65 \(Petrie-Norris\) LWVC Support to Author; S. APPR 7-12-2019](#)**Position**

Support

**Assigned**

Chun Hoo, Swift

**[AB 68](#) (Ting D) Land use: accessory dwelling units.****Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/9/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)**Status:** 10/9/2019-Signed by the Governor**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency to provide, by ordinance, for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones and requires such an ordinance to impose standards on accessory dwelling units, including, among others, lot coverage. Current law also requires such an ordinance to require that the accessory dwelling units to be either attached to, or located within, the living area of the proposed or existing primary dwelling, or detached from the proposed or existing primary dwelling and located on the same lot as the proposed or existing primary dwelling. This bill would delete the provision authorizing the imposition of standards on lot coverage and would prohibit an ordinance from imposing requirements on minimum lot size.**Attachments:**[AB 68 \(Ting\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)[AB 68 \(Ting\) LWVC Letter of Support to S. Housing, G&F., EQ. 6-11-19](#)[AB 68 \(Ting\) LWVC Support Letter to Author and A-H. & C.D.; L. GOV.](#)**Position**

Support

**Assigned**

Russell

**[AB 130](#) (Low D) Postsecondary education: Higher Education Performance, Accountability, and Coordination Commission.****Current Text:** Vetoed: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)**Status:** 10/8/2019-Vetoed by the Governor**Summary:** Would establish the Higher Education Performance, Accountability, and Coordination Commission, composed of 5 public members with experience in postsecondary education, appointed as specified, as the statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning entity. The bill would require the commission to develop and publish an independent annual report on the condition of higher education in California, as provided. The bill would establish other functions and responsibilities of the commission, which would include specified advisory duties and acting as a clearinghouse for postsecondary education information. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.**Governor's Message:** I am returning Assembly Bill 130 without my signature. This bill establishes the Higher Education Performance, Accountability, and Coordination Commission as an independent state agency tasked with statewide postsecondary education oversight, coordination, and planning. I have

long been concerned that our state's higher education systems operate in silos to the detriment of our state's long-term educational and economic health. California must set statewide goals in the areas of access, affordability and success in higher education. To that end, I launched the Governor's Council for Post-Secondary Education to encourage collaboration between systems and to make recommendations to the administration in an advisory capacity. The Council is charged with examining issues relating to future capacity, enrollment, planning, community college transfers, and general education and coordination at the state and regional levels. Additionally, the 2019-2020 budget included funds to begin the work of building a longitudinal data system to better track student outcomes and increase the alignment of our educational system to the state's workforce needs. While the intention of this bill is laudable, it is premature to launch a new state body with these aforementioned efforts underway.

**Attachments:**

[AB 130 \(Low\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-24-19](#)

[AB 130 \(Low\) LWVC Letter of Support S.Edu., GO. 6-17-19](#)

[AB 130 \(Low\) LWVC Letter of Support A. Approps 4-22-19](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Yick

**[AB 293](#) (Garcia, Eduardo D) Greenhouse gases: offset protocols.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/12/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 85, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Current law, until January 1, 2031, establishes the Compliance Offsets Protocol Task Force to provide guidance to the state board in approving new offset protocols for a market-based compliance mechanism for the purposes of increasing offset projects with direct environmental benefits in the state while prioritizing disadvantaged communities, Native American or tribal lands, and rural and agricultural regions. This bill would require the task force to consider the development of additional offset protocols, including, but not limited to, protocols for the enhanced management or conservation of agricultural and natural lands, and for the enhancement and restoration of wetlands.

**Attachments:**

[AB 293 \(Garcia\) LWVC Support to Governor Newsom 7-12-19](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Swift

**[AB 392](#) (Weber D) Peace officers: deadly force.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 8/19/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 8/19/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 170, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Would redefine the circumstances under which a homicide by a peace officer is deemed justifiable to include when the officer reasonably believes, based on the totality of the circumstances, that deadly force is necessary to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or to another person, or to apprehend a fleeing person for a felony that threatened or resulted in death or serious bodily injury, if the officer reasonably believes that the person will cause death or serious bodily injury to another unless the person is immediately apprehended.

**Attachments:**

[AB 392 \(Weber\) LWVC Support Letter to Author and S-PUB. S. 6-11-19](#)

[AB 392 \(Weber\) LWVC Support as Amended to Author and A-PUB. S.](#)

[AB 392 \(Weber\) LWVC Support Letter to Author and A-PUB. S.](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Raveche

**[AB 504](#) (Berman D) Voter registration: residency confirmation.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/6/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 9/6/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 262, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Current law requires a county elections official to conduct a preelection residency confirmation procedure before a primary election by mailing a nonforwardable postcard to each registered voter of the county. However, current law authorizes the county elections official to exclude from this residency confirmation procedure a voter who has voted at an election held within the last six months preceding the start of the procedure, or a person who has preregistered but will not be 18 years of age on or before the date of the primary election. This bill would authorize a county elections official to exclude from this residency confirmation procedure a voter who has confirmed the voter's voter registration record on the internet website of the Secretary of State within the year preceding the start of the confirmation procedure.

**Attachments:**

[AB 504 \(Berman\) LWVC Letter of Support as Amended to Author, S E. & C.A. 6-11-19](#)

[AB 504 \(Berman\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, S. E&CA 5-24-19](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Reeg

**[AB 571](#) (Mullin D) Political Reform Act of 1974: contribution limits.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a county, city, or district to limit campaign contributions in local elections. Current law authorizes the governing board of a school district or of a community college district to limit campaign expenditures or contributions in elections to district offices. The act specifies that it does not prevent the Legislature or any other state or local agency from imposing additional requirements on a person if the requirements do not prevent the person from complying with the act, and that the act does not nullify contribution limitations or prohibitions by any local jurisdiction that apply to elections for local elective office, as specified. This bill, commencing January 1, 2021, instead would prohibit a person from making to a candidate for elective county or city office, and would prohibit a candidate for elective county or city office from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than the amount set forth in the act for limitations on contributions to a candidate for elective state office.

**Attachments:**

[AB 571 \(Mullin\) LWVC Support to Governor 9-11-19](#)

[AB 571 \(Mullin\) LWVC Support to S. E&CA 6-24-19](#)

[AB 571 \(Mullin\) LWVC Letter of Support as Amended to Author A-E. R](#)

[AB 571 \(Mullin\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, A-E. & R.](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Hutchinson

**[AB 679](#) (Gonzalez D) Voter qualifications: residence and domicile.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/9/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/9/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 63, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Current law provides that the place where a person's family is domiciled is the person's domicile except as specified. Current law provides that if a person has a family fixed in one place, and the person does business in another place, the former is the person's place of domicile. However, if the person having a family fixed in one place, has taken up an abode in another place with the intention of remaining and the person's family does not so reside with the person, that other abode is the person's domicile. This bill would clarify that, for purposes of these provisions, a person may take up an abode at the same place at which the person does business.

**Attachments:**

[AB 679 \(Gonzalez\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, S E&CA 5-24-19](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Reeg

**[AB 693](#) (Berman D) Conditional voter registration: voting.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/12/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/12/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 99, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Would authorize an elections official to offer a nonprovisional ballot to a conditional voter registrant if the official uses the statewide voter registration database developed in compliance with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 to make certain verifications before issuing the nonprovisional ballot and, if the registrant has been included on a roster for that election in that county, the official updates that roster to indicate that the voter has voted and shall not be issued another nonprovisional ballot for that election.

**Attachments:**

[AB 693 \(Berman\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, Governor 7-12-19](#)

[AB 693 \(Berman\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, S. E&CA 5-24-19](#)

[AB 693 \(Berman\) LWVC Letter of Support as Amended A. E & R 4-19-19](#)

[AB 693 \(Berman\) LWVC Support Letter to Author and A-E. & R.](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Shectman

**[AB 773](#) (Gonzalez D) Voter education: high school pupils.**

**Current Text:** Vetoed: 10/7/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/7/2019-Vetoed by Governor.

**Summary:** Current law requires the last 2 full weeks in April and in September to be known as "high school voter education weeks," during which time persons authorized by the county elections official are allowed to register to vote pupils and school personnel on high school campuses. This bill would

instead make January and September “high school voter education months.”

