

# Your VOTER

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

## WHEN MAY THE GOVERNMENT TAKE YOUR PROPERTY?

Our "hot topic" for October is Eminent Domain. In light of the recent Supreme Court decision and ongoing redevelopment projects in San Bernardino County, we all need to better understand how our state and local governments are applying this concept in our communities. If you come to this luncheon program, you will find out about the powers and limitations of local government in redevelopment projects and the interface between the government and private enterprise in the acquisition of private property for the public good. We look forward to a lively and intelligent discussion. Bring friends, neighbors, and family.

When: Saturday, October 29, 2005

Where: Redlands Denny's, on Alabama

Time: 12 noon until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Menu: Order whatever you want off Denny's menu.

Speaker: To Be Announced. We are still firming this up at the time of going to press. We have contacted attorneys and real estate professionals. We may welcome more than one speaker on this hot topic.



It would be helpful though not mandatory if you would contact Susan Nieblas <snieb0818.aol.com>. or (909) 337-6564 to let her know that you and your guests plan on attending so that the table can be set up.

## REDLAND'S VOTERS FACED WITH 3 BALLOT MEASURES NOV. 8 —by Gloria Anderson

LWVSB members in Redlands jurisdiction are considering three measures on their Nov. 8 ballot. Two of these deal with development of real property, requiring zone changes. The third addresses the city seal. It adopts a 1962 city seal on which a church with a shining cross is represented. The 1963 seal was not officially adopted at that time so that the official city seal does not contain the church and cross.

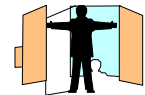
### Measure P – Managed Growth – City of Redlands Initiative - Majority Approval Required

Shall the initiative ordinance of the people of Redlands amending the principles of managed growth and the land use, circulation, open space and conservation, health and safety and noise elements of the Redlands General Plan, be adopted?

The proposed initiative measure amends the Principles of Managed Growth and elements of Redlands' General Plan. The specific amendments are in the sample ballot or see [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org).

Amendments include various modifications, restrictions, and additions regarding:

- annexations, densities, San Timoteo Creek, water resources, and zoning changes
- building height, hillside development, and multi-family dwelling units
- voter approval of designating local and residential collector streets; and restricting traffic on certain streets
- open space and mineral extraction



A Yes vote means that all of the amendments would become an ordinance of the City of Redlands.

A No vote means that the current principles of managed growth and the General Plan would remain in effect.

### Measure Q – City Seal – City of Redlands Majority Approval Required

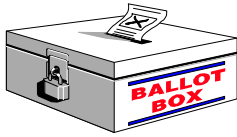
Shall the initiative ordinance of the people of Redlands amending the Redlands Municipal Code to adopt a new City seal, be adopted?

The proposal is to repeal the section of the Redlands Municipal Code and replace the official seal adopted by ordinance in 1892 with a new seal, similar in appearance to that accepted by the City Council in 1963 but that did not become the official seal. It is described as follows:

“ A circle divided into four quadrants, surrounded by an inscription along its outer rim. The inscription that shall read CITY OF REDLANDS at the top, CALIFORNIA at the bottom, the abbreviation “Incorp.” placed on the left side between the words CALIFORNIA and CITY on the left, with the number 1888 placed between the words REDLANDS and CALIFORNIA on the right. The upper left quadrant shall contain representations of industrial buildings with a gear



wheel above. The upper right quadrant shall contain a representation of scales, with an open book overlaid thereupon and a lit torch again overlaid thereupon. The lower right quadrant shall contain a representation of a church with a shining



cross represented in the sky above. The lower left quadrant shall contain a representation of the mountains surrounding the City of Redlands in the background, with the foreground containing a representation of a citrus field, an irrigation canal, and a representation of the sun and of an orange located in the sky above.”

The new seal, if adopted, would be displayed and utilized by the City in all of its usual and official capacities and it cannot be altered in any way; the measure can only be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the electorate.

The sample ballot contains arguments for and against the measure as well as rebuttals to the arguments for and against it. Although the impartial analysis says that the proposed seal was never the official City seal, proponents argue that since 1963 it was, although documents were stamped with the other seal. In 2004, the ACLU demanded removal of the cross on the seal and threatened a lawsuit, so the cross was removed. Opponents argue that the City Clerk has never marked documents and contracts with a seal bearing a cross and that the city’s official seal is five words and a date and they say the city will be sued if this measure passes. Proponents say that the cross is not a religious symbol – it simply acknowledges the role of religion in Redlands’ history, while opponents say that it is a religious symbol that violates the principle that in America government does not promote one religion over others.

#### **Measure R – Zone Change – City of Redlands**

Shall Ordinance 2606, adopting Zone change number 390, a change of zone from A-1 (Agricultural) District (five-acre lots) to R-R (Rural Residential) District (one-acre lots) on four contiguous lots totaling 130.9 acres locate south of Highview Drive and east of Frye Drive for the Covington project, be approved?

A group of Redlands citizens submitted a qualified referendum on this ordinance which, under state law, required the City Council to either repeal the ordinance or submit it to the citizens for a vote. The ordinance is the zone change that was approved by the City Council the Covington Construction project for a residential subdivision of 88 homes on approximately 181 acres. The zone change allows clustering of homes on the property previously zoned for less dense development. If the voters agree with the action of the City Council, the zoning will be changed. If the voters disagree with the City Council and do not approve the change, the zoning will remain Agricultural and Covington will not be able to build the subdivision approved by the City Council.

