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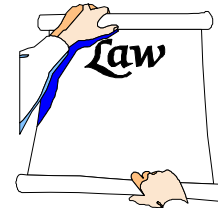
(GUIDE TO LWV SAN BERNARDINO ISSUES, ACTION, & INFO)

ALL MEMBERS URGED TO HELP DETERMINE CONSENSUS OCT. 16

All members are urged to participate in arriving at consensus to update LWVSB's local government position. A committee was formed at our annual meeting to work through the summer on the update, and now the committee's suggestions will be discussed and voted upon at the October 16 general meeting. Members of the committee include: Marion Vassilakos, Mickey Cruz, Marilyn Patterson, Ruth Petrucci, Lenore Schon, and Barbara Sokoloff.

The October 16 meeting will take place at 10 a.m. at the home of Marion Vassilakos, 2386 Denair Ave., Highland. Call 864-3805 for directions. Charter cities, (107 of California's 540 cities have charters) establish their government under a charter, a blueprint or framework for governance. Usually citizens participate in the writing, and the document is then affirmed by vote of the jurisdiction. The charter must meet criteria to satisfy the demands of democracy. Your local government update committee would like to propose the following criteria for LWVSB's local government position::

1. The ruling document is a framework that determines the big questions of who leads, who represents, how legislation happens, who has responsibility and authority over revenue and expenditure, who maintains law and order, who votes, etc. The ruling document is a simple framework or blueprint that leaves details to ordinances passed by the legislative body.
2. The ruling document provides for government that is representative.
3. The ruling document provides for government that is responsive to the citizens who have elected the officials. We give our consent to be governed.
4. The ruling document provides for government that is accountable to those who have elected the officials.
5. The ruling document provides for government that is flexible to meet future circumstances.
6. The ruling document must state what are the elective offices and delineate clearly the responsibilities of each official.
7. There must be no ambiguity of authority for any elective or appointed official.
8. There must be no fragmentation nor blurring of authority among offices named in the ruling document. It must be clear who is in charge in each instance.
9. Responsibility for budgeting should be the responsibility of one official.
10. Election procedures should be part of the ruling document in order that no one misunderstands the process. Citizens depend upon accurate and fair election rules.
11. The ruling document should address ethics in government.
12. Succession to elected offices should be provided for by the ruling document.
13. The ruling document should be written in lay language and be readily accessible to all.



LWVSB INVOLVED IN MANY LOCAL ISSUES AND VOTER EDUCATION PROJECTS

--by Gloria Anderson, V.P. Program

At our last Annual Meeting, members voted to have a local action year, and so far, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved locally. Besides the proposed charter change on the November ballot, there is Measure I, the extension of the transportation sales tax. In addition, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Lakes project has been released for comment.

The board has decided to support Measure I, based on the LWVC Transportation position as well as our local Transportation position; and we will be deciding what action, if any, we will take on the charter issue at our October 16 meeting. We will also be reviewing the Lakes' EIR and submitting our comments by the October 22 deadline. Anyone can get a CD for \$5 of the EIR from the City of San Bernardino Development Services Department at City Hall or view it at the Feldheim Library. You can also access it on

the city's web site, <www.sbcity.org> (Quick hits – Downtown Revitalization) or San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's web site, <www.sbvmd.com>.

The city's web site also has Most Frequently Asked Relocation Questions prepared by the San Bernardino Water Resources Joint Powers Authority that is the entity doing the project. It covers steps the Authority will take to ensure that the residents whose homes are acquired are able to obtain a comfortable home and at prices they can afford, including involving those affected in the preparation and review of the relocation plans. Notices will be given in English and Spanish, and consultations and interviews by Authority personnel and relocation consultants with affected residents will be conducted in a language other than English if it is requested.

WEBSITES TO HELP YOU OUT

Project Vote Smart for political info: <www.vote-smart.org>

Campaign finance stats for Calif. officials: <http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov>

LWV San Bdno: <http://lwvsanbernardino.ca.lwvnet.org/>

Info on ballot measures: <http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/edfund/elections/2004nov/>



LWV supports Props. 59 and 72; opposes 69

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Abbreviations: LWV –League of Women Voters; SB –San Bernardino; LWVC – LWVCalifornia;; SBCo – San Bernardino County; EIR – Environmental Impact Report.

CALENDAR

Oct. 12 (Tues.)	LWVSB Board meeting, noon, 568 Mtn. View Ave., San Bdn
Oct. 16 (Sat.)	Local Govt. position consensus, 10 a.m. 2386 Denair Ave., Highland, 864-3805 for directions
Oct. 11 (Mon.)	Lakes forum rebroadcast KCSB 7 p.m.
Oct. 12 (Tues.)	Lakes forum rebroadcast, KCSB 1 p.m.

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