**Governor's Message:** To Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 773 without my signature. This bill requires the Secretary of State, in coordination with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to develop educational programming for pupils in grade 12 on voting registration and participation. The State has already made a significant investment to increase turnout among young voters, and there is evidence that these efforts are working. The Secretary of State's Office reported that in 2018 there was a significant increase in turnout for voters ages 18-22. Rather than imposing a prescriptive requirement that imposes a one-size-fits-all requirement on each high school, I would prefer that the Secretary of State and the Superintendent of Public Instruction continue their coordination to help register and preregister young people to vote.

**Attachments:**

[AB 773 \(Gonzalez\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, Governor 9-5-2019](#)

[AB 773 \(Gonzalez\) LWVC Support Letter to Author, S- E. & C.A., S- ED 6-11-19](#)

[AB 773 \(Gonzalez\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author 5-17-19](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Inatsugu

**[AB 864](#) (Mullin D) Political Reform Act of 1974: disclosures.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits a candidate or committee from sending a mass mailing unless the name, street address, and city of the candidate or committee are shown on the outside of each piece of mail in the mass mailing, as specified. Candidates and committees are also prohibited from sending mass electronic mailings unless the name of the candidate or committee is shown in the electronic mailing, as specified. Mailings that are paid for by independent expenditures are exempt from these requirements. This bill would exempt from the definition of “mass electronic mailing” communications that were solicited by recipients.

**Attachments:**

[AB 864 \(Mullin\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)

[AB 864 \(Mullin\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, S. E&CA 5-24-19](#)

[AB 864 \(Mullin\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, A-E. R](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Hutchinson

**[AB 948](#) (Kalra D) Coyote Valley Conservation Program.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/27/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 9/27/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 356, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Current law creates the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority, and prescribes the jurisdiction and functions and duties of the authority. Current law authorizes the authority, among other things, to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property, within the authority's jurisdiction, necessary to the full exercise of its powers. This bill would authorize the authority to establish and administer the Coyote Valley Conservation Program to address resource and recreational goals of the Coyote Valley, as defined. The bill would authorize the authority to collaborate with state, regional, and local partners to help achieve specified goals of the program. The bill would authorize the authority to, among other things, acquire and dispose of interests and options in real property.

**Attachments:**

[AB 948 \(Kalra\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-20-19](#)

[AB 948 \(Kalra\) LWVC Letter of Support to S. G&F 6-18-19](#)

[AB 948 \(Kalra\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author; A-APPR. 5-15-19](#)

Position	Assigned
Support	Chun Hoo

**[AB 963](#) (Petrie-Norris D) Public postsecondary education: Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would establish the Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Program to be conducted by the Secretary of State, in partnership with the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California. The bill would require each campus of the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request each campus of the University of California, (1) to distribute, in consultation with the Secretary of State, campuswide emails to all students with specified voting- and election-related dates and information, and to include specified dates on all print and online academic calendars, (2) to post on social media reminders to students of specified voter-related dates and information, and (3) to designate one person per campus as the Civic and Voter Empowerment Coordinator with specified responsibilities, including developing a Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan.



**Attachments:**

- [AB 963 \(Petrie-Norris\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)
- [AB 963 \(Petrie-Norris\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, S-E. & C.A. 6-26-19](#)
- [AB 963 \(Petrie-Norris\) LWVC Letter of Support S-ED. and E. & C.A. 6-13-19](#)

<b>Position</b>	<b>Assigned</b>
Support	Shectman

**AB 1235 (Chu D) Youth homelessness prevention centers.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/26/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 9/26/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 341, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** The California Community Care Facilities Act provides for the licensing and regulation of runaway and homeless youth shelters by the State Department of Social Services. Current law requires these shelters to offer short-term, 24-hour, nonmedical care and supervision and personal services to homeless youth and runaway youth, as those terms are defined, who voluntarily enter the shelter. Current law defines "short-term" to mean no more than 21 consecutive days. This bill would rename these facilities "youth homelessness prevention centers," and would expand the categories of youth for which the center is required to provide services to also include youth at risk of homelessness and youth exhibiting status offender behavior, as those terms are defined by the bill.

**Attachments:**

- [AB 1235 \(Chu\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)
- [AB 1235 \(Chu\) LWVC Letter of Support to S. HS 5-17-19](#)

<b>Position</b>	<b>Assigned</b>
Support	Kuhi

**AB 1482 (Chiu D) Tenant Protection Act of 2019: tenancy: rent caps.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would, with certain exceptions, prohibit an owner, as defined, of residential real property from terminating a tenancy without just cause, as defined, which the bill would require to be stated in the written notice to terminate tenancy when the tenant has continuously and lawfully occupied the residential real property for 12 months, except as provided. The bill would require, for certain just cause terminations that are curable, that the owner give a notice of violation and an opportunity to cure the violation prior to issuing the notice of termination. The bill, if the violation is not cured within the time period set forth in the notice, would authorize a 3-day notice to quit without an opportunity to cure to be served to terminate the tenancy. The bill would require, for no-fault just cause terminations, as specified, that the owner, at the owner's option, either assist certain tenants to relocate, regardless of the tenant's income, by providing a direct payment of one month's rent to the tenant, as specified, or waive in writing the payment of rent for the final month of the tenancy, prior to the rent becoming due. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Attachments:**

- [AB 1482 \(Chiu\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-17-19](#)
- [AB 1482 \(Chiu\) LWVC Support to Author, S-JUD. 7-3-19](#)
- [AB 1482 \(Chiu\) LWVC Support to Author, S-JUD. 6-25-19](#)

<b>Position</b>	<b>Assigned</b>
Support	Z. Oquenda

**SB 1 (Atkins D) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019.**

**Current Text:** Vetoed: 9/27/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 9/27/2019-Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

**Summary:** Current state law regulates the discharge of air pollutants into the atmosphere. The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act regulates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state. The California Safe Drinking Water Act establishes standards for drinking water and regulates drinking water systems. The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species, and generally prohibits the taking of those species. This bill would, until January 20, 2025, require specified agencies to take prescribed actions regarding certain federal requirements and standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species, as specified. By imposing new duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1 without my signature. This bill would enact the California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019 with the intent of ensuring that protections afforded under federal environmental and labor laws and regulations as of January 2017, could remain in place in the event of federal regulatory changes. California is a leader in the fight for resource, environmental, and worker protections. Since 2017, the federal government has repeatedly tried to override and invalidate those protections, and each time, the state has aggressively countered - taking immediate legal action and deploying every tool at the state's disposal to safeguard our natural resources, environmental

protections and workers. No other state has fought harder to defeat Trump's environmental policies, and that will continue to be the case. While I disagree about the efficacy and necessity of Senate Bill 1, I look forward to working with the Legislature in our shared fight against the weakening of California's environmental and worker protections. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

**Attachments:**

[SB 1 \(Atkins\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-16-19](#)  
[SB 1 \(Atkins\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author; A-NAT. RES.; A-JUD](#)  
[SB 1 \(Atkins\) LWVC Letter of Support to A. ES&TM, Nat. Res., Jud. 6-11-19](#)  
[SB 1 \(Atkins\) LWVC Support Letter to Author](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
L. Phillips, Swift,  
Wagner-Tyack

**[SB 13](#) (Wieckowski D) Accessory dwelling units.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/9/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/9/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would authorize the creation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use. The bill would also revise the requirements for an accessory dwelling unit by providing that the accessory dwelling unit may be attached to, or located within, an attached garage, storage area, or other structure, and that it does not exceed a specified amount of total floor area. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Attachments:**

[SB 13 \(Wieckowski\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)  
[SB 13 \(Wieckowski\) LWVC Support to Author, A. APPR. 7-31-19](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Russell

**[SB 19](#) (Dodd D) Water resources: stream gages.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/27/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 9/27/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 361, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, upon an appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for modernizing and reactivating existing gages and deploying new gages, as specified. The bill would require the department and the board, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, interested stakeholders, and, to the extent they wish to consult, local agencies, to develop the plan to address significant gaps in information necessary for water management and the conservation of freshwater species.

