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# The Voter

## May – June, 2016

### President's Note

Hi everyone,

This will be our last Voter Newsletter of the 2015-2016 LWVRA year. I want to thank our Secretary, Rachel McVean, for stepping up to the plate to take this on and hitting a home run. It takes a lot of time and effort to put together a publication like this and she nails it. I hope that you let her know how much you appreciate her efforts on behalf of our League.

We are now winding down our busy year as we head towards our annual meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at the McConnell Foundation's beautiful facility at Lema Ranch. We actually have a lot of primary election events going on this month as well, including 2 mornings at the Redding Farmer's Market (May 7 and 14) (wo)manning an information table and 4 candidate forums for Shasta County Supervisor seats for Districts 2, 3 and 4.

One of my favorite events, our annual meeting, is, as I mentioned above, on May 24 beginning at 5 p.m. This is a time when we hold our "business meeting"; and, among other things, hold elections for new officers, discuss our local positions (and possibly adopt new positions), reflect on our past year's activities and suggest ideas for our upcoming year's activities and events. It's also a time to see many of our members and catch up with what's going on in their lives. The deadline to get your reservation in to Marlys is May 17 (you should mail your reservation in by the 12th to be sure it arrives in time!). Guests are also welcome (they may want to arrive after our business meeting at around 6:35 p.m.) for the dinner (an Asian buffet) and panel on the topic of the Blueprint for Public Safety featuring Redding City Manager Kurt Starman and Shasta County Chief Administrative Officer Larry Lees. The Implementation Team has recently (this week, actually) presented its findings to the County Supervisors and the Redding City Council and both Larry and Kurt will share these findings with us and answer any questions you may have.

Hope to see you all soon.

Alice Bell, LWVRA President

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#### Upcoming League Events

**May 10, 2016 @ 5:30 pm** – Candidates Forum for Shasta Co Board of Supervisors District 2, Old City Hall, Redding

**May 11, 2016 @ 5:30 pm** – Candidates Forum for Shasta Co Board of Supervisors District 4, Shasta Lake City Council Chambers, Shasta Lake

**May 17, 2016 @ 5:30** – Candidates Forum for Shasta Co Board of Supervisors District 3, Millville Grange, Palo Cedro

## LWVRA Annual Meeting 2016

RSVP Now!  
For the LWVRA Annual Meeting  
May 24, 2016  
McConnell Foundation  
800 Shasta View Drive, Redding

Business Meeting begins @ 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Social time 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dinner and Speakers @ 7:00 p.m.

Shasta County Executive Officer Larry Lees  
and City of Redding City Manager Kurt Starman will give the  
LWVRA an update on the proposals in the  
Blueprint for Public Safety

This year, a raffle will be held to benefit the LWVRA, with  
winners drawn after the panel presentation.

All members should have received an Annual Meeting Agenda  
and RSVP notice. Members will be voting on local LWVRA  
positions and electing new officers.

All RSVPs must be received by May 17<sup>th</sup>,  
so make sure to send yours in today!



The League of Women Voters of  
the Redding Area and the  
Redding Record Searchlight  
are sponsoring the following  
candidate forums for the  
June 7<sup>th</sup> election of Shasta  
County Supervisors in  
Districts 2, 3 and 4:

### District 2

Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 pm  
Old City Hall, 1313 Market St,  
Redding

Leonard Moty (Incumbent) and  
Jerome Venus

### District 4

Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 pm  
City of Shasta Lake City Council  
Chambers  
4488 Red Bluff St, Shasta Lake

Walter Albert, Steve Morgan,  
Bill Schappell (Incumbent) and  
Wally St. Clair

### District 3

Tuesday, May 17 at 5:30 pm  
Millville Grange  
22037 Old 44 Drive, Palo Cedro

Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 pm  
Burney Lions Hall  
37006 Main Street, Burney

Janet Chandler, Cathy Cresser  
(write-in), Pam Giacomini  
(Incumbent) and Mary Rickert



### **Local League Leaders:**

**Make a difference!**  
**Challenge yourself or others!**  
**Step up and seek LWVC Board Office!**

*The LWVC Nominating Committee (NC) is looking for proven leaders for the LWVC  
Officers and Board of Directors slate for the 2017-2019 term of office. Nominate  
yourself or nominate another League member before the October 3, 2016 deadline.*

*The nomination form is available for completion online on the members only web  
site, or contact NC Chair Kathy Souza at [kathysouza2003@yahoo.com](mailto:kathysouza2003@yahoo.com)  
for information and/or forms. The NC may also be reached at [nominating@lwvc.org](mailto:nominating@lwvc.org).*

#### **Nominating Committee Members:**

Kathy Souza, Jeanne Brown, Robbie Davis, Ann Havlik, and Gloria Chun Hoo

## Redding Area Homelessness Coalition Project Status

The Redding Area Homelessness Coalition Project (RAHCP) continues to make progress. The RAHCP is creating opportunities for our community to address homelessness.

