



Escondido Area VOTER

SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY, CENTRAL

January, 2007

LWV of Escondido Area

Serving the communities of Escondido, Fallbrook, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, Ramona, San Marcos and Valley Center

CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meetings are generally held on the second Saturday of every month. All members welcome.

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ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Be sure to join us for our

ANNUAL PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING

AND POTLUCK BRUNCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004

AT THE HOME OF MARGARET LILES

10165 BOULDER KNOLLS (HIDDEN MEADOWS)

ESCONDIDO 92025

10:00 AM TO NOON



This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your League colleagues and help plan our programs.

Directions to meeting: Take Interstate 15 north to the Deer Springs/Mountain Meadow Exit. Turn right (east) on Mountain Meadow Rd. and follow it up the hill. Stay on Mountain Meadow (turning left at the fork at the top of the hill.) Follow Mountain Meadow Rd. to Boulder Knolls (approx 1/2 mile past the stop sign at Meadow Glen Way East.) Turn left on Boulder Knolls . 10165 is the first house on the left (south) side of Boulder Knolls.

Feb. 10, 2007: Board Meeting:

Escondido Public Library, .248 S.Kalmia
10:15 AM to 12:30 PM.



2006, A BUSY YEAR FOR OUR LEAGUE:

2006 PRIORITIES:

At last years Program Planning Meeting our members voted for a very ambitious list of priorities.

Education was our first priority. During the year our League voted to support a High Tech High location within Escondido, and wrote the Escondido City Council stating our support. At this time, it looks as if the City's current Council has not accepted High Tech High's offers to build a new campus on the City's property located at the corner of Washington and **Rose. ?** In May, our League awarded a \$200 scholarship to Escondido High School senior, Sara Bayles.

Our Voter Education Director Patrick Coony initiated what we hope will become a routine event—engaging high school students in debate of political issues.

Mental Health remained a priority issue for our League in 2006. Lorraine Boyce, Our Director of Health care has been monitoring the Palomar/Pomerado Hospital Board, and the progress of the new Hospital. The PPH Board has indicated it will not be building as many satellite urgent-care centers as promised in Prop PP.

A fourth priority was the improvement of **Parks:** Natural Resources Director, Yolanda Fleet with the able help of Vivian Doering and May Fong Ho sought to incorporate the so-called "duck pond" property into Felicita Park. However, the San Diego County Parks Department contents the "duck pond" property is contaminated, so they've run into a bit of a road block.

Our North County has no shortage of conflict over our fourth priority issue **Land Use.** Our County League, with our local League President, June Rady, taking the lead, took a strong position against the City of Escondido providing sewer services for New Urban West's Harmony Grove development.

Our League hopes to have an educational forum about the Brown Act which deals with our League's last 2006 priority **Open Government.**

What do you think our League's priorities should be? Join us on Saturday, January 20 for good food, good conversation, and help develop our priorities for 2007!

ELECTION YEAR ACTIVITIES:

The LWV stayed very busy during this past election season. Here is a summary of our activity:

Candidate Forum for Escondido City Council and Mayor

Escondido City Council Chambers,
Monday, October 9, 2006.

This event was taped for re-broadcast on Cable television channel 19.

Pro and Con Presentation on Ballot Measures

Cypress Crest Retirement Center, Escondido
Thursday, October 12, 2006.

Candidate Forum, Ramona Planning Group

Ramona Community Center,
Wednesday, October 18, 2006.

Pro and Con Presentation on Ballot Measures

World Affairs Forum, Redwood Town Court,
Escondido
Saturday, October 21, 2006.

Candidate Forum for Escondido City Council and Mayor

Escondido Democratic Club
Joslyn Senior Center, Escondido
Saturday, October 23, 2006.

Pro and Con Presentation on Ballot Measures

Featuring Valley Center High School's Democratic Club and Republican Club.
Escondido City Council Chambers
Monday, October 23, 2006.
This event was taped for re-broadcast on Cable television 414channel 19.

Voter Instruction

Interfaith Alliance, Fallbrook
Tuesday, October 24, 2006

Voter Instruction and Pro and Con Presentation

Freshman History classes, Cal State San Marcos,
October 23 and 24, 2006

Candidate Forum for Escondido Union High School District Board of Trustees

Escondido City Council Chambers
Monday, October 30, 2006

This event was taped for re-broadcast on Cable television channel 19

Voter Instruction and Pro and Con Presentation

Interfaith Alliance, Oceanside
November 5, 2006

President **June Rady** and Voter Education Director **Patrick Coony** deserve all our thanks for the many hours they spent organizing and presenting these excellent voter education events, continuing and enhancing the reputation of the League. Thanks also to **Barbara Bell, May Fong Ho, and Margaret Liles** for their assistance at these events.



HOW CALIFORNIANS VOTED:

The Public Policy Institute of California has released some interesting data about the Nov. 7, 2006 election.

California voter turnout was low, 54 percent of registered voters, but higher than the all-time low, the 2002 gubernatorial election. Once again, younger, less-affluent, less-educated, and minority voters did not turn out in numbers proportionate to their population share. Women did turn out in equal numbers to men. More Democrats than Republicans voted as one would expect from voter registration. Independents constituted 14 percent of all voters.

Governor Schwarzenegger's victory came from votes from almost all Republicans, three out of ten Democrats, and over half of independent voters. A majority of men and women, one in three Latinos, and two out of three whites voted for Schwarzenegger.

Proposition 1B, the Highway Safety, the Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond, and Proposition 1E, the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond, both part of the bond infrastructure package that the governor and legislature placed on the ballot were both passed overwhelming with 22 and 28-point margins respectively. Both bonds won majorities of both Democrats (around 70 %) and Republicans (closer to 50%.)

Propositions 1C: the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Bond, and Proposition 1D, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond were voted in with much slimmer margins. Again around 70% of Democrats supported these measures, while only some 40% of Republicans voted for the measures.

Proposition 83, the sex-offender reform act also passed with 70.6% of the vote. Proposition 85 (parental notification of a minor's abortion,) Proposition 87, (oil tax for alternative energy,) and Proposition 90 (eminent domain,) all lost gaining around 45 % of the vote. Proposition 88 (parcel tax for education,) and Proposition 89 (public financing for campaigns) were both very soundly defeated with less than 25% of the vote.