



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

## League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County Nominees for Officers and Directors 2008-2009

### Officers

President	Ellen Meyer
Vice President, Administrative	Vacant
Vice President, Program	Hanna Renning
Secretary	Marie Bairey
Treasurer	Polly Klopfer

### Directors

Membership	Lynn Kelso/Colleen Norby Margie Lipsky – Off Board
Voter Service	Susan Novak/Ellen Dunbar Marsha Waggoner– Off Board
State and National Action	Sue Chaffee
Local Action	Patty Beyer
Finance Drive	Vacant
Voter Editor	Jean Tenney
Public Relations	Vacant
Lunch and Learn	Mildred Kinser/Doris Scanlon

### Off Board

Finance Drive	Karin Rodriguez
Nominating Committee	Chair vac.; Virginia Lish, Linda Walden
Webmaster	Stella Beratlis
Office Manager	Myrtle Osner

# League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County Proposed Local Program 2008-2009

## Land Use (Adopted 1976, updated 1988 and 2003)

We recognize that land use decisions have an impact on many areas, notably on the quality of life and on the economy; and we recognize that land itself is an irreplaceable resource that needs to be preserved and protected. We support land use planning that:

- A. Protects farmland outside clearly defined urban boundaries to avoid unnecessary conversion of farmlands.
- B. Protects the overall quality of environment (soil, air, and water).
- C. Provides urban development contiguous with existing development where urban services can be provided.
- D. Provides adequate funding for infrastructure needs (transportation, schools, parks, government services and public utilities.)

Land use planning should involve cooperation between and among the various local regional government bodies.

## Housing (Adopted 1975, updated 1982 and 2003)

We recognize that the need for shelter is fundamental, and that a diverse population will desire a wide selection of housing options. Therefore, we:

- A. Support equal opportunity in housing options in Stanislaus County.
- B. Support local measures to increase the supply of a diverse range of housing types to serve a diverse population.
- C. Support local measures to increase the supply of safe and affordable housing for everyone.

## Gang Violence (Adopted 2007)

In order to address the problem of criminal gang activity within our community, we support the development of culturally diverse intervention and enrichment programs at the elementary school level and beyond.

- A. Such programs may include recreational, athletic, academic, creative and/or social activities.
- B. We encourage allocation of resources to fund these programs through public, private and/or non-profit organizations.

## Child Abuse and Neglect (Adopted 1985, updated 1987)

- A. We recognize child abuse as a societal problem; therefore, we support: Legislation, which addresses the jurisdictional, organizational and procedural problems in the prosecution of child abuse cases.
- B. Modification of the courtroom process to accommodate child victims.
- C. Consistent reporting and recording of child abuse and neglect cases and development of comprehensive statistics.
- D. Broad-based prevention programs that are accessible to all family members and take into consideration the ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity of those being served.
- E. Efforts of public and private agencies to continually focus public attention on the problems of child abuse and neglect.

## Local Library Finance (Adopted 1994, updated 1997 and 2003)

We support long-term, consistent funding of the Stanislaus County Free Library

- A. We strongly support a dedicated source of funds which could be used only for the Library
- B. Basic library services should remain free and become more accessible to all Stanislaus County residents in a nondiscriminatory manner.
- C. We support a long-range goal of maintaining a library system of excellence.

## Adult Criminal Justice (Adopted 1980, 1982 and 1984)

We support:

- A. The funding in Stanislaus County of a wide range of alternatives to incarceration for all but the physically dangerous offender.
- B. Efforts to further the expansion of persons convicted of drug and alcohol abuse.
- C. A greater allocation of funds within the criminal justice budget for crime prevention, crime detection and rehabilitation.

## Move to Adopt May 3, 2008 Municipal Government

To assure that municipal government is open, accountable, and responsive to residents and to promote full participation by citizens, we support:

- A system that balances neighborhood needs with citywide perspective
- Encourages and offers opportunity for increased voter and candidate participation

(Should districts be part of a proposal, criteria for establishing districts are addressed by LWVC. Also, LWVC has an apposition favoring majority decisions for elections officials.)

**League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County**  
**Proposed Budget 2008-2009 Compared to 2007-2008 Budget Proposed as of March 12, 2008**

	Budget 2007-2008	Proposed 2008-09	Difference	Explanation
<b>Estimated Beginning Balance:</b>	<b>19549.9</b>	<b>15720.9</b>		<b>(Assets at the beginning of each year)</b>
<b>Income:</b>				
Dues	6615	7590	975	(31 Family@ \$90/80 Individual @ \$60)
Finance Drive	5700	4500	-1200	(unrestricted)
Finance Drive-Designated Education	3000	3500	500	(tax deductible)
Interest Income	200	150	-50	
Miscellaneous			0	
Voter Service Income	300	100	-200	(CSUS)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15815</b>	<b>15840</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Office Expenses:				
Equipment	0	0	0	(no specific requests made)
General Postage	500	500	0	(PO Box, board mailings, permit)
Insurance	425	450	25	(general liability thru LWVC)
Rent	2400	2400	0	(\$200/mo)
Supplies	250	350	100	(stationary, envelopes, Quicken)
Telephone	250	250	0	
Voter Newsletter	2000	2000	0	(postage, printing)
Website	160	160	0	(yearly rate from lwvc)
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>5985</b>	<b>6110</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>(45% can be reimbursed from Ed Fund)</b>
Dues Expenses:				
State PMP	2824.5	2657	-167.5	<b>(31 Family@ 31.50/ 80 Individual @ 21.00)</b> <b>(31 Family@ \$42/ 80 Individual @ 28/credit</b>
National PMP	3534.5	3517	-17.5	<b>5 people @\$5)</b>
<b>Total Dues Expenses</b>	<b>6359</b>	<b>6174</b>	<b>-185</b>	
Membership Expenses:				
Action	50	50	0	
Annual Meeting	600	600	0	(includes annual report)
Board Tools	50	50	0	
Child Care	100	50	-50	(reimburse moms so they can do lwv stuff)
Convention	2500	1500	-1000	(send 2 delegates to State)
Finance Drive	600	500	-100	(postage & printing)
Meetings	250	250	0	(lunch&learn, holiday fling)
Membership	900	750	-150	(Spring Public Event)
Publications	300	400	100	(pubs, directory)
Co-sponsor an Event	0	100	100	
Workshops	100	100	0	
<b>Total Membership Expenses</b>	<b>5450</b>	<b>4350</b>	<b>-1100</b>	
Voter Service Expenses:				
Candidate Forums	200	100	-100	
Public Relations	200	100	-100	
Publications	600	400	-200	(order fewer pros/cons)
Smart Voter	850	0	-850	(limited county elections)
<b>Total Voter Service Expenses</b>	<b>1850</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-1250</b>	<b>(100% can be reimbursed from Ed Fund)</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19644</b>	<b>17234</b>	<b>-2410</b>	
<b>Income less expenses</b>	<b>-3829</b>	<b>-1394</b>		
<b>Estimated Ending Balance:</b>	<b>15720.9</b>	<b>14326.9</b>		<b>(Assets remaining at the end of the year)</b>
<b>Restricted Reserve:(Do not Touch)</b>	<b>6500</b>	<b>6500</b>		
<b>Unrestricted Reserve (Available)</b>	<b>9220.9</b>	<b>7826.9</b>		