The Project began in June 2015 with two Phases.

### Phase 1

1. Two reports were completed November 2015.
  - A. Analyzed the Redding/Shasta County Continuum of Care and provided recommendations to improve operations and coordination among service providers.
  - B. Reviewed and provided recommendations to improve the Homeless Management Information System HMIS (data collection system)
2. Two data reports are scheduled to be completed by mid-May 2016.
  - A. Collect and analyze existing homeless population data.
  - B. Collect and analyze information to estimate the local cost of homelessness.

### Phase 2

We are scheduled to complete the development of a Strategic Plan Addressing Homelessness by June 2016.

Two additional Phases of the Project have been added Spring 2016:

### Phase 3

The Continuum of Care Strengthening Committee of community leaders was formed and met March 21 and April 13 to plan and implement Phase 3 prior to the completion of the Strategic Plan. This phase includes restructuring the Redding/Shasta County Continuum of Care (CoC) so that it will be place to implement the Strategic Plan. CoC staffing will enable the CoC to prepare applications for eligible state and federal funding. The restructured CoC would be administered by a local non-profit instead of the current administration by the Shasta County Housing Department.

### Phase 4

Implementation of an improved HMIS will enhance data collection, manage care systems, and implement system-level performance measurements. Design and implementation of a Coordinated Entry System will improve eligibility and referral determinations.

Planning and implementation of both Phase 3 and 4 will utilize the information provided in the two Phase 1 reports completed in November 2015 by two skilled consultants who have relevant expertise and knowledge: HomeBase of San Francisco and Symmetric Solutions of Redding. Together they continue to facilitate data-based analysis and identification of best practice solutions.

### Status of Funding the RAHCP:

The cost to implement Phase 1 and 2 of the Project is \$115,500. A total of \$82,000 has been raised to date. The amount to be raised is \$33,500. The United Way of Northern California is acting as the 501(c)(3) fiscal agent to manage donations and expenditures related to this project.

To implement Phase 3 and 4, the proposed restructured CoC, improved HMIS and the Coordinated Entry System we are seeking funding from local governments and public/private funding. A non-profit will be selected for administration and all services will be provided by independent contracts for CoC staffing, HMIS administration and software and Coordinated Entry design and implementation.

Donations to support Phase 2 can be made by check payable to The United Way of Northern California, Memo: RAHCP, Mail to: 2280 Benton Drive, Box 14, Redding, CA 96003, Or donate online at the United Way, [norcalunitedway.org/donate](http://norcalunitedway.org/donate), select the drop down menu, and choose the Redding Area Homelessness Coalition Project.

Thank you,

Kristen Schreder, Redding Area Homelessness Coalition  
Project Lead, [kschreder@gmail.com](mailto:kschreder@gmail.com)





## BROWN ACT CORNER

### **Question: How can a member of the public address a Legislative Body (that must comply with the requirements of the Brown Act)?**

Every regular meeting or special meeting agenda must provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body on items of public interest within the legislative body's jurisdiction prior to or during consideration of the item. The exception to this rule is when an item on the agenda has been considered by a committee composed exclusively of legislative body members at a public meeting where all members of the public were given an opportunity to address the committee before or during the committee's consideration.



The legislative body may adopt reasonable regulations regarding public input including but not limited to regulations limiting the time for each speaker and the total time on each topic. To meet this requirement, legislative bodies provide for public comment on each item on the agenda.

The public also has the privilege of speaking to an issue within the legislative body's jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. Generally legislative bodies provide for a public comment period prior at the beginning of the meeting for those individuals wishing to speak, and some legislative bodies provide for that same public comment at the end of the meeting.

The legislative body may not limit or censor public criticism of policies, procedures, programs, services or the acts or omissions of the legislative body.

Finally, the legislative body may not require any individual to "sign in" when attending a meeting as a condition of participation in the meeting.