**Attachments:**

[SB 19 \(Dodd\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)  
[SB 19 \(Dodd\) LWVC Support to Author A. APPR 7-12-2019](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Swift, Zalles

**[SB 36](#) (Hertzberg D) Pretrial release: risk assessment tools.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Current law, beginning October 1, 2019, and stayed pending voter approval under the powers of referendum pursuant to the California Constitution, requires Pretrial Assessment Services, as defined, to assess a person arrested or detained, as specified, according to a risk assessment instrument, as defined. Current law requires Pretrial Assessment Services to release from confinement specified individuals based on that risk assessment, and, if the person is not released, to submit that assessment to the court for use in its pretrial release or detention decision. This bill would require each pretrial services agency that uses a pretrial risk assessment tool to validate the tool by January 1, 2021, and on a regular basis thereafter, but no less frequently than once every 3 years, and to make specified information regarding the tool, including validation studies, publicly available.

**Attachments:**

[SB 36 \(Hertzberg and Mitchell\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-17-19](#)  
[SB 36 \(Hertzberg and Mitchell\) LWVC Letter of Support to A. PS 6-4-2019](#)  
[SB 36 \(Hertzberg and Mitchell\) LWVC Letter of Support to Authors 4-26-19](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Raveche

**[SB 47](#) (Allen D) Initiative, referendum, and recall petitions: disclosures.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would require, for a state or local initiative, referendum, or recall petition that requires voter signatures and for which the circulation is paid for by a committee, as specified, that an Official Top Funders disclosure be made, either on the petition or on a separate sheet, that identifies the name of the committee, any top contributors, as defined, and the month and year during which the Official Top Funders disclosure is valid, among other things. The bill would require the committee to create an Official Top Funders sheet meeting certain requirements and would authorize the committee to create a page on an internet website that includes a link to the most recent Official Top Funders sheet and a link to the full text of the measure. The bill would require the committee to submit the Official Top Funders sheet and any updates to the Secretary of State, who would be required to post that statement on the Secretary of State's internet website along with the previous versions the committee submitted.

**Attachments:**

[SB 47 \(Allen\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)

[SB 47 \(Allen\) LWVC Support to Author A. E&R 6-28-19](#)

[SB 47 \(Allen\) LWVC Support to Author, E. & C.A. and PUB. S Committees](#)

**Position**

Support

**Assigned**

Zoglin

**[SB 126](#)**

**(Leyva D) Charter schools.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 3/5/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 3/5/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 3, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Would expressly state that charter schools and entities managing charter schools are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, unless the charter school is operated by an entity governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, in which case the charter school would be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, except as specified. This bill would require specified charter schools or entities managing charter schools to hold meetings in specified locations.

**Attachments:**

[SB 126 \(Leyva & O'Donnell\) LWVC Support Letter - Author](#)

[SB 126 \(Leyva & O'Donnell\) LWVC Support Letter - A-ED](#)

**Position**

Support

**Assigned**

Inatsugu,  
Leavitt

**[SB 150](#)**

**(Beall D) Student financial aid: Chafee grant awards.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/4/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/4/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 525, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Student Aid Commission or the State Department of Social Services, for the fiscal years 2018-19 to 2020-21, inclusive, to expend up to \$80,000, of any moneys appropriated by the Legislature to expand the Chafee Educational and Training Vouchers Program age eligibility of former foster youth up to 26 years of age, for outreach to newly eligible former foster youth who are at least 23 years of age, but are not yet 26 years of age. Commencing with the 2021-22 award year, this bill would authorize the commission to make initial award offers of up to 200% of total state and federal program funding available for all awards, with the number of initial award offers and the amount of the award to be determined based on the historical rate of award acceptance. The bill would require the commission to make award offers contingent upon available funding.

**Attachments:**

[SB 150 \(Beall\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)

[SB 150 \(Beall\) LWVC Letter of Support A. Higher Ed 6-4-19](#)

[SB 150 \(Beall\) LWVC Support as Amended Letter to Author, S-Education Committee](#)

[SB 150 \(Beall\) LWVC Support Letter to Author, S-Education Committee](#)

**Position**

Support

**Assigned**

Kuhi

**[SB 151](#)**

**(Umberg D) Elections.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would authorize an officer in a voter-nominated office who is subject to a recall election to have the officer's party preference identified on the ballot. The bill would specify the format and appearance of the statement of party preference. By increasing the duties of local officials relative to the information to be displayed on a recall election ballot, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

[SB 151 \(Umberg\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-17-19](#)

[SB 151 \(Umberg\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author, A. E. & R. 6-11-19](#)



[SB 151 LWVC Support to Author](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Reeg, Rose,  
Shectman

**[SB 173](#) (Dodd D) CalFresh: postsecondary student eligibility: workstudy.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 7/30/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 7/30/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 139, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Social Services, on or before January 1, 2021, to create a standardized form to be used by community colleges and universities to verify that a student is approved and anticipating participation in state or federal workstudy for the purpose of assisting county human services agencies in determining the student's potential eligibility for CalFresh. The bill would require community colleges and universities to distribute the form to all students approved for state or federal workstudy and to provide information required to complete that form. To the extent that this provision would impose new duties on county human services agencies and community colleges, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

[SB 173 \(Dodd\) LWVC Support to Governor Newsom 7-12-19](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Rice, Tincher

**[SB 329](#) (Mitchell D) Discrimination: housing: source of income.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** The California Fair Employment and Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination, including discrimination through public or private land use practices, decisions, or authorizations, based on specified personal characteristics, including source of income. Current law defines the term "source of income" for purposes of the provisions relating to discrimination in housing accommodations described above, to mean lawful, verifiable income paid directly to a tenant or paid to a representative of a tenant. Current law specifies that for the purposes of this definition, a landlord is not considered a representative of a tenant. This bill would instead define the term for purposes of those provisions, to mean verifiable income paid directly to a tenant or to a representative of a tenant, or paid to a housing owner or landlord on behalf of a tenant, including federal, state, or local public assistance and housing subsidies, as specified.

**Attachments:**

[SB 329 \(Mitchell\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)

[SB 329 \(Mitchell\) LWVC Letter of Support to A. H&CD, Jud. 6-11-19](#)

[SB 329 \(Mitchell\) LWVC Support Letter to Author, S-JUDICIARY](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Russell

**[SB 354](#) (Durazo D) California DREAM Loan Program: graduate degree programs.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/4/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/4/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 526, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Would, commencing with the 2020-21 academic year, expand DREAM loan eligibility to a student who is enrolled in a program of study leading to a professional or graduate degree, including, but not limited to, a teaching credential, if the student meets the other applicable qualifications. This bill would require the participating institution to determine the proportion of program funding used for instructional programs and for graduate programs. The bill would require that priority under this program be given to loans for instructional programs.

**Attachments:**

[SB 354 \(Durazo\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-17-19](#)

[SB 354 \(LWVC\) Letter of Support to A. Higher Ed 6-4-19](#)

[SB 354 \(Durazo\) LWVC Support to Author, A-APPR. 5-1-19](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Rice

**[SB 523](#) (McGuire D) Elections: vote by mail ballots.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would, in the case of a voter whose signatures do not match, require the elections official to notify the voter, at least 8 days before the certification of the election, of an opportunity to verify the voter's signature. It would extend the deadline for a voter who did not sign the ballot identification envelope to sign the envelope, or sign and deliver an unsigned ballot statement, to no later than 5

p.m. 2 days before the certification of the election.

**Attachments:**

[SB 523 \(McGuire\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)

[SB 523 \(McGuire\) LWVC Letter of Support to A. E&R 6-24-19](#)

[SB 523 \(McGuire\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author 5-17-19](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Reeg

**[SB 641](#)**

**(Allen D) Special elections.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 9/20/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 9/20/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 328, Statutes of 2019.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Governor to call a statewide special election by proclamation. Existing law generally requires the Governor to issue this proclamation within 14 calendar days of a vacancy in a congressional or legislative office, and it permits that election to be conducted within 180 days following the proclamation, as specified, in order to consolidate the election with a regularly scheduled election. This bill would change the period of time in which a special election may be conducted for consolidation purposes to within 200 days following the proclamation.

