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Wednesday, October 12, 2016 Pros & Cons of November State Ballot Measures

t October's general meeting **Dennis Mar** and **Marilyn Maxner** will present arguments for and against the seventeen California State ballot measures. The points are a synthesis of views from the **LWVC's** "Easy Voter Guide," "Pros & Cons," and "In Depth," the California Secretary of State's "Official Voter Information Guide," from Ballotpedia, "The Encyclopedia of American Politics" (www.ballotpedia.org), and from various newspapers. [Note: Local Measure Z (Protect Our Water: Ban Fracking) and Measure X (TAMC Sales Tax) will not be covered at this meeting.]

Why so many state initiatives? Actually, Ballotpedia says that seventeen measures is about the average in recent years. It only looks like a lot because almost all of the initiatives that qualified in time for the June primary were pushed to the November Presidential election. Monterey County residents should be thankful they don't vote in San Francisco—in addition to the State propositions they have twenty-five city/county measures. Even beginning with "Measure A," "Measure B," and so on, San Francisco almost ran out of letters and one appears as "Measure RR."

Marilyn and Dennis will also present these "Pros and Cons" to the American Association of University Women, Junior League, Hadassah, Canterbury Woods, Del Mesa Carmel, and the Aromas Community Grange.

Dennis Mar, <u>DennisRMar3@yahoo.com</u>

REMINDER TO LWYMC MEMBERS

If your membership has elapsed, this may be your last issue of *The Voter*! Stay informed, keep involved, support your League! See page 10 for renewal information.

LWVMC October 12, 2016 General Meeting

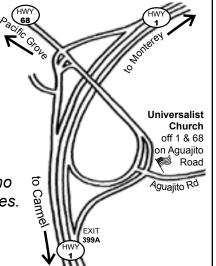
12 noon *Lunch* / 12:30 to 1:30 *Presentation* (Lunch \$17 per person: main course, salad, beverages, & dessert by Café Athena)

Reservations are a must for lunch! Contact Lisa Hoivik by Saturday, October 8.

(phone 375-7765 or e-mail lhoivik@comcast.net)

Pay at the door for lunch: meeting/presentation is **FREE**. **Reminder:** The League pays the caterer in advance for everyone who makes a luncheon reservation, and guarantees a minimum of attendees.

L&L meets at: Unitarian Universalist Church http://uucmp.org 490 Aguajito Road / Carmel CA 93923 (831) 624-7404





★★ President's Message October 2016 ★★



the **Action** and **Voter Service** functions of the League are in full swing.

VOTE

Our Voter Service activities include candidate forums which we typically co-sponsor with other organizations to

assure a good turn-out. This year we have held a forum in **Pacific Grove** and will hold on in **Seaside** for mayors and city councils under the leadership of **Jeanne Turner**, **Voter Service Director for the Monterey Peninsula**.

We also present *Pros and Cons on the Ballot Measures*. Dennis Mar, Voter Service Director for Salinas Valley, and Marilyn Maxner are presenting them to our members at this month's Lunch and Learn meeting as well as to four other organizations. Pros and Cons on state ballot measures are prepared by the LWV of California (LWVC). Local pros and cons are prepared when we have the members with the time and expertise to prepare them.

The League also makes recommendations on **propositions** on the ballot. Recommendations

are based on League positions resulting from National, State and local League studies and analyses of the ballot measures. The **LWVC Board** decides what positions to take on State ballot measures, and local boards make recommendations on local measures. The LWVC recommendations are

addressed in a separate article. **Our League** recommends support for Measure X (TAMC Sales Tax) and Measure Z (Anti-Fracking).

Some members of the community find it difficult to understand or believe that the League can undertaken both functions fairly and objectively. It was for this reason that the opponents of Measure Z declined to participate at the last minute in our September meeting on *Pros and Cons on Measure Z.* Fortunately, because we can do both functions fairly, we prepared and presented arguments against the Measure so that the Voter Service function of the League could be met for this meeting.

There is never a dull moment with the League!

Janet Brennan, JanetB@montereybay.com

WHERE THE ACTION IS

The below letter was sent with approval of the LWVMC Board in September.

TO: City of Seaside Planning Commission, PO Box 810, Seaside CA 93955-0810

SUBJECT: MONTEREY DOWNS AND MONTEREY HORSE PARK

Dear Commissioners:

The **League of Women Voters of Monterey County** urges you to deny the project. The League has studied land use and specifically land uses for the former Fort Ord. In particular, we believe the public need for development should be demonstrated and the services required by the existing population should be assured. The proposed project does neither.

