



2009 – 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

62nd Anniversary

*Making a Difference in Our Community
Since 1947*



Making a Difference in Our Nation since 1920

Annual Meeting Procedures

Adoption of Order of Business: To change the order of the business agenda, a majority vote is required if done at the beginning of the meeting. If a change is made later, a two-thirds vote is required.

A reading committee selected at last year's meeting verified the accuracy of the minutes. Today we select three members to read this year's minutes.

There is no Treasurer's Report in this document because our fiscal year does not end until June 30. A year-end report will be printed in *The Voter*.

The Budget Committee and the Board recommend approval of the 2010-2011 budget printed in this report.

Each year our local program must be approved by the membership. The Board recommends approval of the program as printed in this report. A majority vote of members attending the meeting is needed for approval members. According to our by-laws, proposals for non-recommended items must be received by the Board at least two months prior to this meeting.

Our by-laws provide for election of officers and directors. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. Election of the slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, is by majority vote. The Nominating Committee consists of five members, two of whom are members of the Board, selected by the board. The chair and two members who are not on the Board are elected at this 2010 Annual Meeting.

"Direction to the Board" is welcome and please communicate your suggestions for 2010-2011 including ideas you may wish the Board to consider for changes/additions to local program or areas of emphasis for program or any other League activity. Contact information is at the end of this report.

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County Diversity Policy

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County in both its values and its practice affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

90th Anniversary- If We Don't Do It, Who Will?

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

May 22, 2010, 10 am
Appetez Restaurant
Modesto, CA

Introductions, Announcements	Ellen Meyer
Guest Speaker: Vito Chiesa Stanislaus County Supervisor District 2	Laurie Carley

Business Meeting

Call to Order	Ellen Meyer
Parliamentarian	Ellen Dunbar
Credentials Report	Margie Lipsky
Adoption of Order of Business and Procedures	Virginia Lish
Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting	Marie Bairey
Selection of Minutes Reading Committee, 2010	Ellen Meyer
Budget Presentation, Discussion and Vote	Joan Goldsmith Julie Saugstad
Local Program	Hanna Renning
Nominating Committee Report Kinser	Mildred

Election of Officers and Directors	Ellen Meyer
Sustaining Member Award	Ellen Meyer
President's Report	Ellen Meyer Susan Novak
Adjournment	Ellen Meyer

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County Proposed Local Program 2010-2011

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.

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.

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

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 1984, updated 1987 and 2003)

LWVSC Proposed 2010-2011 Budget Compared to 2009-2010

Budget Proposed to LWVSC Board March 10, 2010

	Budget 2008-09	Proposed 2009-10	Difference	Explanation
Estimated Beginning Balance:	18386	16992		Assets at the beginning of each year
Income:				
Dues	7260	7155	-105	
Finance Drive	4300	3700	-600	unrestricted
Finance Drive-Designated Education	3000	3000	0	tax deductible
Interest Income	120	20	-100	
Miscellaneous			0	
Voter Service Income	100	0	-100	CSUS elections
Total Income	14780	13875	-905	
Expenses:				
Office Expenses:				
Equipment	0	0	0	No Request made
General Postage	400	400	0	PO Box, board mailings, permit
Insurance	425	425	0	general liability thru LWVC
Rent	2400	2400	0	\$200/mo
Supplies	300	300	0	stationary, envelopes
Telephone	300	325	25	
Voter Newsletter	1800	1200	-600	postage, printing
Website	160	160	0	yearly rate from LWVC
Total Office Expenses	5785	5210	-575	45% can be reimbursed from Ed Fund
Dues Expenses:				
State PMP	2795	2630	-165	10% reimbursed from Ed Fund
National PMP	3533	3470	-63	50% reimbursed from Ed Fund
Total Dues Expenses	6328	6100	-228	
Membership Expenses:				
Action	50	50	0	
Annual Meeting	600	300	-300	includes annual report
Board Tools	50	50	0	
Child Care	50	50	0	reimburse members
Convention	1500	1000	-500	send delegates to State Convention
Finance Drive	400	500	100	postage & printing
Meetings	200	300	100	Holiday Fling, etc.
Membership	500	0	-500	Spring Membership Event
Supplies		250	250	new member packets
Publications	350	200	-150	pubs, directory
Co-sponsor an Event	50	50	0	
Workshops	50	200	150	
Total Membership Expenses	3800	2950	-850	
Voter Service Expenses:				
Candidate Forums	200	200	0	
Lunch and Learn		200	200	
Public Relations	100	100	0	
Publications	200	250	50	pros/cons
Smart Voter - State charge	0	0	0	limited county elections
Total Voter Service Expenses	500	750	250	100% can be reimbursed from Ed Fund
Total Expenses	16413	15010	-1403	



