

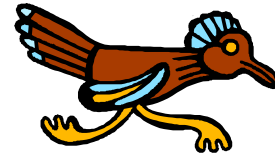
Your VOTER (GUIDE TO LWV SAN BERNARDINO ISSUES, ACTION, & INFO)

OCT. 14 MEETING FEATURES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

--by Brenda Frederick

The County of San Bernardino is in the process of updating its General Plan. As part of that process, the County is asking citizens to provide input concerning what they want the County to be like in the future. Until October 31, 2003, the Land Use Services Department will be accepting information from citizens about what they perceive the future needs and services of the County to be. The information received will be used to develop a County Vision that will serve as a guide for the General Plan update.

A League workshop has been planned for Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 p.m. at Ruth Petrucci's, 5276 Sepulveda Ave., San Bdn. League member Brenda Frederick will serve as facilitator and will guide attendees as discussion is held and information is gathered. The workshop discussion will center on the following areas:



- What makes where you live unique?
- What are the two most important issues currently facing the County of San Bernardino
- When I think about the County of San Bernardino I am most pessimistic about
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Keeping in mind that the Board of Supervisors has challenged itself to provide the following: rich quality of life, open and accountable government, and safe and health communities discuss the following questions:

- What are the services that the County should be providing?
- What service changes would you like to see?

The information gathered from attendees at this workshop will be submitted by the League to the County's Land Use Services Department. This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard as the County establishes a future vision for its citizens. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Editor's note: From workshops I have attended in which citizens try to change the direction of development or express environmental concerns, it becomes apparent that citizen input is essential during the planning phase before laws are passed and development is given the go ahead. THIS MEETING IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR FUTURE.

COMMUNITY SUMMIT SCHEDULED OCT. 11

If you want to learn more about the services of San Bernardino and how to connect with the City of San Bernardino, then the Community Summit will help. The summit is presented by the San Bernardino Police Dept. It will take place at the Radisson Hotel Oct. 11, beginning with registration at 8 a.m. Opening presentations begin at 9 a.m.

Jack Brown, president and CEO of Stater Brothers' Markets will be the keynote speaker. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Contact Cheri Williams (909) 384-5713.

WHY SOME CANDIDATES DID NOT QUALIFY AS DEBATE PARTICIPANTS



--from Trudy Schafer, LWVC Program Dir. <tschafer@lwvc.org>

Since the September 24 gubernatorial forum where candidate Peter Camejo said that the League was "excluding" him from any further debates, the LWVC state office has been inundated with phone calls and e-mails urging a change. Members who have questions, please contact LWVC (916) 442-9210.

Jacqueline Jacobberger, President of the LWVC, clarified the procedure agreed upon by ALL SPONSORS of the Los Angeles and San Diego gubernatorial debates. Recently, California gubernatorial candidate Peter Camejo made a number of public statements that the League of Women Voters is excluding him from participating in upcoming gubernatorial debates.

Whenever there are multiple candidates for an elected office, it is necessary to set some quantifiable and impartial criteria for deciding who will be included in a forum. For statewide contests, the League of Women Voters usually uses a percentage of support indicated in one or more respected polls with a cutoff date as close to the event as is technically possible. For regular elections the percentage has been set as high as 15 percent. This usually allows participation by most candidates, which is the League's goal. For the Oct. 2 debate the threshold was set at 3 %, and all candidates were advised.

Mr. Camejo polled two percent in the most recent LOS ANGELES TIMES poll. San Diego sponsors for the Oct. 4 debate are LWVSD, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE; KPBS-TV, San Diego and San Diego State University. The threshold of 10 percent support in a Field Poll or Public Policy Institute of California poll closest to September 29 was established for that forum. This threshold was determined by the UNION-TRIBUNE and agreed to by the cosponsors.

LWVSB NEEDS VOTER SERVICE CHAIR AND 'YOUR VOTER' (NEWSLETTER) WRITERS

MEMBERS DISTRIBUTE 1,300 'EASY VOTER GUIDES' AT SEPT. 16 MARKET

Organized by Susan Nieblas, seven doughty members of LWVSB set up shop at the San Bndo Market Night in Perris Hill Park on Sept. 16. Susan's daughter's pop up shelter was erected by Susan Paul (her husband) and others. Lenore Schon furnished chairs, a table, and LWVSB decorations, forms, more chairs, etc. Gloria hauled materials. Other members who included Wilma Shepard, Marilyn and



The evening went fast. Barbara found delicious food for dinner, others The group decided it might be a good and con on one of the local ballot

etc. Margaret Rodgers brought the heavy table and voter registration Anderson, Barbara Sokoloff, Marion Vassilakos, and Ruth Petrucci also showed up to pick up the "Easy Voter Guides" and help at the booth Jerry Patterson, Susan and John Longville, Lee Manak, & Kathy Roberts.
took the prize for most direct distribution to market goers. Some of us bought fresh veggies: tomatoes, cukes, squash, apples, and string beans. site for distributing November election materials if LWVSB does a pro measures.

