

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

LWV-BACKED PROP 11 QUALIFIES FOR NOV. BALLOT



California Voters FIRST, the League’s major redistricting reform proposal, has qualified for the November ballot and is now Proposition 11. We are gearing up for a major campaign to convince voters to pass the measure. The LWVC needs local Leagues and members throughout the state working in their communities to make it happen. We need members and supporters to speak, blog, write letters to the editor, and do everything they can in their communities to be AMBASSADORS for redistricting reform. Read more about our efforts online. VOLUNTEER NOW. Contact Gloria: glorand@juno.com, (909) 338-4163.

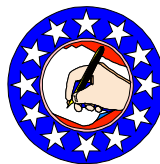
LWVC CALL TO ACTION: SB 840

Help Pass SB 840 in the Assembly! Urge Your Assembly Members to Support Single Payer Health Care. The push to enact SB 840 is expected to move to the Assembly floor in August. Begin now to educate your representatives == a list of whom is elsewhere in this VOTER.

SB 840 is Senator Sheila Kuehl’s landmark bill to establish a single payer health insurance system for California. In the 2005-2006 session, SB 840 moved through the legislature and to the governor’s desk but was vetoed. Reintroduced in 2007, the bill has passed the Senate and the Assembly Health Committee. Our grassroots movement for single payer health care has grown every year. Now, we need even more supporters to put SB 840 back on the governor’s desk for his signature in September.

We must educate all assembly members who do not understand the advantages and cost savings that a single payer insurance system can deliver for Californians—individuals, businesses, and governments.

Since the governor’s veto in 2006, health care costs have increased dramatically. California employers and individuals are paying escalating health care costs, while wages are not keeping up. The costs to the state, as an employer and a fed into the current unprecedented budget function of wages. If health care costs grow clear that each year that goes by without the deeper hole for all Californians.



League Position: The League of Women Voters believes that a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost should be available to all residents. For more information, go to “Single payer insurance: a viable and affordable solution to the health care crisis” at

http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/action/healthcare/sb840_background.html.

The Legislative Analyst’s Office recently released a report on a single payer system for California.

For more information: Contact LWVC Health Care Program Director Barbara Storey at bs_lwv004@cox.net

LWVC BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOV. BALLOT MEASURES

PENDING Proposition 1, Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century

Because legislation is still pending that would affect this proposition, the LWVC is deferring taking a stand on this measure.

NO POSITION Proposition 2, Standards for Confining Farm Animals



Because League positions do not cover the issues in Proposition 2, the LWVC is taking no stand on this measure.

SUPPORT Proposition 3, Children's Hospital Bond Act. Grant Program

OPPOSE Proposition 4, Waiting Period and Parental Notification before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy

SUPPORT Proposition 5, Nonviolent Drug Offenses. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation

OPPOSE Proposition 6, Police and Law Enforcement Funding. Criminal Penalties and Laws

OPPOSE Proposition 7, Renewable Energy Generation

OPPOSE Proposition 8, Eliminates Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry

OPPOSE Proposition 9, Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole

OPPOSE Proposition 10, Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy. Bonds

**** MAJOR EFFORT:** SUPPORT Proposition 11, Redistricting (California Voters FIRST Act)

WANTED

* Speakers to do Pros and Cons presentations on the November ballot measures. Training provided.

* Committee members for the Redevelopment update.

Interested? Contact me at glorand@juno.com

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LWVSB INTERVIEWS ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARTER

Our legislative interview with Assemblywoman Wilmer Amina Carter was quite a bit later than usual because we wanted to get feedback on her reaction to the Governor's revised budget. On June 20 [Marilyn Patterson](#) and I visited her at her Rialto office.

She explained to us the rationale behind the Democrats' approach that restores many of the cuts to critical areas that affect the most vulnerable. Her priorities are minimizing the cuts to public education, health care and Medical and services for the most vulnerable populations including the elderly, disabled, and IHSS (home health care) recipients. She opposes a cuts-only approach and has been working on closing

loopholes and limiting tax credits so revenue can be raised without hurting the average middle-class worker and family. Her top concern is preventing cuts to education, but she says that all options should be kept on the table, including ways to increase revenue, which were recently proposed by the Democrats. This is in line with what the League is advocating through the Together for California's Future coalition.