Nominees for Officers and Directors 2010-2011

Officers

President	Susan Novak
Vice President, Administrative	Vacant
Vice President, Program	Stella Beratlis
Secretary	Laurie Carley
Treasurer	Seena Rhine

Directors

Finance Drive	Mary Giventer
Voter Service	Ellen Dunbar
Membership	Hanna Renning
State and National Action	Ann Krabach
Local Action	Marie Bairey
Voter Editor	Jean Tenney
Lunch and Learn	Mildred Kinser
Board Administrator	Lynn Kelso

Off Board

Voter Service	Marsha Waggoner
Membership	Colleen Norby

Webmaster	Diane Bartlett
Public Relations	Linda Walden
Nominating Committee	Ellen Meyer, Chair Joan Goldsmith Virginia Lish

President's Report

Overall Goal:

Strengthen the League's external impact on education and advocacy

- Studied and prepared a position statement on proposed Modesto sewer extension ballot measures.
- Sponsored candidate forum for Modesto City Council Seats 4 and 5, co-sponsored Modesto City Council Seat 2 with King Kennedy Center, sponsored the Modesto School Board candidates' forum and City of Riverbank candidates' forum for mayoral race. Co-sponsored with Walnut Elementary PTA Turlock School Board candidates' forum.
- Assisted with Modesto Junior College Civic Engagement Project Candidate's forum for Modesto School Board
- Registered voters in Modesto and Turlock for June and November elections
- Participated in Smart Voter Website
- Partnered with Modesto Junior College with a Student Internship Program
- Published articles in *The Voter* concerning local, state, and national Issues
- Prepared a Letter to the Editor, Modesto Bee, supporting Modesto Police for pursuing funding for gang prevention programs using our local Gang Violence Position 2007.
- Sent letter to Modesto Police Chief Harden praising his pursuit of funding for gang prevention programs using our local Gang Violence Position 2007
- Developed and sent a survey to various community agencies and non-profits who deal with young people to determine what resources are available to prevent at-risk youngsters from gang involvement as a follow-up to our Gang Violence Position approved in 2008.
- Monitored student government elections at CSUS-Stanislaus
- Monitored the SEIU election
- Questioned, via e-mails to Modesto City Council members, justification for proposed ballot measure to change run-off election procedures based on the Charter Review Committee recommendations and restating our support of instant runoff. As a result the Council dropped the proposed ballot measure and recommended a community study of the issue as suggested in the Report

Internal Goals:

Crucial supportive goals to strengthen the overall goal Increasing Visibility

- Public Service Announcements to local radio stations
- Notices to the newspapers in Stanislaus County regarding candidate forums and voter registration locations
- Announcements in county newspapers regarding LWVSC events and LWVUS 90th Anniversary
- Announcements in our county newspapers of our monthly Lunch and Learn speakers
- Sent *The Voter* to outlying communities in the county to introduce them to LWV Stanislaus County

Enhancing League Leadership

- Sent one delegate to LWVC State Convention June, 2009
- Held Moderator Training Workshop August, 2009
- Held Regional Training Workshop in September, 2009 for Central Valley League members
- Published articles in our publication *The Voter* concerning local, state, and national issues
- Invited local leaders to speak at monthly Lunch and Learn events
- Two League members selected to serve on the Election Instant Run-off Committee established per Modesto Charter Review

Assuring the League's Financial Base

- Published articles in our publication *The Voter* promoting our Finance Drive
- Audited LWV Stanislaus County accounting records
- Purchased computer and developed software for budget and fiscal accounting.

Growing Membership

- Sent *The Voter* to city and county representatives of communities outside Modesto
- Co-Sponsored with AAUW a dinner in Turlock with the new Turlock City Manager Les Weidman
- Conducted annual Membership Renewal Drive
- Featured articles in our publication *The Voter* concerning membership
- Positioned our website on Facebook to attract new members

Doing All this by Embracing Technology

- Updated our League website regularly with latest information
- Participated in Smart Voter Website
- Promoted our website in public service announcements, *The Voter* and on all written communication sent out by our League.

- Communicated through the website and e-mails to League members on upcoming events, and action alerts.
- Sent e-mail blasts to keep members informed of events, issues and plans to increase this as a means of communication.
- Positioned our website on Facebook

Thank you members! Your energy, creativity, and dedication are invaluable!!!!

-Ellen Meyer, President

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

Vice Presidents' Report

The annual Holiday Fling was held at the home of Lynne and Albion Fenderson in December. Several Y.E.S. Company Ambassadors entertained members and their guests with musical holiday selections and they told about their involvement in the Y.E.S. Company and what it has meant to them.