**Attachments:**

[SB 641 \(Allen\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)

[SB 641 \(Allen\) LWVC Support to Author, A-E. & R. 6-11-19](#)

[SB 641 \(Allen\) LWVC Support as Amended to Author, S-APPR. 5-1-19](#)

[SB 641 LWVC Letter of Support S. E & CA 4-15-19](#)

[SB 641 \(Allen\) LWVC Letter of Support to Author](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Hutchinson

**[SB 681](#)**

**(Stern D) Local referenda and charter amendments: withdrawal.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 10/8/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Status:** 10/8/2019-Signed by the Governor

**Summary:** Would authorize the proponent of a county, municipal, or district referendum to withdraw the referendum at any time before the 88th day before the election, whether or not a petition has already been found sufficient by the elections official. The bill would grant the same authority to withdraw to the proponent of an amendment of a city or county charter. Because the exercise of this authority would impose associated duties on local elections officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

[SB 681\(Stern\) LWVC Request for Governor's Signature 9-18-19](#)

[SB 681 \(Stern\) LWVC Support Letter to Author, A-E. & R. 6-11-19](#)

[SB 681 \(Stern\) LWVC Support Letter to Author, S-E. & C.A.; GOV. & F.](#)

**Position**  
Support

**Assigned**  
Hutchinson

**Total Measures: 36**

**Total Tracking Forms: 36**

## Fundraising Development Oct.10, 2019

**Purpose:** To acquaint Board members with the overall development plan and to explain where and how Board members will participate.

**Process:** Presentation by Development Manager Dustin Alexander on the overall plan followed by break out sessions to discuss the various projects that Board Members can participate.

**Outcome:** Board understands the plans and each member chooses 2 projects in which to participate.

**Preparation:** Be prepared to listen and volunteer.

## LWVC Board Meeting: October 2019

### 100th Anniversary Campaign Proposal

#### Aisha Piracha-Zakariya and Amanda Berg

**Purpose:** Share [100th Anniversary Awareness & Fundraising Campaign Proposal](#) with the Board to seek implementation of all or part of the items. Gain approval of LWVC 100th Anniversary logo, merchandise and associated fundraising ideas.

**Process:** Presentation of proposal by Aisha & Amanda, followed by a short discussion and Q&A.

**Outcome:** Board agreement on next steps and feedback on logo, merchandise, fundraising and awareness milestones for the campaign. Given the tight timeline for design and implementation, a decision about this proposal will be appreciated.

**Preparation:** Please read the proposal and review the logos/merchandise images shared therein.

**Background:** Given the League's 100th Anniversary is in 2020, there was discussion about how we can use this historic milestone to promote and increase awareness about the League and our work. It is also an incredible opportunity to build our brand, bring our local California Leagues together, and provide a creative way to leverage fundraising for LWVC and CA Leagues under a unified effort and message centered around our tremendous work through the century.

#### LINKS/PDFs:

- [100th Anniversary Campaign Proposal](#)
- [LWVC 100th Anniversary Local League Resource Kit](#)

# LWVC Centennial Awareness & Fundraising Campaign Proposal:

## *A Campaign for Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the LWV*

We want to get our California Leagues excited about our 100th Anniversary and support them with **shared messaging and awareness campaigns, themes and targeted fundraising opportunities** that they can use to promote at the grassroots as they choose.

We propose crafting our **#LWVC100 Campaign** around 3-4 events on a timeline that will encourage local California Leagues to share with their membership and community. The ideal outcome would be that if we can get local Leagues excited to take action on any or all of these campaigns, **by creating opportunities across the state for greater brand awareness, fundraising and having a unified call to action from LWVC on a couple of key dates - and make it fun!**

LWVC can help provide info and resource links shared by LWVUS and League sources, that will empower local Leagues to develop, share and create the celebrations as their Leagues and members choose. **It can also be an opportunity to promote participation in voting and voter education (e.g. via VotersEdge.org), since LWVUS primarily promotes Vote411.**

The following are **suggested campaigns** we can encourage CA Leagues to participate in, as they can provide increased awareness of our work, create opportunities to fundraise and be a fun way to bring all our CA Leagues together:

### **1. FUNDRAISING For Our Local Leagues around key days/events:**

- A. **#GivingTuesday** - December 3, 2019 (build a campaign around this)
- B. **T-Shirt Fundraising (w/ 100th Anniversary Logo and promote VotersEdge, esp. in an election year)** (now through early 2020). Pls see targeted shirt designs/multi-language 'Vote' messages \*\*

2. **LWVC 100th Anniversary Branded MERCHANDISE\*\*:**
  - A. **T-Shirt Sales on Demand** via CustomInk or Cafe Press Store (no need for keeping inventory, and can be sold later in the year as well).
  - B. **Other Merch** using the proposed branded designs: mugs, pins? (if we can support online)
  
3. **LWVC Awareness Campaign 2020 centered around specific dates, events, milestone moments e.g.:**
  - A. **Social Media Blitz Day - February 14, 2020**
    - All Leagues post photos with T-Shirts, (also w/#She Is Me) to celebrate #LWV100, #LWVCNext100
  
  - B. **Celebrate local Leagues' successes/wins on:**
    - voting rights, impact on voter education/outreach, youth voter registration, advocacy on policy issues at local, state (share w/#hashtags on social media etc.)
  
  - C. **Share/elevate activities and topics Leagues are involved with on milestone dates:**
    - Election Day, C. Catt/S. Anthony/I. Wells/S. Truth bdays, Int'l Women's Day, Equal Pay Day, Voting Rights Act Day, 19th Amendment signing....etc.
    - Use **Text Messaging tools\*** as reminders for key dates/events LWV / LWVC is promoting (e.g. Voting in March Primary, Census Day, Election Day). \*'DialMyCalls.com', etc.
  
  - D. **Share/Add to LWVC's existing resources with:**
    - [LWVC 100th Anniversary Local League Resource Kit \(Link to PDF\)](#)

**DESIGNS & LOGO SAMPLES FOLLOW BELOW .....**

**\*\*From #2. above...Sample T-Shirts for CA Leagues/Fundraising (via CustomInk or Cafe Press Store): [Designed by Aisha]**

**FRONT & BACK of SHIRT SAMPLE:** A call-to-action & functional T-shirt! It also is a nod to inclusivity w/multi-language 'Vote' messages, celebrating 100 years of the League w/ this Anniversary CA Logo T-Shirt. The QR Code goes to votersedge.org - give it a try by using your smartphone camera!

**Front**



**Back**



**Sample #LWVC100 Branded Logo (multi-use):**



**This Logo can be used on our social media profiles, buttons, mugs (e.g. circular fit):**





# LWVC 100th Anniversary Local League Resource Kit (Draft)

1. Online Resources
  2. PR Materials (Social Media Guide, Flickr...)
  3. She is Me Campaign
  4. Partnerships
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## 1. Online Resources

### Websites dedicated to women's suffrage:

(Source:<https://lwvma.org/member-resources/toolkits-for-members/100th-anniversary-local-league-toolkit/>)

- Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative, "Because of Her Story"
- Smithsonian
- Smithsonian Magazine
- National Portrait Gallery "Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence" online exhibit
- Smithsonian National Museum of American History online resources
- Library of Congress
- National Women's History Museum
- National Women's History Alliance
- National Collaborative for Women's History Sites
- National Votes for Women Trail
- The 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative
- National Woman's Party
- Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument
- Women's Rights National Park – Seneca Falls
- Turning Point Suffragist Memorial
- History of American Women blog
- Suffrage Centennials
- Alice Paul Institute
- MassHumanities curriculum packets, Lucy Stone and Sarah Parker Remond
- The National Endowment for the Humanities hosts EDSITEment, a vast array of articles, information and programs, a goldmine of materials.

## African American Suffragists, Suffrage History, and Voting Rights

- National Museum of African America History and Culture
- The Sojourner Truth Project
- Votes for Women means Votes for Black Women
- These Are the Women of Color Who Fought Both Sexism and the Racism of White Feminists
- Struggling to Connect: White and Black Feminism in the Movement Years
- African American Women Leaders in the Suffrage Movement
- How the Daughters and Granddaughters of Former Slaves Secured Voting Rights for All

## Resources/Histories/Exhibits:

(Source: <https://my.lwv.org/texas/100-years-women-voting-0>)

- [\*\*The Complex History of the Women's Suffrage Movement\*\*](#) -*New York Times*
- [\*\*History of the League of Women Voters\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Shall Not be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote\*\*](#) - *Library of Congress Exhibition*
- [\*\*Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Right to Vote Exhibit\*\*](#) - *National Archives*
- [\*\*Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence\*\*](#) - *National Portrait Gallery*
- [\*\*National Votes for Women Trail\*\*](#) - *National Collaborative for Women's History's Sites*

## DC Exhibitions

(Source: NYT:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/15/arts/design/womens-suffrage-movement.html>)

- **Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote**

Through September 2020 at the Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington; 202-707-5000, [loc.gov](http://loc.gov).