She says that the current priority should be figuring out how to get out of the current deficit and to avoid borrowing as well as paying off the existing debt, but she believes the infrastructure bonds should proceed as planned. Although we didn't have time to discuss it, we also left with her what the League can and cannot support in a health care reform bill.

PREZ SEZ --- *Gloria Anderson*



Here is an update on what I have been doing as well as a peek at future activities of our League. I did some traveling to represent our League. In May I attended the LWVC Leadership Council in Sacramento. In addition to passing the 2008-09 budget, we had workshops and caucuses on a number of issues. Something that will affect local Leagues is the fact that the budget contains a \$1.00 increase in what we pay per member to support LWVC, bringing it to \$22. (The LWVUS budget also contains an increase that will bring what we pay to LWVUS to \$28.) If you do the math, that is \$50, so we may have to consider raising our dues at the next Annual Meeting. We also learned that the next LWVC convention will be in Long Beach.

Then in June, I attended the LWVUS Convention in Portland, Oregon. Delegates voted to retain all current positions in the areas of Representative Government, Natural Resources, and Social Policy. In addition, we approved a Health Care program to educate members and communities in order to be better prepared to do health care advocacy as needed, and amended the LWVUS Principles by adding to them: "The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial." We also approved adoption of a multi-level education and action campaign to fight global warming.

And, of course, locally we had our Annual Meeting, that unfortunately, was not attended by most members for various reasons. We will certainly try to pick a better date next year. If you weren't there, you missed an inspiring presentation by the ICUC Youth Organizing Project about their survey of youth on violence, risky environments and assets. (More on that elsewhere below.) We also elected a Board of Directors, including a new secretary, Shirley Harlan, and a new director, Christina Wilkins, passed a frugal budget, and adopted an update of the redevelopment section of our Urban and Regional Planning position.

What does the future hold? First of all, we will have (at this time) 12 propositions on the November ballot for which voters will need information and education. Additionally, we have been talking about some other things we are considering beyond the election, including working with other organizations on an air quality forum that would focus on the impacts of bad air in the Inland Empire.



If you have comments or questions, please contact me at glorand@juno.com or call or write to me. Incidentally, the new membership directories are ready for distribution so look for yours in the mail.

ICUC Youth - Advocates for Change

The young people of Inland Congregations United for Change are making a difference in San Bernardino. They began by surveying over half of the entire high school student body in February of 2007 and 2008. The survey was created by students with expert advice from leading university researchers and was administered with assistance of the school district. A major finding was the problem of interracial violence and its effects on students.



This was followed by a youth-led narrative research project designed by high school students in San Bernardino and carried out with support of students and professors at four of the Claremont Colleges. Students were asked about the nature and source of violence in their schools, how violence affects them, and how violence can be prevented. Recommendations for action and concrete next steps emerged from this

research, including the need for violence prevention programs that stress youth engagement and that promote racial integration.

Then they reviewed best practices - what works and what does not work to prevent violence. It was carried out over an eight-month period together with students of the University of Redlands and researchers at San Diego State University. The review included Internet searches for programs that address racial conflict in high schools, reviews of more than 1,000 academic articles and reviews and analysis of hundreds of programs, indexed in seven major governmental summaries of promising practices to prevent violence. Among the concrete next steps are investing in youth and developing existing youth assets by providing pathways to careers and meaningful employment for youth and engaging the community in preventing violence. This is based on the finding that effective violence prevention programs are NOT oriented towards at-risk youth. Prevention means creating developmental environments that meet the needs of individuals who live in those environments. For more information, go to their web site www.icucpico.org.



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CALENDAR

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May 16-16, 2009 LWVC State Convention, Long Beach, CA

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