Our January Program Planning meeting focused on LWVUS issues. We agreed to support the recommendation by several members of the Palo Alto, Los Altos/Mountain View, Berkeley/Albany and Santa Monica Leagues to undertake a new study of the Federal Role in Public Education. The purpose of the study would be to enable the League of Women Voters to take stands on proposed legislation, to define what the federal role in public education should be, and to join other national organizations in speaking out on public education issues.

No changes were recommended for our positions on local issues.

-Hanna Renning and Susan Novak, Vice Presidents

Finance Drive Report

Each year the Finance Committee reviews the mailing and donor lists. This year we refined the donation request letter sent to local government officials to highlight our Voter Service activities. We mailed nearly 400 letters and received 86 donations.

Personal contact remains a key component of our fund raising efforts. Fifteen dedicated volunteers served as Finance Advisers. These Finance Advisers, along with committee members, ensured that each letter was accompanied by a personal note. We feel that this personal outreach contributes to our success,

and Hal Kinser monitored student elections a California State University Stanislaus. Diedre Bush West, Phyllis Hart, and Ellen Dunbar monitored the SEIU elections.

-Ellen Dunbar and Marsha Waggoner, Voter Service Directors

The Public Relations Report

News releases were sent to Stanislaus County newspapers announcing programs, voter registration opportunities, and forums. Public service announcements went to local radio stations promoting our voter registration tables and candidate forums. This year we made use of the Modesto Bee's online Regional calendar. We see our own website as one of our most important PR tools.

-Susan Novak, Publications, Vice President

"The League of Women Voters is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement"

Local Action Report

With on-going participation from a few stalwart Leaguers, we continued to monitor several county activities and took action on four – Gang Study follow-up, Modesto election process, City of Modesto's sewer extension advisory measures and Modesto Sphere of Influence proposal.

Gang Study: A cover letter and survey questions were developed to send to various community agencies and non-profits who deal with young people to determine what resources are available to prevent at-risk youngsters from gang involvement. In November, surveys were prepared and mailed by our intern. In addition, DA Birgit Fladager spoke to Lunch and Learn about the county's Gang Injunction Program which monitors the activities of 31 identified gang members within a specific area of South Modesto. In February, Jorge Lopez, Modesto City Schools Outreach Coordinator, spoke at Lunch and Learn on gang preventive activities in the schools. Also, MPD Acting Chief Harden made a presentation to City Council in January outlining several gang intervention programs in place which address prevention as well as enforcement.

Modesto Election Process: Following a notice in the *Modesto Bee* in July that the Modesto City Council was proposing a ballot measure to abolish run-off elections, League mobilized via e-mails to Council members questioning the justification based on the Charter Review Committee recommendations and restating our support of instant runoff. As a result and after a more careful reading of the Report, the Council dropped the proposed ballot measure and recommended a community study of the issue as suggested in the Report.

City of Modesto Sewer Extension Advisory Vote: To better understand the ramifications of the five proposed sewer extension areas, Marie Bairey coordinated an informational round-table in August that included community members who had expressed interest in the issue. Though this was intended to be a League study meeting, a few community members attended. Councilmember Janice Keating, Ryan Swehla, Denny Jackman (Farmland Working Group), Brad Barker (Sierra Club), Frank Bavaro (land owner) offered their perspectives. At a later consensus meeting, League members recommended and Board approved the following: no position on A (Kiernan Corridor); support C (North McHenry) and oppose B (College West), D (Tivoli North) and E (Hetch-Hetchy). An op-ed statement was published in the *Bee* and referred to often in subsequent articles. All measures were defeated in the November election.

Response to General Plan Amendment Proposal: LWVSC sent a statement to Modesto City Council supporting the recommendation by the Economic Development Committee that staff not move forward with adding the Beckwith/Dakota CPD to the Modesto Sphere of Influence.

Local Action is one of our League's most important and visible functions. We serve as watchdogs and advocates for issues that affect us all. We urge all League members to become involved in the activities of the Local Action Committee. We need your passion and your energy. There is plenty of work to go around. Watch for notices in the *Voter* of meetings and projects.

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CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH GOVERNMENT!

State and National Action Report

LWVC made the state budget its highest priority for advocacy: to support reform of the state budgeting process and to support equitable and adequate generation and distribution of tax revenues.

The LWVC also is continuing to advocate for reform with the initiative process, campaign financing, and elections and voting rights. League continued to educate the public about the issues and seek reform.

The LWVC has been very involved with the Redistricting Commission and is now encouraging members to support and monitor the process of selecting commissioners.