- **Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence**

Through Jan. 5, 2020, at the National Portrait Gallery, Eighth and F Streets, NW, Washington; 202-633-8300, [npg.si.edu](http://npg.si.edu).

- **Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote**

Through Jan. 3, 2021, at the National Archives Museum, 701 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington; 202-357-5000, [museum.archives.gov](http://museum.archives.gov).

## 2. **PR Materials**

### a. LWVUS 100th Anniversary Toolkit (PDF 2017)

Download all of the logos and graphics [HERE!](#)

### b. Social Media Guide

(From LWVUS 100th Anniversary Toolkit 2017)

#### Hashtags: For LWVUS

- Official: #LWV100
- #LWV100YearsStrong
- #Sheisme

#### Sample Social Media Posts – tweets and links (from LWVUS Toolkit):

- For 100 years @LWV has worked to educate & engage voters. Check us out! Lwv.org

#### Twitter:

- .@LWV is excited to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2020 #LWV100
- 2020 will mark a century of the @LWV working to create a more perfect democracy. Join our celebration. #LWV100
- As we reach our 100th, @LWV is setting the stage for vibrant growth, with a new generation of passionate leaders. #LWV100

#### Facebook:

- The League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy for nearly a century. Celebrate our centennial in 2020. #LWV100
- As we reach our 100th, the League is setting the stage for vibrant growth, with a new generation of leaders passionate about active participation in government. #LWV100

**c. Sample hashtags/posts/images for LWVC (more TBD!):**

**Hashtags: For LWVC**

- #LWVC100
- #100YearsStrong

**Sample Social Media Posts:**

- @LWVC has worked to educate & engage voters. Check us out! Lwv.org
- As we reach our 100th, @LWVC is setting the stage for vibrant growth, with a new generation of passionate leaders. #LWVC100

**d. Sample LWVC 100th Anniversary Logos/Merch (TBD - will be shared @ October board meeting)**

**e. Historical Photos LWWUS Flickr site**

- The LWWUS Flickr includes historical photos as well as contemporary photos, which Leagues may download and use without attribution or other requirements.

**f. Sample Centennial Resolutions/Proclamations (TBD)**

**3. She is Me Campaign - Contents**

- [Campaign Outline](#)
- [Messaging Guidelines](#)
- [Social Media Content](#)
  - [Facebook](#)
  - [Instagram](#)
  - [Twitter](#)
- [Telling Member Stories: She Is Me Story and Portrait Photography Guidelines](#)

## 4. **Partnerships:**

### a. Women's Vote Centennial Initiative (WVCI)

- [The Women's Vote Centennial Initiative \(WVCI\)](#) is a collaborative of organizations and individuals committed to preserving and honoring women's suffrage history. The League of Women Voters is a WVCI Taskforce partner, meaning that your League is too. This organization has a lot of resources for suffrage celebration, including an interactive toolkit. WVCI is looking to feature events and activities in all 50 states. If you are interested in promoting a local or state League suffrage project, you can submit your [information here](#).

### b. National Archives Museum: Rightfully Hers exhibit and resources from the National Archives Museum

### c. More?

## Budget and Financial Reporting

### Jacque Canfield

#### June 2019 Financial Reports

The Financial Summary provides a one-page report showing both organizations financial information which includes the LWVC Summary, LWVCEF Summary, LWVCEF Unrestricted Summary, and LWVCEF Restricted Summary. In addition, two informational only combined reports are included showing the two organizations in totality and a combined unrestricted report of the LWVC and LWVCEF funds.

#### LWVC June 2019 Financial Report

- 1) Financial Summary – The year end actuals show the ending balance increased \$81K. The district utilized designated funds of \$23K for appropriated expenses. The ending balance includes an increase of 39K for the Trudy Schafer Scholarship fund. Also proposes designating \$40K to increase the operational reserves. The balance is recommended to remain undesignated equating to \$25K.
- 2) Revenue Items
  - a. Next Gen Grant – As mentioned in prior months, the LWVC was awarded a grant from Next Gen. for voter registration work. The new grant award amount is \$36K. All pass through funds to local Leagues are reflected \$9.75K. The balance of the funds \$26K will help the overall financial position of the LWVC.
  - b. Trudy Schafer Scholarship Fund – The budget assumed \$10K in new donations. We received \$39K this year. These funds have been designated.
  - c. Amazon Web Server grant – Amazon awarded a total of \$11.3K toward the League's server costs.
  - d. Convention – The convention income was approximately \$130K which exceed budget by \$8.5K.
- 3) Expense Items -
  - a. Personnel – As mentioned in prior reports, personnel savings were generated by maintaining vacancies for the majority of the year totaled approximately \$27K. These savings also generate savings for expenses by the aggregate payroll percentage (such as rent, telecom, and supplies).
  - b. Mini Grants – As mentioned above the LWVC received a grant for voter registration. Approximately \$9.75K was passed on to local.
  - c. Convention – Convention costs exceeded budget by approximately \$5K due partially for the League not meeting the required hotel room minimum. This was a last minute change due to members cancelling their reservation just prior to the deadline. However, as mentioned above, the overage in expenses was less than the actual revenue earned.
  - d. Schools/Communities First – An additional payment of \$10,000 was provided to the campaign. This was above the \$25K that the Board approved in 2017/18.
  - e. A contribution to the LWVCEF of \$15,734 is shown on the draft report. This will require approval by the LWVC board.
- 4) Operational Reserves – The draft report assumes the LWVC board will approve increasing the operational reserve to \$145,000 and increase of \$40,000 which was the annual goal.
- 5) Undesignated Reserves – Assuming the board approves the contribution to the LWVCEF and the Operational Reserve increase, approximately \$25K will be undesignated. These funds can be held in reserve for additional costs for the executive director search and or reserved for possible future year contribution to the LWVCEF.

## LWVCEF June 2019 Financial Report

- 1) Financial Summary – The LWVCEF unrestricted ending balance decreased \$35K from the prior year. This assumes the LWVC board will approve a contribution of approximately \$15K to the LWVCEF. The decrease is due to a combination of higher expenses and lower overall operational revenues than planned. The LWVCEF restricted ending balance is higher due to utilizing Irvine grant funds, underutilization of the SCVF funds in 18/19 and receiving the Redistricting grant of \$15K.
- 2) Revenue Items –
  - a. Grant Revenues – The budget assumed a new grant of \$75K which should cover \$30K in existing expenses in future years. We learned that the Silicon Valley Community Foundation has awarded us \$75,000 one year grant. If we met the actionable items this could be a multi-year grant for three years. Some staff time was charged in June 2019 at a lower level. Staff time will be increased towards this project in 2019/20 budget year. Received a new grant of \$15K for redistricting.
- 3) Expenses –
  - a. Personnel costs were over budget by \$19K. The budget assumed two positions funded for half a year.
  - b. Irvine Grant – All of the Irvine Grant funds have been spent from Voters Edge. This increased the designated funds to Voters Edge for the projections.
  - c. Voters Act and Easy Voter Guide – As mentioned in prior reports the Unrestricted General Fund assisted covering costs for these projects. The total coverage was \$86K.
- 4) Contribution - A contribution of \$15,374 is shown in this draft report. If the LWVC board approves this will allow the strategic funds and contributions to the operational reserves to be honored and the unrestricted balance would be less than \$1.

## August 2019 Financial Reports

The Financial Summary provides a one-page report showing both organizations financial information which includes the LWVC Summary, LWVCEF Summary, LWVCEF Unrestricted Summary, and LWVCEF Restricted Summary. In addition, two informational only combined reports are included showing the two organizations in totality and a combined unrestricted report of the LWVC and LWVCEF funds.