Supporters say the cluster development will preserve open space and protect Live Oak Canyon, the crown jewel of the “Emerald Necklace” plan for open space surrounding the city. Opponents say that it will ruin Live Oak Canyon and that the real issue is the City Council’s disregard for the wishes of the people who want to keep the property as it is, in an agricultural/rural setting.

### **LWV CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDATIONS ON BALLOT MEASURES:**

**Proposition 73: Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.** VOTE NO Minors will be at risk because they will seek to risk home remedies for abortions rather than face their parents or appeal to a judge. In California's 147-year history, the word abortion has never appeared in the state's Constitution. Proposition 73 would change that in a particularly egregious way. It would define abortion as the death of a "child conceived but not yet born." Enshrined in our constitution would be the idea that life begins at conception. All future court rulings would have to reflect this controversial view.

**Proposition 74 Public School Teachers. Waiting Period for Permanent Status. Dismissal.** VOTE NO.

**Proposition 75 Public Employee Union Dues.** VOTE NO.

**Proposition 76 State Spending and School Funding Limits.** VOTE NO.

**Proposition 77 Redistricting. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.** VOTE NO because of makeup of redistricting commission, required statewide popular vote on commission recommendations while the recommendations are being used for an election, and redistricting using population figures that are 5 years old.

**Proposition 78 Discounts on Prescription Drugs.** VOTE NO.

**Proposition 79 Prescription Drug Discounts. State-Negotiated Rebates.** VOTE YES.

**Proposition 80 Electric Service Providers.** LWVC NEUTRAL because League position does not cover the issue.

**Measure S Library Relief Act.** VOTE YES.



**Prez Sez** ---by *Gloria Anderson*

In case you haven't heard what your League is doing these days, here is a summary of our recent activities.

Our "Hot Topics" series is off to a good start. We have already taken action on the subject of open government by commenting on Supervisors Ovitt and Postmus' reform proposal to give the public access to some records via the internet. What we said is that it is only a first step in regaining the public's confidence in county government and our suggestion that there be public input into the plan that the County Administrative Officer has been asked to do has resulted in our being asked to make recommendations regarding how this might be done.

New member Kim Carter, Rebecca Ludwig, and I went to the LWVC workshops held in Riverside on October 1. This year all the workshops were presented to everyone there instead of having us split up into separate workshops. LWVC president Jackie Jacobberger presented the League 101 workshop on the basics of how League works, LWVC Legislative Director Jack Saliva did the workshop on effective advocacy, WV Membership Director Beverly King did the one on membership, and Frances Tabors demonstrated how to get the most out of Smart Voter. Our Management Training Advisor Caroline de Llamas had a family emergency that kept her from doing the workshop on paper management, but we were given useful handouts (more paper??).

Of course, this is our busy season for voters service and we have indeed been filling many requests for pros and cons presentations and mayoral candidates' forums. Dotti Garcia, Marion Vassilakos, Susan Nieblas and I have been involved in those. The date and time for KVCR TV's live broadcast of the mayoral candidates has been changed to 9 P.M. November 3 and it will be moderated by KVCR's Clark Morrow. I will be taping a statement about the League for use with the program. I will also be moderating the mayoral candidates' forum being sponsored by the North End Neighborhood Association on October 26 at the Arrowhead Country Club at 7 P.M. We also advised the Cultural Alliance on how to put on the candidates forum that they held on October 6.

The League was again invited to observe the testing of the voting machines by the Registrar of Voters. Rebecca Ludwig, Marilyn Patterson, and I participated in that on October 6. The most exciting thing about that was that we used the new voter verified paper trail feature that will be used by voters on November 8. It's a printout attached to the side of the machine that you can check before you submit your vote. It is retained and can be used to verify the accuracy of the vote, providing another level of comfort with the electronic voting.

We hope you will mark your calendars for our second "Hot Topic" meeting, Eminent Domain, on October 29. We're trying a new meeting place, this time in Redlands, so it should be very convenient for those of you who live over on that side of the valley, but not too far for the rest of you! And of course, we welcome your comments and suggestions for future programs and activities. For more information, see the ballot pamphlet or go to [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org), the League's website for ballot measure information and candidates in some local jurisdictions.

**MAYORAL CANDIDATES' FORUM**  
**KVCR-TV**  
**9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3; 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7**

**KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
 President George W. Bush, The White House, Washington, DC 20500  
 Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814  
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- \* **\$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.**



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "[A] government by organized money is as much to be feared as a government by organized mob." -----  
*President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.*

**CALENDAR**

Oct. 17 (Mon.)	Board meeting, 10 a.m., Kreuper Bldg. Bd. Room, 568 Mtn. View, San Bdn
Oct. 26 (Wed)	Mayoral candidates' forum, 7 p.m., Arrowhead Country Club
Oct. 29 (Sat.)	"Eminent Domain," open meeting, noon - 2 p.m., Denny's, 1180 No. Alabama
Nov. 3 (Thurs.)	San Bdn Mayoralty candidates, 9 p.m. KVCR-TV
Nov. 3 (Thurs.)	Pros & Cons, including Measure S, 2 p.m., Highland Senior Center, Patton Hospital, 1 <sup>st</sup> bldg. on east
Nov. 5 (Sat.)	San Bdn Community Summit, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Orange Show Events Center, Valencia Room call 384-5785
Nov. 7 (Mon.)	San Bdn Mayoralty candidates, 7:30 p.m. KVCR-TV
Nov. 8 (Tues.)	VOTE
Nov. 21 (Monday)	Board meeting, 10 a.m., Krueper Bldg. Bd. room, 568 No. Mtn. View, San Bdn

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