LWVC supports SB 810, California's single payer health care bill.

The LWVUS celebrated its 90th anniversary and encouraged all local Leagues to promote this momentous event locally. The LWVUS celebrated transparency, freedom of information, and enhanced public participation in government; cosponsoring the 5th Annual Sunshine Week National Dialogue.

LWVUS was very vocal and took strong action on global climate issues and legislation, health care reform, campaign finance reform this year.

-Sue Chaffee, State and National Director

Membership Report

Our 2009-2010 membership stands at 141. 9 new members joined, 16 chose not to renew their memberships and with great sadness we lost Betty Cohen, Bette Belle Smith, Judge Norman Reid, Helen Gordon and Kay Holmberg.

A breakdown in membership classification is as follows: 80 individual, 55 family, 4 student, and 2 honorary members (50 years+)

Dues, which were increased at our 2008-2009 annual meeting, are \$60.00 individual, \$90.00 family, and \$15.00 student.

Membership events included our annual Holiday Fling in December hosted by Albion and Lynne Fenderson. Entertainment was provided by The Y.E.S. Company Ambassadors who performed traditional Holiday music.

Our greatest challenge is to bring in additional members and strengthen the voice of the League throughout Stanislaus County. Again, we encourage all members to bring in one new member this year!

-Colleen Norby, Lynn Kelso and Margie Lipsky, Membership Directors

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!

Webmaster Report

The League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County website (lwwstanislaus.org) is in its eleventh year of offering online information to residents of our county. We provide information about local and state elections and League events, as well as a PDF version of *The VOTER*, meeting minutes, and agendas. The League's website is a stand-alone site made possible through the technical support and infrastructure of the League Easy Web, a project of the LWVC.

Looking at usage trends through the years, there is no question that the League's website is continuing to experience an upsurge in use over time. Since November 2004, when LWVC₁₃

began tracking the numbers, lwvstanislaus.org has had 223,011 successful requests for pages, with an average of 113 requests per day, up from last year's average of 97 requests per day. Our busiest month to date has been March 2010, with 5,629 page requests total. Compare that to our next-busiest month, October 2008, when we had 5,431 page requests.

This year we added an additional online presence with the establishment of a Face book page. On Face book, a popular social networking site, we are able to post our events and disseminate them to a group of people who have chosen to follow us. We can also post photos, link to other websites of interest, and host discussions. We have 38 followers on Face book, most of whom are not League members. We are tracking usage to determine if this is an effective means of disseminating information about League events; in any event, it is free to use and the only cost is the time involved in maintaining the page. We hope that as our number of Face book followers grows, we can drive users to our website and convert a number to active League members.

Thank you for supporting lwvstanislaus.org. Be sure to tell your friends that they can access election information and League communications online!

-Stella Beratlis, Webmaster

The Voter Report

The Voter is our major tool for sharing information with both the membership of the League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County and the community. In addition to the hard-copy, which is mailed, we post it on our Website, as well as on the Website of the national League.

This year, we have published nine issues of *The Voter*, combining June-July, November-December, and February-March. Every issue contained our President's message, highlights of the Board meetings, Calendar of Events, roster of the Board of Directors, and new-member information and enrollment form, as well a statement of our Diversity Policy. Lunch and Learn information, comprised of a summary of the last speaker's address and an introduction to the upcoming speaker and his or her topic, was also included in each issue.

Board members regularly contributed articles concerning their area of responsibility. These included reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Drive Director, and the directors of the Local Action, State and National, Voter Service, and Membership Committees. *The Voter* also publicized upcoming special League events, such as the Holiday Fling and the Annual Membership Event.

The Voter publishes information about candidate forums, educational events, and LWVSC consensus meetings and positions on local issues. It also reflects state and national League positions on matters of broader political concern. In this way our newsletter plays an important role in informing our members and the public, and encouraging their active involvement in the democratic process. I wish to thank everyone who contributed - with articles, editing, mailing, and/or moral support - to the successful production of *The Voter*.