### LWVC August 2019 Financial Report

- 1) Differences from planned 2019/20 Budget –
  - a. Assuming the LWVC board approves a contribution to the LWVCEF budget, the LWVC beginning balance is slightly lower than planned by \$10K.
  - b. The 2019/20 budget assumed \$11K to cover staff costs for the Make It Fair campaign.
  - c. The Trudy Schafer beginning balance is higher than planned \$57K versus the planned \$51K
  - d. The costs for the Executive Director search were not anticipated when the budget was developed and are currently being assessed as to the impact to the LWVC and LWVCEF budget. The search costs are over three years (2018/19-2020/21) and some costs are offset by the interim director position being part-time.
- 2) Revenue Items
  - a. Trudy Schafer Scholarship Fund – The budget assumed \$25K in new donations. We received \$3K this year.
  - b. PMP – Is on par with last year's activity for this time of the year.
- 3) Expense Items -
  - a. Personnel – Savings in personnel are being generated by the interim executive director being part time.
  - b. Services – Costs are higher than planned. Some related to ED search and some costs for interim executive director are in the services line in the board classification.
- 4) Operational Reserves – The draft report assumes the LWVC board approved increasing the operational reserve to \$145,000 for 2018/19.



## **LWVCEF October 2019 Financial Report**

### 1) Differences from planned 2019/20 Budget –

- a. This report assumes the LWVC board approves a contribution to the LWVCEF of \$15K to ensure the strategic funds and operating reserve funds remain intact. \$39K for the strategic funds and \$8K for the operating reserve funds.
- b. With this assumption, the LWVCEF beginning balance would be higher than planned by \$17K.
- c. This increase is with restricted funds with Voters Edge having a beginning balance of \$105K versus \$64K. This change should allow the program to be self-supporting for the 19/20 year and not need the \$25K in support as planned in the budget.
- d. The Silicon Community Valley Foundation funds have a beginning balance of \$70K versus \$53K which will allow staff to adjust their time during the 19/20 year to assist the Unrestricted General Fund.
- e. At the end of the year, the district received \$15K in redistricting funds. This funds will ultimately assist the unrestricted side, due to the work being completed by volunteer time.

### 2) Expenses –

- a. Personnel costs are lower due to the opening of the executive director.
- b. Services costs are higher due to costs for interim executive director are showing in the board classification. The management classification includes payments for the executive director search

## Board DEI Self Training

### Amanda Berg

**Purpose:** This is something the last board started in an effort to move forward on our own personal journeys of improvement and to collectively grow as a board. We determined that if we truly want to support diversity, equity, and inclusion in our organization, then we must model the introspection and study that we believe is part of the path forward. Board members are to take turns finding and sharing a reading, video, etc. that will help us in our journey of improving the board's understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion work.

**Process:** At the board meeting, we will use the following questions to begin discussion, but the conversation may flow in other relevant directions as time permits:

1. Have you heard of M.E.Ch.A. before?
2. What did you know about M.E.Ch.A. before listening to this story and what do you know now?
3. Did you notice any commonalities between M.E.Ch.A. (and the debate they are having) and LWV?
4. How might the debate about changing the name of M.E.Ch.A. be interpreted through the lens of the Borderlands - thinking about centers of power and intersectionality (a la PaKou Her)?
5. How does listening to and processing a story like this help inform our DEI journey?

**Outcome:** In addition to discussing the episode in question, the board should also have a discussion to reaffirm our desire to continue this work into the term of the new board. The hope is that this self-directed work will help us continue to better understand the role of a DEI focus in our state League.

**Preparation:** Board members are to have listened ahead of time to an episode of the Podcast "Code Switch" with the title: "You Say Chicano, I Say..."

[You can listen to the audio or read the transcript here.](#)

### **Background Information**

Previous readings included:

*White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo and Michael Eric Dyson

1. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/between-the-lines/201202/ten-things-everyone-should-know-about-white-privilege-today>

2. <https://www.thesunmagazine.org/issues/516/white-lies?fbclid=IwAR2IMU2vVj8eobAF4t5CjUzEU0q42nsbAdXF4Cw5lyLowsnLDHZ5aVn0ncE>

3. [https://everydayfeminism.com/2014/09/non-racist-white-person/?utm\\_content=buffer92b7c&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://everydayfeminism.com/2014/09/non-racist-white-person/?utm_content=buffer92b7c&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer)
4. <https://www.vox.com/identities/2016/11/15/13595508/racism-research-study-trump>
5. <https://www.theroot.com/the-definition-danger-and-disease-of-respectability-po-1790854699>

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Caroline de Llamas, Secretary**  
**October 20, 2019 – State Board Kit**

**Consideration/Approval of Minutes**

LWVC Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2019\*

LWVCEF Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2019\*

\*Attachment

**League of Women Voters of California**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**August 4, 2019 - Sacramento**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) to order at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, August 4, 2019. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Debbie Fagen

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya.

**Absent:** Director Lori Thiel.

**Staff Present:** Interim Executive Director Helen Hutchison.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None stated.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The LWVC Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2019 and June 2, 2019, and the LWVC Special Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2019, May 1, 2019, May 19, 2019, and June 12, 2019 were approved as presented (Edwards abstained and Thiel absent).

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** By unanimous consent, the LWVC Board acted as follows:

***Ratification of Special Meeting Actions***

- April 10, 2019 – Adopted the Legislative Priorities for 2019,
- May 1, 2019 – Selected San Francisco as the site for LWVC Convention 2021.
- May 19, 2019 – The Board: (1) designated May 14-16, 2021 as the dates for the 2021 LWVC Convention at the Park Central Hotel in San Francisco; and (2) selected the firm of Cook Silverman to conduct the search for the Executive Director.
- June 12, 2019 – The Board: (1) authorized the President, Treasurer, and Interim Executive Director as signatories for the Wells Fargo brokerage account; and (2) approved an extension of the Interim Executive Director’s leave of absence from the Board from June 30, 2019 until her service as Interim Executive Director is concluded.

***Resolution Adopted***

- Resolution LWVC 2019-1 – Fixed the number of board members for the 2019-2021 biennium at 13 (includes both officers and directors).

**CONSENT CALENDAR (continued):**

***Request to Change Boundary and Name of a Local League***

- Approved the request of LWV Benicia to: (1) expand its service area to include the entirety of Solano County; (2) change the name from LWV Benicia to LWV Solano County; and (3) forward the request to the LWVUS with a recommendation that the changes be granted.

***Name Change for Management Training Advisors***

- Approved a change of name for the Management Training Advisors (MTAs) to Local League Coaches (LLCs). Local League Coach more accurately reflects the role of these individuals.

***Legislation Committee - Appointment***

- Appointed Linda “Diz” Swift (LWV Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville) to the Committee

***Finance Committee - Resignation***

- Accepted the resignation of Kristin Chu as a member of the Committee

***Local League Coaches - Resignations***

- Margo Reeg (LWV Whittier) as LLC for local Leagues of Mt. Baldy Area and Pasadena Area
- Lynda Hungerford (LWV Oakland) as LLC for local Leagues of Marin County, Napa County, and Sacramento County
- Alice Fried (LWV Alameda) as LLC for LWV West Contra Costa County.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Former Treasurer and current First Vice President Jacquie Canfield reviewed the May 2019 Financial Report included in the August State Board Kit (SBK) and responded to board member questions. The report was received and filed.

**DISCUSSION OF NONPARTISAN POLICY:** President Moon Goldberg advised that the Board typically reviews the nonpartisan policy on an annual basis. She noted a copy was provided to each of the new Board members in their *Board Essentials Packet*. Discussion was deferred to another meeting to allow everyone additional time to review it.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH:** President Moon Goldberg provided an overview of the qualifications of the individual selected to lead the search. She reviewed the process to be used and noted the salary range is competitive. After discussion, the following motion was offered for consideration.

**MOTION:** Moon Goldberg/de Llamas moved the LWVC Board appoint Carol Moon Goldberg, Gloria Chun Hoo, and Maxine Anderson as the Executive Director search committee. The motion carried unanimously (Thiel absent).

**INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Interim Executive Director Helen Hutchison updated the Board regarding staffing levels, DMV compliance, and the Schools and Communities First activities.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** First Vice President Jacquie Canfield advised that the Davis group application for MAS status was included with the SBK documents. She indicated that the documents are in order and recommended that it be approved.

**MOTION:** Canfield/Dragonetti moved the LWVC Board approve the application of the Davis group to become the Davis Area MAS/MAL Unit. The motion carried unanimously (Thiel absent).

Consideration of the status of the West Sacramento MAS/MAL unit was deferred to review current membership numbers.

**PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE:** President Moon Goldberg noted the 2020 Jane Ellen Bergman Memorial Lecture Series focuses on issues concerning women, children, and human rights and celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. Deputy Director Dora Rose will be part of the panel discussion. She recommended participating in this series for a third consecutive year.

**MOTION:** Moon Goldberg/Hoo moved the LWVC Board approve a 2020 Partnership of University of San Diego Jane Ellen Bergman Memorial Lecture Series on Women, Children and Human Rights celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote. The motion carried unanimously (Thiel absent).

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Google docs will be available to board members so they may post items of interest for future agendas.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 11:40 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 4, 2019 – Sacramento**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order on Sunday, August 4, 2019, at 11:40 p.m. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Gloria Chun Hoo

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Debbie Fagen  
Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya.

**Absent:** Director Lori Thiel.

**Staff Present:** Interim Executive Director Helen Hutchison.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Director Dragonetti noted she is employed by the *California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)*.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The LWVCEF Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2019, June 2, 2019, and the LWVCEF Special Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2019 were approved as presented (Edwards abstained and Thiel absent).

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** By unanimous consent, the LWVCEF Board acted as follows:

***Ratification of Special Meeting Actions***

- June 12, 2019 – The Board: (1) authorized the President, Treasurer, and Interim Executive Director as signatories for the Wells Fargo brokerage account; and (2) approved an extension of the Interim Executive Director's leave of absence from the Board from June 30, 2019 until her service as Interim Executive Director is concluded.

***Finance Committee – Resignation***

- Accepted the resignation of Kristin Chu as a member of the Committee.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Former Treasurer and current First Vice President Jacquie Canfield reviewed the May 2019 Financial Report included in the August 2019 State Board Kit (SBK). She responded to board member questions. The report was received and filed.

**INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Interim Executive Director Helen Hutchison advised that staff is preparing for upcoming elections, including the March primary. She also updated the board on the status of existing and pending grants and projects.



**VOTER SERVICE REPORT:** President Moon Goldberg discussed with the board the 2020 strategy for providing nonpartisan information to the voters. Voter’s Edge, the Easy Voter Guide, and Pros & Cons were specifically addressed.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:** Google docs will be available to board members so they may post items of interest for future agendas.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 12:07 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVCEF Secretary**

LWVCEF

**LWVC/LWVCEF Consent Calendar<sup>i</sup>**  
**Caroline de Llamas, Secretary**  
**October 20, 2019 – State Board Kit**

**Governance**

***Ratification of Special Meeting Actions\****

- LWVC August 20, 2019 – Approved joining the LWVUS People Powered Fair Maps Campaign
- LWVC September 21, 2019 Executive Committee – Approved an Amendment to the Contract for Interim Executive Director Services

**\*Attachments**

*<sup>i</sup> Please note that the Consent Calendar items are intended to be enacted by one motion. Any board member may request removal of an item for individual consideration at the meeting. Report any additions/corrections to the LWVC/EF Secretary prior to the board meeting.*

**League of Women Voters of California  
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 20, 2019 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 for the purpose of discussing the item noted below. A quorum was noted as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Debbie Fagan

Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Lori Thiel.

**Absent:** First Vice President Jacquie Canfield and Directors Christina Dragonetti and Aisha Piracha-Zakariya.

**Others present:** Interim Executive Director Helen Hutchison.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None were stated.

**LWV PEOPLE POWERED FAIR MAPS CAMPAIGN**

The meeting was called to consider the LWVUS invitation to sign onto the *People Powered Fair Maps Campaign* during August 2019. The national League will host an all-member tele town hall on the topic on September 4, 2019. The program will be publicly announced on September 5, 2019, hence the need for LWVC action before the regular October board meeting.

**MOTION:** Hoo/Berg moved the LWVC join in the LWVUS *People Powered Fair Maps Campaign*. The motion carried unanimously (Canfield, Dragonetti, and Piracha-Zakariya absent).

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the Board and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 6:15 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the LWVC Executive Committee**  
**September 21, 2019 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) to order at 8:10 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2019 to consider and vote electronically on the matter noted below. A quorum was present as noted below.

**Responding Executive Committee Members:**

President Carol Moon Goldberg

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield

Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo

Secretary Caroline de Llamas.

**Absent:** None.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None were stated.

**REASON FOR THE MEETING:** The LWVC Executive Committee was asked to consider and vote on one (1) motion to approve an amendment to the Contract for Interim Executive Director Services, a copy of which is attached. Action was required prior to the next scheduled meeting of the board due to the expiration date of the initial contract.

**MOTION:** Canfield/Hoo moved to approve the proposed Amendment to the Contract for Interim Executive Director Services to extend the contract from September 14, 2019 through December 1, 2019. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

**BACKGROUND:** The initial contract timeline was predicated on having a new Executive Director in place. The search is still in progress, hence the need to extend the existing contract to provide for uninterrupted service at the executive director level.

**ACTION:** The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business for consideration. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 8:20 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas**  
**LWVC Secretary**



**Contract for Interim Executive Director Services**

**Amendment to Contract for Interim Executive Director Services**

**Contractor: Helen Hutchison**

**Client: League of Women Voters of California (LWVC)**

This document amends and extends the Contract for Interim Executive Director Service entered into with Helen Hutchison and dated June 6, 2019.

By way of this Amendment to the Contract, the Parties agree to extend the term of the Contract September 14, 2019 through December 1, 2019 on the same terms, conditions and payment for services as provided in the Contract.

The effective date of this Amendment is September 14, 2019.

This Amendment to the Contract may be further amended, modified or terminated only by a written instrument signed by the Parties hereto. Except as expressly amended by this Amendment, the Agreement and all other terms and conditions therein shall remain in full force and effect.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Contract Start Date.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA**

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Carol Moon Goldberg  
Name (Print)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign)  
  
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Helen L. Hutchison  
Name (Print)

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President, League of Women Voters of CA  
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**October 2019**  
**Treasurer Action Items**  
**Jacquie Canfield, First Vice President**

**2018/19 Year End Financial Action Items** – Based on the final results of the LWVCEF and LWVC, the following motions are recommended to the LWVC Board. These are proposed from the LWVC/LWVCEF Finance Committee.

**Motion: Canfield/Finance Committee move to recommend that the LWVC approve a contribution of \$15,734 to the LWVCEF for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.**

This support for the LWVCEF will allow all donations to reserves and strategic initiative to be honor and result in a positive LWVCEF unrestricted net balance.

**Motion: Canfield/Finance Committee move to recommend that the LWVC approve increasing the operating reserves by \$40,649 to total of \$145,000 as planned for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.**

This motion supports the LWVC board's goal of increasing the operating reserves and moving closer to the 6 month reserve goal.

## ED Report

### Helen Hutchison, Interim ED

#### **Staff Updates**

Karen Jones joined the staff in mid-September as the first Trudy Schafer Public Policy Fellow. You can read more about Karen in [our announcement](#).

#### **Elections Preparation**

The whole staff is in full-out preparation mode for the March primary election. This involves updating the basic information on the Voter's Edge website, including adding the new Voters Choice Act counties, as well as updates to reflect changes in the election law.

For the March primary, with only one ballot measure (a school bond measure), we made the decision to not print Easy Voter Guides. We will prepare a guide that includes evergreen information about the election, choosing a candidate, what a bond measure is, and specific information for Voters Choice Act counties. There will also be information on the school bond. Local Leagues and other organizations may choose to print their own copies of the guide.

#### **CIVFR Project**

Phase 1 of the Civic Intelligence Via Field Reporting (CIVFR) project is underway. We'll have more information about the first meeting of the cohort of nonprofit leaders from Santa Clara and San Mateo counties at the board meeting.

The application for funding for Phase 2 of the project has been submitted to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. We'll hear about funding in December.

#### **New Database**

The LWVC staff has done an amazing job of converting seamlessly from our old membership and advocacy database, The Databank, to our new one – Every Action. Among other things, we expect that sending action alerts will be easier using Every Action, and we will be able to get much better fundraising information from Every Action.