The FEIR identifies 15 significant and unavoidable impacts. This means the impacts cannot be mitigated. They include impacts on:

Visual Character; Ground Level Air Quality; Riparian and Coast Live Oak Woodland Habitats; Landmark Coast Live Oak Trees; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Groundwater; Conflict with the Fort Ord Reuse Plan; and Traffic at the project level.

Visual Character; Biological Resources; Ground Level Air Quality; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Groundwater; Water Supplies; and Traffic at the cumulative level.

The FEIR indicates that there is insufficient water to meet buildout of the project. Additionally, it identifies significant and unavoidable impacts at 9 intersections and 12 road segments with the project alone, and 18 cumulative impacts on regional roadways for a total of 39 significant and unavoidable traffic impacts.

Approval of the proposed project would mean significant impacts for residents of the entire Peninsula and Monterey County as a whole while providing the City of Seaside with limited benefits. **We urge you to deny the Monterey Downs Project.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Brennan

President, League of Women Voters of Monterey County



City of Seaside

(co-sponsored with the NAACP Monterey County and Sustainable Seaside) Tuesday, October 4th

Oldemeyer Center, 986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside CA 93955

6:30-7:00 Information tables; submit written questions for candidates **7:00-8:30** Candidate Forums

MAYOR

Felix Bachofner, Kay Cline, Ralph Rubio, and Gertrude Smith

CITY COUNCIL (two seats)
Kayla Jones, lan Oglesby,
and Dave Pacheco

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Jeanne Turner, Voter Service

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Get the facts before you vote on November 8: visit <u>votersedge.org/ca</u> before Election Day!

Use your address to get a PERSONALIZED BALLOT.

Get in-depth information on YOUR candidates, YOUR measures, and who supports them.

Check where, when, and how YOU vote. Keep TRACK of your choices and use them to vote.

Share and start the CONVERSATION!



VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER PROPOSITIONS



Support: Prop 51 - School Bonds

All California's schoolchildren deserve school facilities in good repair and equipped to provide all students a 21st century education. In a perfect world with adequate funding, we wouldn't need to borrow to build. However, this is not a perfect world, and our facilities needs are massive and require a large infusion of funding. It has been eight years since the last statewide bond measure was passed. Chronic underfunding from the state leaves most public school communities unable to adequately address their needs, increasing the danger of greater disparities among them. Many have passed local bonds but due to insufficient state matching funds, that money remains unspent—a situation this bond measure will help remedy.

Support: Prop 54 - California Legislature Transparency Act

Prop 54 will make our state government more open, honest, and accountable. With this common-sense reform, every bill must be in print and posted online for at least 72 hours before it may pass out of either house—preventing last-minute, closed-door changes. A video recording of every public meeting of the Legislature must be posted online in a timely way. Our democracy is stronger when more people participate, and this measure empowers all people to review, debate, and contribute to the laws that impact us all.

Support: Prop 55 - Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act

Proposition 55 is key in maintaining economic recovery and growth in California by continuing the current income tax rates on the wealthiest two percent of Californians established by the voters in 2012. That measure, Prop 30, has moved California toward financial stability and adequate funding for education and other services we depend on like health care. Without

Prop 55 we will be back to the days of pink slips for teachers, overcrowded classrooms, and community college students waiting years for the classes they need.

Neutral: Prop 56 - Cigarette Tax

For background information on this measure, refer to the Legislative Analyst's Office analysis included in the Official Voter Information Guide and the LWVCEF information available on Voter's Edge California.

Support: Prop 57 - Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act

This measure restores the authority of judges, not prosecutors, to decide if juveniles as young as 14 should be tried in adult court, a right judges had until 2000. The prosecution may file a motion, but the court decides. Proposition 57 will also reduce the state prison population and costs by allowing earlier parole of nonviolent felons, with sentence credits for good behavior and rehabilitation or education. This measure could save tens of millions of dollars.

Support: Prop 58 - English Proficiency. Multilingual Education

Proposition 58 repeals the most restrictive parts of Proposition 227, a 1998 initiative that limited the methods California schools can use to teach English to students who are not native English speakers. This measure addresses the inequity of Prop 227 and frees parents and their schools to provide the best educational opportunities for all California children regardless of their first

language. The League opposed Prop 227 nearly 20 years ago and urges your support for this change.

History Oppose: Prop 59 - Constitutional Language Amendment Advisory Measure

Eliminating the corrupting influence of money in our democracy is a vital concern. Unfortunately, this vague, poorly drafted ballot measure is not the solution. A constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United may have appeal as a quick fix, but in reality it is a slow, laborious, costly, and potentially unsuccessful strategy. A poorly written amendment could have significant unintended consequences—not the least of which is squelching actual political speech. Voters deserve a fair election system today, not years or decades from now. Instead of looking to an imagined silver bullet, we need to take broad action now, including fixing our Federal Elections Commission, expanding disclosure laws, overturning California's ban on public financing of elections, and asking a new Supreme Court to revisit the ruling.