6TH WARD CANDIDATES MEET VOTERS OCT. 30

A Town Hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, will feature incumbent Councilperson Betty Dean Anderson and candidate for the 6th Ward seat Rikki Van Johnson. The meeting will be moderated by LWVSB. It will take place at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1575 W. 17th St., San Bndo. Refreshments include finger foods. For info call 889-1665. Everyone is invited.

SMART VOTER

The smart website for dependable election information

<http://smartvoter.org>

GLOBAL DEMOCRACY PROMOTION ACT THREATENED



--by Susan Nieblas, LWVSB Dir.

The "global gag rule" is about to be extended to family planning funds administered by the State Department. The rule withholds family planning funds from some of the most vulnerable women in the world. This latest escalation of denying family planning funds comes on the heels of a decision to withdraw U.S. funds from a vitally important initiative aimed at helping refugee women.

You can call or email your Congressional representative to let your rep know you support passage of the Global Democracy Promotion Act, which repeals the global Gag rule. This measure, authored by Senator Barbara Boxer, has already passed the Senate by a vote of 53 to 43. For contact info, see the box in this VOTER "Know Your Elected Officials."

LWVSB THANKS OFFICE DEPOT
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LWVSB HEARS REPORT RE- COUNTY GOVT. CONSENT CALENDAR

At the September Board meeting Barbara Sokoloff, Observers Chair, reported on the hundreds of thousands of dollars San Bdn County Supervisors approve during the consent calendar agenda item. Those of you who attend public legislative meetings know that consent calendar items can number into the 20s or more; but unless an item is pulled

from the consent calendar, it is not discussed, and the entire calendar is voted on with one vote.

Many of these items seem to fall under "change of contract." A committee will study this aspect of County government investigating first what figure the law requires as a trigger for full discussion.

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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HISTORIC DOCUMENTS EXHIBITED AT L.A. PUBLIC LIBRARY

L.A. is the only city on the West Coast to host "American Originals: Treasures from the National Archives" For the first time ever, 25 documents that forever changed the course of American history will be on view together in Los Angeles when the exhibition "American Originals: Treasures from the National Archives" arrives at the Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St. in downtown, from October 4, 2003 – January 4, 2004. This will be the only West Coast stop.

The Emancipation Proclamation is a highlight of the exhibit, but because of the fragile nature of this priceless document, it will be on view for only four days, December 5 – 8.



The documents in the exhibit were selected from the National Archives' collection of over 4 billion documents and they rarely travel outside Washington, D.C. Visitors can view handwritten notes from President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address, Thomas Edison's patent application for the electric lamp, the World War II surrender of German forces and the Louisiana Purchase Treaty.

The exhibit also features Benedict Arnold's letter to George Washington following his betrayal of the American cause, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the official voting record of the Constitutional Convention.

The exhibit is open daily during regular library hours and is free to the public. A limited number of guided tours are available for schools and community groups. For more information on the exhibit, group tour reservations, volunteer opportunities and specific programming times, please visit <www.lapl.org/americanoriginals>.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- * **YES, I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters as a part of your voice for citizens and force for change. I enclose: (see choices that follow)**
- * **\$50 One Year individual membership**
- * **\$75 Household (for one year membership, 2 members sharing an address)**
- * **\$40 Student membership (one year)**
- * **I'm unable to join the League at this time but enclose a Contribution of \$ _____**
- * **Please send me more Information.**

NAME/NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: DAY/EVENING _____ / _____ EMAIL _____

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters and return with this application form to:
League of Women Voters, San Bernardino, 568 No. Mountain View #150, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1218

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Abbreviations: LWV -League of Women Voters; SB -San Bernardino; LWVC – LWVCalifornia;; SBCo – San Bernardino County; CFAC – Calif. First Amendment Coalition

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: “There is no one there [in the Calif. Legislature] who was there 10 years ago.” Economist John Husing on the result of term limits. He also pointed out that recently redrawn legislative districts have made it necessary for the candidate of the party favored by the adjusted district to win only the primary election. These practices tend to make Calif.'s legislature dysfunctional and paralyzed.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES: Sure fire way to bake chicken: 6-7 lb. Chicken, 1 cup melted butter, 1 cup stuffing, 1 cup uncooked popcorn, salt and pepper. Brush chicken with butter, add salt and pepper. Fill with stuffing and popcorn. Place in 350 degree oven. Listen for popping sound. When the chicken blows the oven door open and flies across the room it is done.

CALENDAR

Oct. 4 – Jan. 4	“American Originals”, L.A. Public Library
Oct. 7 (Tues.)	Calif. gubernatorial recall question and election
Oct. 11 (Sat.)	Community Summit, 8 a.m., Radisson Hotel, San Bdnno, make reservation (see article)
Oct. 14 (Tues.)	County General Plan mtng., 7 p.m., Ruth Petrucci's, 5276 N. Sepulveda, San Bdnno
Oct. 15 (Wed.)	Board mtng, 1 p.m., Krueper Bldg, 568 N. Mtn. View Ave., San Bdnno
Oct. 30-Nov.1	Calif. 1 st Amendment Coalition conference, Long Beach Westin
Nov. 4 (Tues.)	Election day

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