Susan Wilson,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, LWVRA and Director,  
LWVCA

#### WHERE DO I FIND MY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING AGENDAS?

City of Redding:

<https://reddingcityca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

City of Anderson:

[http://www.ci.anderson.ca.us/city\\_administration/beta\\_agenda\\_and\\_minutes.php](http://www.ci.anderson.ca.us/city_administration/beta_agenda_and_minutes.php)

City of Shasta Lake:

<http://www.ci.shastalake.ca.us/archive.aspx>

County of Shasta:

[http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos\\_index/bos\\_agenda/archive\\_d\\_agendas.aspx](http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos_index/bos_agenda/archive_d_agendas.aspx)



## League and MapLight Launch Voter's Edge California for June Presidential Primary Election

*Get the facts before you vote.*

Just in time for the June Presidential Primary Election, the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund has launched [Voter's Edge California](#), a comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in the state of California.

### Using Voter's Edge California, voters can:

- Access their full, personalized ballot by entering their address.
- Get in-depth information on candidates, measures, and who supports them.
- View candidate biographies, top priorities, answers to questions, photos, policy videos, endorsements, and detailed information about who funds their campaigns.
- Browse unbiased explanations of ballot measures; find out who supports, opposes, and funds them.
- Check where, when, and how to vote, including information on their local polling locations.
- Keep track of their choices to make voting easier.
- Share information about the election with friends and family.
- Access a Spanish language version of the website.

**How does it work?** Enter your **zip code** and your **street address** to access your complete ballot. Your address information is confidential. We are nonpartisan, nonprofit, and do not sell information. [Privacy policy.](#)

**Why use Voter's Edge California?** We launched a prototype of the voter guide in California for the 2014 election, it received more than 725,000 visits—about 10% of the number of Californians who cast ballots in the election.

### The Partnership

[Voter's Edge California](#) is a joint project of [MapLight](#) and the [League of Women Voters of California Education Fund](#). This partnership marries Smart Voter's authoritative coverage of election contests, candidates, and ballot measures with MapLight's deep expertise in public data and technology. The result is Voter's Edge California, which provides top-to-bottom ballot and campaign finance information in one easy-to-use site, giving voters instant access to political information of unparalleled depth and transparency. This collaboration for the 2016 election cycle aims to empower voters to access the information they need to vote with confidence.

Try it out at <http://www.votersedge.org/ca!>



## Guide to California Government

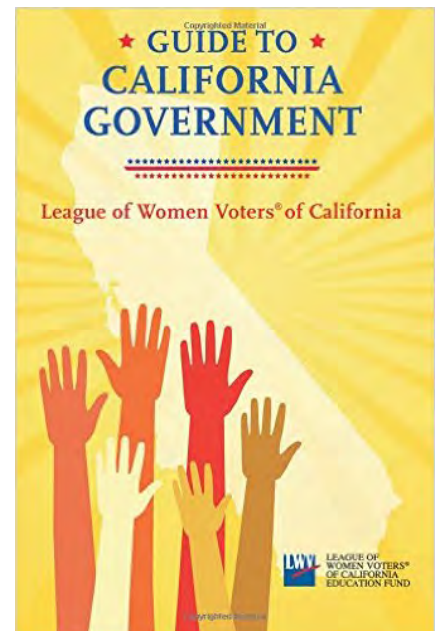
The LWVCA is pleased to announce the release of the sixteenth edition of the *Guide to California Government*! The *Guide to California Government* is a thorough, nonpartisan, easy-to-read book for navigating the often complicated process for voting and engaging with our state government. This updated edition of the guide provides essential information for every citizen or future citizen of California.

Updated in its sixteenth edition, the *Guide to California Government* (G2CG) is designed to engage and inform readers by emphasizing the public's role in California government.

This easy-to-use book explains:

- voting and elections logistics
- the initiative system
- levels of government
- state finances
- the education system
- how to contact your government

This unique edition has handy infographics explaining complicated structures of government with icons in the margins so readers can easily access additional online information. The *Guide to California Government* can be purchased online at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).



## KNOW YOUR BOARD

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## Navigating California's June Presidential Primary Election

By Cathy Darling-Allen

While elections news coverage seems like it will never end, here in California we will cast votes for the parties' partisan primary election for President on June 7<sup>th</sup>. And lately, the national news coverage says our votes will matter, a lot, for this presidential primary.

Also on that June 7<sup>th</sup> ballot, we will vote for US Senate, US Representative for congress, state assembly and state senator. Under the current California primary rules, voted into law as Proposition 14 in 2011, these are called voter nominated offices.

Local offices and all measures on the ballot are called non-partisan, and include county supervisor. There are also two local measures in the Junction and Black Butte school districts, in addition to the one state measure, Prop 50.