Support: Prop 62 - Justice That Works: Death Penalty Abolition

Proposition 62 will abolish the death penalty, replacing it with life without possibility of parole. It will ensure time in prison is spent in work, with an increased portion of wages going to restitution to victims' families. Families deserve restitution, not endless legal appeals, and closure through knowing these worst criminals will never be released. California has spent more than \$5 billion to execute 13 people since 1978. Nothing indicates this has been effective in reducing crime, while the risk of executing the innocent remains.

Support: Prop 63 - Safety for All Act

The facts are sobering. From 2002 to 2013, 38,576 Californians died from gun violence, including 2,258 children. In the U.S., more than 300 Americans are shot each day, more than 80 of them fatally. Prop 63 helps counter those statistics by strengthening background check systems and ensuring that California law enforcement shares data about dangerous people with the FBI. It ensures that dangerous criminals and domestic abusers sell or transfer their firearms after they're convicted. This measure requires businesses that sell ammunition to report lost or stolen ammunition, requires people to notify law enforcement if their guns are lost or stolen, and ensures that people convicted of gun theft are ineligible to own guns.

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REMEMBERING TWO
DISTINGUISHED, LONG TIME
LEAGUE MEMBERS

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SARAH JANE "SALLY" STOTLER GAMBLE

died in June at the age of 95.
Sally was a 50-Year Lifetime Member of our League.

In fact she was a member for far more than 50 years since she was already President of the LWV of the Monterey Peninsula for two terms from 1958 to 1960—when Eisenhower was President of the United States.



JANET ROBERTS MOOERS

died in September at the age of 91.
Louise Stuart remembers her as "...
someone who was always interested in
current events, in responses to them,
and in other views. Of course she had
strong views as well."

Beverly Bean expressed a reaction shared by many: "The last time I spoke with Janet she was so full of life and when she told me her age—91—I couldn't believe it! I will miss seeing her at every LWV luncheon."

It was our good fortune to have known both of these wonderful women.

Beverly Kreps noted that
"... we have to recognize that today's LWV works because of the years of volunteers who came before us ..."

definitely including Sally and Janet.

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Compiled by **Dennis Mar** with **Beverly Bean, Beverly Kreps** and **Louise Stuart**

K LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: JANET BRENNAN 🖈

Janet Brennan has been an active member of the League for more than 50 years, having joined the Ventura Chapter in 1964.

Janet was born in Wyoming, but her family moved to California when she was just two years old and to Ventura when she was four. "I grew up in Ventura," she says, "then went to Cal and returned to Ventura later, when I was married."

An environmental planner with 40 years of experience working for local and regional governments, Janet began her career in Ventura, when she was in her 30's. "It was really through all my activities in the League that I became eligible to work as a land use planner," she says. "It was the height of the affirmative action movement equal opportunity, and it was by virtue of my volunteer experience that I became employable." A divorce and the need to support her three daughters served as additional motivations for entering the workforce.

Janet and her daughters moved to the Monterey area in 1983, where she went to work for **Monterey County Planning**. She left the County after one year, going to work for the **Association of Monterey Bay Governments** (AMBAG) until

1987, when she moved to the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. She retired as Supervising Planner for that agency in 2004. She continues to do consulting work for non-profit organizations.



"During my time as a professional in government jobs, I had to low-key my political involvement," she explains. "In the League, I focused on voter service, so I was not too much in the public eye.

Once I retired, I could become more involved."

The list of Janet's activities in public interest and community groups is amazingly long. In addition to serving her fifth term as our President, she's currently on the Board of LandWatch Monterey County and was one of its founding members.

She's also Treasurer of Chamber Music Monterey Bay, Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Monterey Bay

Unified Air Pollution
Control District, a land
use consultant for the
California League of
Women Voters and
Chair of the Carmel
Valley Land Use
Advisory Committee.
And those are just her
current activities.



In the past, Janet has been President of the Carmel Music Social, President of the Ventura County League and a member of the 1972 Ventura County Grand Jury and the 2005 Monterey County Grand Jury, to name just a few of her many volunteer positions.

Her interests include more than community and environmental issues. Janet is also a water colorist and has won several prizes at the **Monterey County Fair**, including a first place for a still life. She contributes her work to **LandWatch** for note cards that are given out to all attendees at its annual fundraiser.

Another of Janet's avocations is tracking down archeological sites. "A friend and I have documented rock walls north of Shasta," she says. "They appear to be Native American walls. Most are huge boulders that are lined up. Some

say the Chinese did it, others say the Portuguese, but none of that makes sense. We're also going to visit the Viking site in Newfoundland, and we've been to the UK and Ireland and tracked down ancient artifacts there."



