



The Voter

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President's Message

The voters spoke on November 5 – at least some of them did – around 17% overall -- and there definitely is change coming to San Bernardino city government.

As you know, a new city attorney and a new council member, past president Jim Mulvihill, have been sworn in. But change will not be complete until the February 4 election. The League's efforts in the coming months will be to educate voters about the candidates and to persuade them to vote.

Mark your calendars for January 7 and 9, 2014 for candidates meetings. They will be held in City Council chambers from 6 to 9 PM. January 7 will feature the candidates for mayor, Casey Davis and Wendy McCammack. January 9 will be for candidates for the 2 council seats. There will be a runoff election between current 4th

Ward councilman Fred Shorett and challenger Anthony Jones. Representation for the 5th Ward (Chas Kelley's seat), will also be decided in the Feb. 4 election. Candidates for that seat are Larry Lee, Henry Nickel, Karmel Roe, and Randy L. Wilson.

We plan to coordinate our Get Out the Vote campaign with other organizations that are focusing on voter education and engagement, and of course, we will be asking for your help to make this effort successful.

But it's not all work and no play. We took time out to socialize and get motivated to do the work ahead of us in the new year at our holiday party on December 8. Dotti and Ernie Garcia were the hostess and host with the most, welcoming us to their beautiful hilltop home in San Bernardino. Their shuttle service that brought us to their front door was

WONDERFUL. We asked members to tell a little about themselves, with interesting results. And three members won League mugs in a drawing we held.

We hope your holidays are happy and that we will see you at League events in the new year.

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INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(Help Wanted)

VOTER SERVICE

- Pros and Cons Speakers
- Smart Voter Assistants

CIVICS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

- Committee Members

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Committee Members

SBUSD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

The San Bernardino School District held the second meeting on its ambitious 5-year Strategic Plan on November 1 at the Orange Show Pavilion to get public input on the plan.

The key objectives:

- Each student will develop and pursue an academic and career plan based on his or her interests and talents.
- Each student will demonstrate independent initiative, civic responsibility, and community pride.
- Each student will develop creativity through mastery of fundamental knowledge and applied skills.
- Each student will enjoy learning throughout life by learning how to learn.

The strategic planning process that began in 2012 is intended to ensure that the District will build a highly skilled 21st century workforce for the community by focusing on excellence in education for every student that ensures their success cradle to career.

After hearing presentations on implementing the strategic plan year by year, each table discussed the 9 key performance indicators and gave input on them that was reflected on screens in the front of the room. My interest, of course, was in increasing school/community engagement. The goal is to have high school students complete 100 hours per year of community service and/or extracurricular activities. The District's goal this year is to have 25% participation, increasing to 100% participation by 2016-2017. We discussed the need to get community groups to offer opportunities for community service, and of course, the League could play a role in this.

A lot of information was packed into the morning's program, so it is difficult to give you all the details in an article. I can definitely attest to the fact that it was time well-spent and I am convinced of the District's commitment to providing a quality education to each student in the District. This is a collaborative effort that involves teachers, staff, parents, students, and community members in developing plans that will help all students succeed.

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The San Bernardino Unified School District's Community Engagement Plan can be found on the web, at: <http://www.sbcusd.k12.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/117213>

If you wish to find out more, or provide input, visit: <http://www.sbcusd.com/index.aspx?NID=5828>

REPORT ON NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY (September 24, 2013)

Gloria Anderson, President of the San Bernardino League of Women Voters and Gigi Hanna, San Bernardino City Clerk kicked off September 24, National Voter Registration Day, at a City Hall press conference to spread the word that it was time to register to vote in the November election!

Under the leadership of Voter Services Chair Rachel Clark, the League of Women Voters of California worked with Cal State San Bernardino (CSUSB), San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC), Inland Congregations United for Change (ICUC), San Bernardino Generation Now, San Bernardino Neighborhood Associations, San Bernardino Sunset Rotary, and the City Clerks of Colton, Rialto, and San Bernardino to staff 15 voter registration sites with 43 volunteers who were trained by the Registrar of Voters of San Bernardino in voter registration. 126 voter registrations were delivered to the Registrar of Voters offices on September 25. Contacts made during the effort yielded two subsequent registration events where 19 more voters were registered

Lessons learned: storefront registration tables were less successful than those at colleges, universities, and senior citizen housing (people going to stores were focused on shopping and getting home). Volunteers felt that there would have been greater interest if it had been a presidential election year. The snack bags provided to volunteers (with an apple, water, and snacks) were very much appreciated. (Volunteers were also equipped with pens, posters, and decals.)



The Board added that this effort was a great success at registering voters and that it had other benefits as well, the League made connections through collaboration with other groups, 43 people were trained in voter registration which is valuable information to have disseminated in the community, and press coverage underlined the importance of voter registration. This is central to the mission of the League - many thanks to all who participated and particularly to Rachel for her tireless work on voter registration.

Restoring the City of San Bernardino's "All American" Status

Summer 2007's "San Bernardino Summit: Restoring the All-American City" was held at the Fox Theater in San Bernardino, and hosted by the San Bernardino Rotary. Business and community leaders gathered to discuss the state of San Bernardino and determine what it would take to restore our city.

Their conclusions? San Bernardino needed to:

- Have a united vision.
- Promote the city in a positive light.
- Prepare for industrial and office-space expansion and the jobs that will follow.
- Rehabilitate historic buildings and utilize them as dwellings and workspaces.
- Educate a high-tech and highly skilled work force, and attract these jobs to the area.

Since that time San Bernardino's Redevelopment Agency has been de-funded, the city has entered bankruptcy, and the citizens are struggling to find ways to reinvigorate the city once more. One thing to remember, which the 2007 Summit brought out, is that San Bernardino, in its infrastructure and its people has a foundation worth saving.

Candidate Forums!

Want to help?

The League of Women Voters of San Bernardino is sponsoring forums so that the voters can find out about the candidates.

Would you like to help?

Call Gloria Anderson to find out what you can do to help support this effort.

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 7 6-9 p.m. San Bernardino mayoral run-off candidates forum. at the S.B. City Council Chambers.

Jan. 9 6-9 p.m. San Bernardino City Council candidates forum. at the S.B. City Council Chambers.



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to grant women the right to vote. For in 1855 Nebraska citizens
passed the measure to include in equal rights...