**Civic Intelligence Via Field Reporting (CIVFR)  
League of Women Voters of California**

**CONCEPT**

**The problem:** Nonprofit organizations lack a practical way to capture, analyze, and report on the civic engagement activities their staff and volunteers conduct in the field. This limits their ability to:

1. **Understand what is happening across all levels of the organization** - While nonprofits may receive periodic reports from the field, these data are often qualitative, incomplete, and not in a form that allows for aggregation and analysis. Particularly for nonprofits that are “federated”—i.e. they have both statewide and local/regional chapters—there may be inconsistency in what data are collected and shared among the various chapters.
2. **Make decisions about strategy and activities** – Nonprofits are frequently called upon to make decisions about where and how to prioritize resources and what policy positions to advocate based on limited information—often based solely on the partially-reported experience of their own staff and volunteers. Lacking comprehensive insight into their own activities and experiences—and that of other organizations working in the field—they are prone to making decisions based on assumptions or unrecognized biases.
3. **Demonstrate impact to funders and stakeholders** – Lacking comprehensive, hard data makes it hard for nonprofits to fully communicate the breadth of their impact and value, and thus to raise real money. Likewise, funders are unable to discern the collective impact of their civic engagement investments.

**The solution:** Better data via a simple, real-time data collection process. A tool (e.g. an app) that allows staff and volunteers to quickly and easily register their civic engagement activities in the field in real-time. The data are stored in a relational database that any organization can use to easily analyze their own activities, compare against what others are doing and experiencing, and identify trends over time.

**Example usages:**

- Voter engagement – e.g. capturing event and participation information about your organization’s voter education, voter registration and GOTV activities.
- Constituent input and government oversight – e.g. capturing your organization’s experiences when observing or testifying at city council, commission, and committee meetings, public hearings or meetings with government officials.

**The premise:** Nonprofits that gather and share data in an integrated fashion up and down the organization are better able to articulate who they are and what they are accomplishing, leverage that to bring in money, and make better investment decisions based on an understanding of where they are succeeding and where they are falling short in the context of what others are doing in the field.



## October 2019 Board Meeting Membership Action Items

### Jacque Canfield, First Vice President

#### **Motion: I move that the West Sacramento MAS of the League of Women Voters of California be dissolved.**

- In September 2017 the LWVC board approved West Sacramento to become a MAS unit. Susan Morris Wilson was approved to be their MTA. While help was provided by multiple people, differences of opinion caused the unit to not work effectively.
- At the August 2019 board meeting, due to the LWVC Policies and Procedures stating that the unit itself should request being the disbandment-so the item was removed.
- Since that meeting, several former members of the unit were contacted including Norma Nelson (former president), Shelly Tauck (former president), Maria Grijalva (one of the original members). Voice messages were left for Norma Alcala (last former president), Susan Harrington (former Secretary) and Nicole Naddy (former Vice President).
- According to Maria, there are three members, herself, Norma Alcala and Eric Alcala. She does not have the energy to restart the unit.
- In addition, during different phone conversations, it became apparent to me that several resigned due to personal threats against them by a specific member.
- It is with much regret that I recommend the LWVC board dissolve this unit.

**Short LLC Expectations Survey of State Board** – A little over a year ago the League conducted a survey that asked questions of local League leaders how they felt about LWVC staff and MTAs. Reviewing the data recently and having a different role now, I thought it would be good to do a quick survey of the board member's expectations. **I will bring a form for board members to fill out at our meeting.**

1. How often should a LLC contact a local league? Twice a month, Monthly, Every Other Month, Quarterly
2. Do we expect LLC to go to local Leagues annual meetings? Yes/No
3. Do we expect LLC to go to local League Board retreats? Yes/No
4. Do we expect LLC to go to do board training? Yes/No
5. What resources should LLC make sure local League know about? Rank by importance
  - A. Advocacy
  - B. State/National Positions
  - C. Convention
  - D. Bylaws
  - E. Finances
  - F. Governance
  - G. Membership/Recruitment
  - H. Nonpartisan Policy
  - I. Program Planning
  - J. Strategic Planning
  - K. Voter Service
  - L. Workshop Opportunities

## October 2019

### Jacque Canfield, First Vice President

### SBK Information Only Items

#### Membership Items

Background – We have 17 LLC's. Each has 1 to 6 local Leagues with the majority having 2-3 local Leagues. The most LLCs have been on a state board or national board and have been a local League president. 19 local Leagues do not have coaches. Of these 19 Leagues, 4 or 5 have a member that happens to be a LLC. 3 of the MAS units do not have a LLC as outlined in the policies and procedures.

**LLC Monthly Call** – This month we reestablished a regular meeting of the team. A good majority of LLC were able to participate in hour long conversation. The following a summary of topics were discussed. If board members would like to see the notes let me know.

- Communications to LLC – The group agreed best to reshare president posts that the State would like to ensure all LLC have seen.
- LLC Expertise Areas – A list of areas each LLC is an expert in was shared.
- Resources for LLC and Local Leagues – Started conversation on best ways of storing and updating information for both groups.
- Revamping Starting a MAS Unit and Local League documentation – Utilizing Texas 4 step process for MAS unit. Will bring to board for approval.
- LLC Timesheet – Explore how best to capture time of LLC
- Common Email Message to Local Leagues from LLC
- MTA Survey – Started discussion of last year's survey. The survey results had not been shared with group before. We will continue discussion on next month's call.

#### Treasurer Items

Finance Committee – The committee meet in September to review the year end financials and in October the August financials. No formal notes were taken during these meetings. Items to note to the board – the 6 month CD's at Live Oak automatically renewed without notice. The new rate is 2.15%. The old rate was 2.45%. Both Helen and I noted to have ED and Treasurer connect one month before maturity to confirm cash needs of organization and recommend plan to Finance Committee.

990 Report – The financial reports deadline is November 15. I plan on working on the reports and connecting with the Audit Committee for their report and approval before that time. If we are not able to meet the deadline, an extension which is automatically granted will be requested.

Antelope Valley – This League has had PMP dues outstanding for several years. They sent in \$1500 towards the outstanding amount which is over \$3300. Besides the dues being outstanding for several years, they have lost members and are hoping to change that around.

## INFORMATION ONLY

### Voter Service

Oct. 10, 2019

#### Plans for LWVC material for March 2020

The Easy Voter Guide will be produced. It will only be available for downloading online. It will be a one page, two sided document that covers the basics of the primary election, how to register, and the ballot measure. This is to be a concise document that will minimize the cost of downloading and printing that Leagues and other groups that use EVG will incur.

A separate page describing the vote center model for elections that almost 50% of Californians will be using. This is designed to be a separate page so that Leagues in counties that use the traditional system will not face the cost of downloading and printing it.

Voter's Edge is in the process of recruiting and recontacting the network of League volunteers that help pull lists of qualified candidates from their local elections officials and that follow up with those candidates to get their information onto the site.

Two candidate forum webinars are in the planning stages. One addresses the nuts and bolts of organizing and staffing a forum. The other focuses more on moderator training.

## INFORMATION ONLY

### Helen Hutchison

#### **LWVUS Redistricting Campaign – People Powered Fair Maps**

The LWVUS has launched a 50-state campaign aimed at reforming redistricting practices throughout the country. Each state League has a work plan, and is receiving a grant from the LWVUS to do the work.

In California, we are receiving \$5,000 total - \$4,000 to the Ed Fund, and \$1,000 to the General Fund.

Our work plan for the Ed Fund includes:

- Creating a best practices guide for local Leagues to use as they engage in the state and local redistricting processes
- Recruiting volunteers to help develop the best practices guide.

Our work plan for the General Fund includes:

- Working with the LWVUS to respond to federal legislation around redistricting and the Voting Rights Act
- Send at least 6 action alerts, petitions, or other advocacy actions
- Hold at least 10 meetings with key stakeholders (community leaders, lawmakers, committee staff, commission members and staff)
- Participate in a Feb. 2020 National Day of Action and encourage local Leagues to do the same

I am going to a training in Washington DC from Oct. 8 through Oct. 11. I'll report more at the board meeting.

#### **Schools & Communities First Campaign**

You should all have seen the update memo on the SCF campaign sent on October 4. If you need a copy, please let me know and I'll send it again.

The LWVC office will be a distribution center for petitions for the re-filing of the measure. This will be limited to distributing petitions to local Leagues around the state, and not to other organizations in Sacramento.

In order to be fully compliant with campaign finance rules, the staff will be keeping scrupulous track of their hours and other expenses.