The top of the ballot, President, of course, gets quite a lot of attention. And the rules can be a little confusing. For this one office only, how you are registered to vote matters. A lot.

If you are registered with a qualified party, you must vote that party's ballot. You can only vote for that party's presidential candidates.

If you are a registered Republican, you get a Republican ballot, if you are a registered Green party member, you get a Green party ballot, and so on.

The exception is for those voters who have not declared a party. You might call yourself decline to state, or no party preference, or non partisan. These voters have a choice.

The choice they have changes each election, depending upon which parties allow these voters to choose their ballot. That's important to know: the state party organizations make the decision about this, as they are allowed to by California law.

This primary, no party preference voters can choose to vote American Independent, Libertarian, or a Democrat ballot.

If you are registered as no party preference and you want to vote Republican, you must re-register to vote as a Republican before the deadline, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The same is true for the Green party and the Peace and Freedom party.

Have questions? Please check your party registration status on our website, [here](#).

About six weeks before the election, voters will be able to look up where their polling place is on the same website.

If you want to vote a party ballot that requires you to be registered with them (Republican, Green, Peace & Freedom), please re-register to vote [here](#) before May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

If you have moved, please re-register to vote [here](#) before May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Another thing that is important to know for this election is about US Senate. The incumbent is not running, and perhaps as a result, we have 34 candidates. This is a lot. You will notice that it takes up one whole column on the back of your ballot. Working with some experts in usability (the Center for Civic Design), testing was done on different versions of the layout of the ballot. It was decided that the best, most clear way to present this contest was in one single column.

As a result, the front of the ballot looks a little lonely. The only contest, by law, that comes before US Senate is President. So President is the only thing on the front, of almost all our ballots in Shasta County.

Except! Remember those no party preference voters? They have their own special ballots, just like each party does. But because President is a partisan (party-affiliated) contest, no party preference voters don't have President on their ballot. So that one kind of ballot is blank on the front side.

We have placed instructions there, with a message that those voters can contact an election official if they want to vote for President.

Remember, none of the hard working volunteer poll workers you might see on election day made up any of this sometimes confusing, sometimes hard to understand set of rules. Please be kind to them, and thank them, if you remember, for their service to the voters of our community.

**2016 LWVRA Calendar**

<b>May</b>			
2 Monday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room
10 Tuesday	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Candidates' Forum	Old City Hall in Redding – District 2 Shasta County Supervisor Candidates
11 Wednesday	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Candidates' Forum	Shasta Lake City Hall – District 4 Shasta County Supervisor Candidates
17 Tuesday	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Candidates' Forum	Palo Cedro – Millville Grange – District 3 Shasta County Supervisor Candidates
18 Wednesday	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Candidates' Forum	Burney – Burney Lions Hall – District 3 Shasta County Supervisor Candidates
24 Tuesday	Business Meeting at 5:00 p.m. Social Time 6:35-7:00 Dinner at 7:00 p.m.	LWVRA Annual Meeting	McConnell Foundation – Dinner and an update on the Blueprint for Public Safety with County Executive Officer Larry Lees and Redding City Manager Kurt Starman. Raffle drawing. RSVP is required.



Did you know the League of Women Voters of the Redding Area has a Facebook page? Get updated on League activities and Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersRedding>



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- \_\_\_ \$65 Regular Membership  
(\$30 if submitted after February, for February - April)
- \_\_\_ \$25 Supporting Membership
- \_\_\_ \$15 Student Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (home/cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check with this form to:  
League of Women Voters of the Redding Area  
P. O. Box 991463 Redding CA 96099-1463

Membership Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**League of Women Voters of the Redding Area**

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## How to Contact Your Elected Officials

### UNITED STATES

President Barack Obama (202) 456-1414  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/>

Congressman Doug LaMalfa (202)225-3076  
<https://lamalfa.house.gov/contact/email-me>

### CALIFORNIA

Senator Dianne Feinstein (415) 393-0707  
<http://feinstein.senate.gov> - click "email me"

Senator Barbara Boxer (415) 403-0100  
<http://www.boxer.senate.gov/>

Assembly Member Brian Dahle  
(916) 319-2001  
<https://ad01.assemblygop.com/Email-us>

State Senator Ted Gaines (916) 651-4001  
[senator.gaines@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.gaines@senate.ca.gov)

### CITY GOVERNMENT

City of Redding Mayor Missy McArthur  
[mmcarthur@cityofredding.org](mailto:mmcarthur@cityofredding.org)

Shasta Lake Mayor Lori Chapman-Sifers  
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City of Anderson Mayor Melissa Hunt  
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