-Jean Tenney, *The Voter* Editor

Lunch and Learn Report

The monthly Lunch and Learn Program continues to provide members and guests with the opportunity to hear a diverse group of local speakers presenting a variety of topics ranging from gang intervention to land use and public health. Members have been encouraged to invite friends and neighbors, and the notices in the Modesto Bee have resulted in some people from the community at large attending. Attendance has been gratifying. The speakers for 2009-2010 were:

June, 2009	Mr. Jim Ridenour, Mayor of Modesto
July, 2009	Mr. Mike Dozier, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
August, 2009 California	Mr. Steve Madison & Mr. Bill Zoslocki, Building Industry of Central
September, 2009	Ms. Birgit Fladager, Stanislaus County District Attorney
October, 2009	Mr. Michael Sullivan, Golden Valley Health Care
January, 2010	Ms. Mary Sherwood, Stanislaus County Medical Reserve Corps
February, 2010	Mr. Jorge Perez, Outreach Coordinator for Modesto City Schools
March, 2010	Mr. Matt Machado PE, Director of Stanislaus County Public Works
April, 2010	Mr. Ryan Swehla, Commonwealth Modesto
-Mildred Kinser & Lee DeLaMare, Lunch and Learn Directors	

Volunteer Recognition

The Board recognizes all the many volunteers, both members and non-members, who have given their time, donations and assistance to make League successful in its mission. Without the richness and reliability of your contributions, we would not be able to accomplish our goals. Committed volunteers have always been the centerpiece of League work and that passion keeps our organization going. Thank you!

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Sustaining Member Award

The Sustaining Member Award is a tradition in our League originated in 1986 by former League President Jean Hamp. This honor, which is meant to be a surprise to the individual and the membership, is given by the Board of Directors each year in recognition of someone other than a Board Member who has put forth substantial effort to sustain our organization. The recipients of this award exemplify the meaning of the term “sustain; to keep in existence, maintain or prolong; carry the weight or burden of and to strengthen the spirit.”

Previous Sustaining Member Award Recipients

1986 Susan Woodworth	1994 Alita Roberts	2002 Patrick McKee
1987 Lulu Jenkins	1995 Hazel Gotshall	2003 Julie Saugstad
1988 Kay Black	1996 Marge Fovinci	2004 Gloria Skol
1989 Bev Sturtevant	1997 Ralph Sturtevant	2005 Kenni Friedman
1990 Mildred Kinser	1998 Lynn Kelso	2006 Linda Walden
1991 Margie Lypsky	1999 Polly Klopfer	2007 Stella Beratlis
1992 Eleanor Goldor	2000 Susan Novak	2008 Helen Gordon
1993 Myrtle Osner	2001 Joan Goldsmith	2009 Debbie Kleinfelder

2010 Recipient: Lee DeLaMare

Lee DeLa Mare may be a relatively new member of our League, but you wouldn't know it based on what she has contributed. Lee has registered voters, served on the Nominating Committee and organized this year's Lunch and Learn series. Lee became a regular attendee of the Lunch and Learn programs when she retired from a career in nursing. Serving on the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee, she was given the task of finding someone to help organize this important series of programs. She had such good ideas about future speakers that the others on the committee talked her into giving the job a try. Lee put together a truly varied and interesting year of programs. She actively pursued suggestions for topics and speakers from other League members. To get members interested in attending, Lee wrote an interesting and informative biographical article for each speaker which appeared in the Voter newsletter and as a handout at the preceding luncheon. It worked! Attendance increased month by month. She also wrote follow-up articles that captured the key points of the presentations for those who weren't able to attend. Lunch and Learn continues to be a program that helps sustain and increase our membership and our visibility in the community. Thank you, Lee, for a job very well done!

-2009-2010 Board of Directors

SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN
LEAGUE!

The League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County The League of Women Voters of
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Respectfully submitted,
2009-2010 Board of Directors

Officers

Ellen Meyer, President
Susan Novak, First Vice-President
Hanna Renning, Second Vice-President
Marie Bairey, Secretary
Michele McNeil, Treasurer

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Margorie Lipsky, Membership
Marsha Waggoner, Voter Service
Stella Beratlis, Webmaster

Directors

Mary Giventer, Finance Drive
Colleen Norby/Lynn Kelso, Membership
Ellen Dunbar, Voter Service
Sue Chaffey, State and National
Jean Tenny, *The Voter* Editor
Mildred Kinser/Lee DeLa Mare, Lunch and Learn

Direction to the Board:

Ideas and suggestions are welcomed by the 2010-2011 Board of Directors. Your ideas or suggestions will be forwarded to the appropriate board member.

Mail to: LWV Stanislaus County P. O. Box E Modesto, CA 95352
Or Call: (209) 524-1698
Or Email: president@lwvstanislaus.org

“The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.”

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate. The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles.

- Voters Service/Citizen Education: we present unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues.
- Action/Advocacy: we are also nonpartisan, but, after study, we use our positions to advocate for or against particular policies in the public interest.

To conduct our voter service and citizen education activities, we use funds from the League of

Women Voters of California Education Fund, which is a 501(c) (3) corporation, a nonprofit educational organization. The League of Women Voters, a membership organization, conducts action and advocacy and is a nonprofit 501(c) (4) corporation.

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County

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