Janet feels grateful for the life she's had, saying, "I've been fortunate to follow my passions both as a professional and as a volunteer. Not many people have that chance."

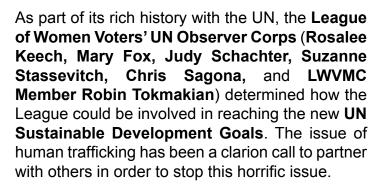
Among the goals she has for the League is to increase voter participation, particularly in the Salinas Valley, and make its processes and procedures far less complex.

Overall, Janet's optimistic about the League's future. "Our League is extremely fortunate because we have such a great nest egg," she says. "We don't have to focus a lot of time and energy on fundraising, unlike many other Leagues."

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING MEETS ITS MATCH: INTRODUCING ALLIANCE 8.7

Alliance 8.7 the United Nations' target to stop forced labor and trafficking, especially of children, was launched in September in conjunction with the opening of the UN General Assembly in New York City.



According the International to Labour Organization (ILO), this issue affects 21 million people worldwide, including the US, and is a \$150 billion industry. The Observer Corps worked with the US State Department and ILO as well as others in academia, the private sector and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to create interest in fighting this issue from the demand side—stopping corporations from unwittingly purchasing forced labor and trafficking services. ILO and the State Department (through the US Mission to the UN) took the initiative with panel discussions and high level meetings. Working with other member states. ILO formed Alliance 8.7. In accordance with Impact on Issues (LWV's official position on Human Trafficking), the League



has been instrumental in forming the **NGO Coalition for Alliance 8.7** to raise awareness and urge the private sector to be part of the solution in stopping forced labor and trafficking.

The Coalition consists of members from academia including Rutgers, Fordham and other universities, National Council of Jewish Women, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, ECPAT, NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas and others.

The NGO Coalition is working with industry sectors to understand if and how forced labor and trafficking affects each particular industry, and working to engage corporations in the sector to join the Alliance. It is identifying corporate leaders to work with them in a **Consultation Day** to be held this month. **US Secretary of State John Kerry** has been invited to deliver the key note address at the launch.

You can get involved with **Alliance 8.7** by signing up at http://www.alliance87.org.

League of Women Voters USA, http://lwv.org/blog/human-trafficking-meets-its-match-introducing-alliance-87

FIRST CSUMB OCEAN **CANDIDATES FORUM** THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2016

alifornia State University Monterey Bay will hold their first Ocean Candidates Forum, placing the environment. particularly the ocean, on par with issues like the economy and national security in state and federal elections. The Forum will allow voters to hear how candidates handle challenging questions on the science and policy of ocean management.



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Program & Broadcasts

Reception with candidates 6:00 - 6:45 pm Forum 7:00 – 9:00 pm (NOTE: to be live-streamed online and on local

public TV, and archived for post event viewing)

Reservations

World Theater Box Office (831) 582-4580

Forum Questions Required in Advance

Send questions to <u>MarineScienceCSUMB@gmail.</u> com by Friday, October 14th

Forum Contact

For questions contact Prof. James Lindholm, PhD, CSUMB, 100 Campus Center, Building 53 (S307), Seaside, CA 93955, (831) 582-4662, e-mail: jlindholm@csumb.edu.

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If your membership has lapsed, please use the form below, or go to http://lwvmryco.org. Timely responses are appreciated as they help keep our local chapter strong.

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James Emery, Molly Erickson, Nancy Green, Linda Gin, and Phil Smith \$100 Level (\$65 renewal Plus \$35 donation)

PLEASE Renew Your Membership

if you have not already done so, and remember to bring potential members to League meetings! **Lisa Hoivik**, *LHoivik@comcast.net*

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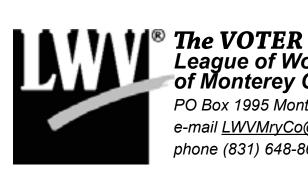
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LWVMC 2016 Calendar

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Lunch & Learn with the League Wednesday, 12 October, 12 noon "Pros & Cons: State Ballot Measures" Contact: Dennis Mar, 372-9388

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Natural Resources Committee Meeting Thursday, 13 October, 12 noon Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey Contact: George Riley, 645-9914 GeorgeTRiley@gmail.com

NOVEMBER

LWVMC Board Meeting Monday, 7 November, 5:00pm Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey Contact: Janet Brennan, 659-2090 JanetB@montereybay.com

Lunch & Learn with the League Wednesday, 9 November, 12 noon "The Condors of Big Sur" Contact: Janet Brennan, 659-2090 <u>JanetB@montereybay.com</u>

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