

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

## OPEN GOVT, THE BROWN ACT AND SAN BDINO CO'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Cassie MacDuff, who has been covering the Board of Supervisors for the *Press Enterprise* will be our guest speaker at our kick-off Hot Topic luncheon. She will be discussing with us recent issues that have clouded the proceedings of the Board: private, behind-the-scenes deal making; apparent abuse of attorney-client privilege; conflicts of interest, no-bid contracting, etc. We are looking forward to a lively discussion and possible action strategies to restore the public's confidence and trust in our local elected officials (and their staffs) in this age of blackberries and cell-phone conferencing.

Lunch is available, or you can come for the discussion only. Bring your friends and families. The public is invited. Let's let our elected representatives know that we care about HOW they are conducting OUR public business.

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2005

Time: 11:30 - 2:30 or 3:00

Where: The Gourmet  
1445 E. Highland Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA

Lunch: \$9.95

Choice of Entre': Chicken Ticotta (broiled breast of chicken in a lemon/butter sauce with rice and vegetables)  
Chef's Salad  
Vegetarian Plate

If you wish to buy lunch, please call or email Susan Nieblas with your choice of entre' by Thursday, September 22, 2005. The Gourmet has promised to be flexible with us, but we cannot guarantee you will be able to get a meal at the last minute. (909) 338-8260 or snieb0818@aol.com



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## LEAGUE ENDORSES MEASURE S, LIBRARY RELIEF ACT

San Bernardino's City Libraries have suffered through two years of zero book appropriations from the city. During many years of lean budgets, although book and materials' prices have increased, the library has been unable to replace deteriorating and dated materials. Library hours have been cut; staff is reduced, building repairs are unmet, new technology

This "**something**" can be fixed. San Bernardino's library is a gem awaiting the polish of adequate funding. Measure S asks voters to augment library funding for the next eight years.

Under Measure S, the Library Relief Act, owners of single family residences will provide \$20 per parcel; condominiums also \$20; residential units (apartments) - \$13; non-residential property - \$50 per parcel. The amount for residents is approximately the cost of one book per year. The library would continue to receive a base rate from the City general fund. Eligible seniors, citizens whose income falls below a certain level, and the blind and disabled are exempt from the Library Relief Act.

LWVSB has an action position on library service that calls for "Support of library funding which is stable and broad-based, including funds from local, state, and national sources, in order to adequately finance services, staff, and facilities of public libraries and libraries in public school and institutions of higher learning."



and maintenance of existing computers and online interface have been out of reach. Yet, the number of residents depending on public library services has increased. One has only to search the empty book shelves, view the line of library users waiting to use a computer, or visit the deplorable condition of the restrooms to realize **something** is wrong in San Bernardino.

Measure S's library funding will help fulfill the promise of San Bernardino Public Library, a public library that was written into the charter by the founding citizens of our City. Measure S offers an opportunity to:

- Maintain the mission for all residents to level the playing field by providing equal opportunity to all in their formal education or in their self directed need for library materials and technology.
- Purchase books and materials to build an adequate collection and to replace worn and obsolete materials.
- Provide adequate materials and technology for school age population.
- Upgrade and maintain computers and internet interface in order to serve all who use the freely accessible library computers.
- Provide access to a variety of index sources, including access to text, on CD and online resources.
- Increase children's programming and a greater number of children's books and materials.
- Adjust the fee schedule for meetings, service, and equipment.
- Set aside a fund for repair and maintenance of the library buildings.
- Revisit libraries' hours with a view to increasing access.
- Pay debt service reimbursement to the General Fund.

Your City libraries need your help to be a viable part of the educational community. We ask you to vote yes on Measure S.

## MAYORAL CANDIDATES' FORUM

KVCR-TV

8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3; 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7

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

Since we believe that making democracy work depends on the active and informed participation of citizens, our League is embarking on an effort to encourage discussion of important issues. We are planning a series of meetings on HOT TOPICS, beginning on September 24, featuring columnist Cassie MacDuff. The hot topic is "Open Government - Doing the Public's Business in Public." Or put another way - "Secrecy in Government - Backroom Dealing?" Thanks to Vice President Susan Nieblas for arranging this meeting. The details are in a separate article. Other topics suggested include Eminent Domain, Water Rates, Housing and Redevelopment, Health Care (Prescription Drugs), Transportation (Alameda Corridor, Railroads). What do you want to talk about? We want your input.

Susan has also been busy pulling together implementation of the Civic Education in the Schools Issue for Emphasis chosen by you at the Annual Meeting. Susan and I will be meeting with Peg Hill from the San Bernardino County Schools Office on September 15 about doing a pilot project at a middle school and we have also been talking with Teresa Parra, a member who is also on the San Bernardino City Unified School Board, about involving one of the high schools in a pilot project.

Meanwhile, we have ordered both the *Pros and Cons* put out by the state League as well as *Easy Voter Guides*. We need help distributing them, so please contact me if you can help. They should arrive the week of September 19.

We are also continuing to fill requests for *Pros and Cons* presentations and candidates' forums. Brenda Frederick, Dorothy Garcia, Marion Vassilakos, Susan Nieblas, and I are working on these. We are also working with KVCR to televise a forum for candidates in the San Bernardino mayoral race, and we are advising a coalition of chambers of commerce, the Cultural Alliance, about doing a mayoral candidates forum. Included are the African-American, Hispanic, and Asian Chambers. The forum will be held in October at the Feldheim Library. Watch for publicity on it.

As always, we want to share the opportunities to get involved, so don't hesitate to let us know what you want to do. Training is always there if you need it. And please consider going to the State Workshops in Riverside that were mentioned in the special issue of the VOTER. Let me know by September 22 if you want to go. We'll carpool.

Hope to see many of you on September 24.  
*Gloria Anderson, 338-4163, glorand@juno.com*

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BALLOT MEASURES QUALIFIED FOR NOV. 8 BALLOT from secy of state website www.ss.ca.gov

Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Proposition 73 Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. LWVC OPPOSES

Initiative Statute

Proposition 74 Public School Teachers. Waiting Period for Permanent Status. Dismissal. LWVC OPPOSES

Initiative Statute

Proposition 75 Public Employee Union Dues. Restrictions on Political Contributions. Employee Consent Requirement. LWVC OPPOSES

Initiative Constitutional Amendment

Proposition 76 State Spending and School Funding Limits. LWVC OPPOSES



Constitutional Amendment

Proposition 77 Redistricting. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. LWVC OPPOSES because of makeup of redistricting commission, required statewide popular vote on commission recommendations, and redistricting using population figures that are 5 years old.

Initiative Statute

Proposition 78 Discounts on Prescription Drugs. LWVC OPPOSES

Initiative Statute

Proposition 79 Prescription Drug Discounts. State-Negotiated Rebates. LWVC SUPPORTS

Regulation

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

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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**CALENDAR**

Sept. 15 (Thurs.)	SANBAG seminar California 2035, SANBAG hdqtrs, Santa Fe Depot, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 (Thurs.)	Deadline for luncheon reservations, Open Govt. mtng, contact Susan Nieblas
Sept. 22 (Thurs.)	Deadline to notify Gloria if you want to carpool to LWVC training in Riverside
Sept. 24 (Sat.)	Open Govt. mtng., 11:30 a.m., Gourmet Restaurant, 1445 E. Highland, S.Bdno.
Oct. 1, (Sat.)	LWVC offers training for new and old members, Riverside contact Gloria
Oct. 17 (Mon.)	Board meeting, 10 a.m., Kreuper Bldg. Bd. Room, 568 Mtn. View, San Bdn

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