

The Voter

Democracy is NOT a spectator sport.

League Takes Action

Churn Creek Bottom Development.



During the summer the League Board appointed a committee to assess what action League should take on the the proposed Hawkins Development that asked for a General Plan amendment for the northwest 92 acres at the Knighton Rd freeway overpass. The proposed amendment asked that those acres be changed from A1 and A2, five acre minimum to commercial/retail for the purpose of developing an 84 acre Travel Center/Entertainment/Shopping Mall.

The committee members researched news articles on the subject of Churn Creek Bottom development for the past two years; interviewed BOS member, David Kehoe, Russ Mull from the planning department, Rod Evans, from the Churn Creek Bottom Homeowners Association and Jeff Hess from the Hawkins Development Cos; and read the 700 page EIR report for the proposed development.

The committee's Speak Your Piece Article on this issue was published July 31, followed by a reading of the letter at the the Board Of Supervisors public hearing on August 1st.

Link to the Speak Your Piece:

<http://www.redding.com/news/2011/jul/31/linda-salter-hawkins-development-is-more-sprawl/>

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CALENDAR

- August 1 - 10:30 am
Board Meeting
Library
- September 6 - 10:30 am
Board Meeting
Library
- September 27 - 11:30 am
General Meeting
Library
Speaker: Rod Evans, Churn Creek Bottom Homeowners
- October 3 - 10:30 am
Board Meeting
Library
- October 25 - 11:30 am
General Meeting
Library Community Room
Speaker: April Jurisich, Healthy Students Initiative





CONTINUED: CHURN CREEK BOTTOM DEVELOPMENT

The BOS voted 5-0 to allow the change in the General Plan. It appeared they did so with the hope of creating both construction and retail jobs while generating much needed tax revenue.

The Churn Creek Bottom Homeowners Association has launched an ambitious effort at gathering enough signatures to support a referendum to overturn the BOS decision as well as an initiative to keep the current General Plan designation and prohibit the re-designation of 4000 acres in Churn Creek Bottom for 25 years.

Several of our members have joined the effort to gather signatures. If you are interested in joining them in this endeavor, contact Molly Cole @221-3266 or at gummyandgeorge@snowcrest.net.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As summer winds down, our local League begins the regular schedule of meetings. However, your Board of Directors has not been idle. We enjoyed the usual Joint (2010-2011 and 2011-2012) Board Meeting on June 27th in the Community Room of the Shasta Library in Redding. It was a salad luncheon and as always, those in attendance produced evidence of being fine cooks as well as involved citizens. Many thanks to Emily Davis and Jan Logue for their willingness to step forward last year and serve as Co-

Presidents for the remainder of Susan Wilson's term.

The Board made the decision to take action on League positions (from our studies at national, state, and local levels) regarding amending the Shasta County General Plan to allow a large shopping mall at the Knighten Road interchange in Churn Creek Bottom. Linda Salter took the lead as chair, to formulate a plan for appropriate action opposing this development. Alice Bell, Molly Cole, Jan Logue, and I (ex officio) assisted her. We interviewed opponents and proponents of the project. Several of us read the 700+ page E.I.R. approved by the Shasta County Planning Commission (3-2 vote) which was then sent to the Shasta County Board of Supervisors for approval. A "Speak Your Piece"

article was published in the local paper and Linda presented the League's position at the public hearing prior to the vote by the B.O.S. They voted unanimously to approve the project.

Our first General Meeting will be on September 27 at Angelo's and we have invited Rod Evans, President of the Churn Creek Bottom Homeowner's Association to be the speaker. Our second Vice-President Karen Frost is finalizing our Program for the year.

We ALWAYS welcome members to Board meetings which are held the first Monday of most months. Please contact me if you want to be more active in our local League. Voter registration, observer corps, educational forums, and 'one-shot' opportunities are available.

Janet Tyrrel

THANK YOU, SHASTA COUNTY LIBRARY!

Our League would like to thank our local public library for the use of its meeting rooms. It is a wonderful place to meet for our directors and for special meetings.





LEAGUE OBSERVER: SHASTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The purpose of an observer is to listen, take notes and report back to the LWV Board any relevant information. An observer for the League attends as many meetings as possible for a government body. An observer makes no comment and wears an identifying LWV button. Watching your government in action is always educating. We need an observer for the Shasta County Planning Commission. Please contact Janet Tyrrel if you are interested or want more information.

Message From Your Editor

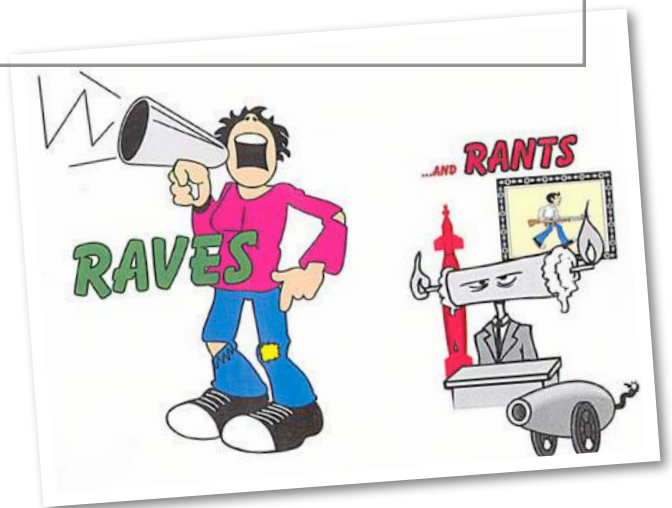
Check out the a new feature for our newsletter!

We all know that our membership is widely involved with our community. This year there will be a column called "Rants and Raves" It is a place for our membership to praise or complain about a community issue that is your own personal passion. Please be brief, 75 words or less and be sure that it is relevant to our League. Rants and Raves should be submitted to the editor by email no later than the 10th of each month beginning in September. Please include your name.

RANTS AND RAVES!

My Rave: Grassroots citizen participation by Churn Creek Bottom Homeowners Association in seeking voter signatures for a referendum and initiative designed to protect their interests in preserving the current General Plan for their area. At the Board of Supervisors meeting, ten of our members turned out to support keeping Churn Creek Bottom at the General Plan's current zoning. Way to go! Call me to sign and support our mission to get a referendum and initiative on the ballot.

Molly Cole, 221-3266



Rave: Local Government web sites that keep the public informed of meetings and decisions made by our representatives. *Linda Salter*

My Rant: The Shasta County Board of Supervisors where some members doze and other's engage in eye rolling and smirking through public input time. I'm looking for a more respectful countenance by elected officials. *Linda Salter*

My Rave: "Shasta Lake Watch" has been formed by Lori Chapman-Sifers and Gracious Palmer in the City of Shasta Lake. "Shasta Lake Watch" promotes ethical, accountable, and

responsible leadership on the city council of the City of Shasta Lake. "Shasta Lake Watch" supports openness, transparency, and civility at all levels of government. Look for us on Facebook!

GET INVOLVED! STAY INVOLVED! *Gracious Palmer*





RESOURCE LINKS

- [California Elections](#)
- [California LWV](#)
- [City of Anderson Government](#)
- [City of Redding Government](#)
- [City of Shasta Lake Government](#)
- [National LWV](#)
- [National LWV on Facebook](#)
- [Our website](#)
- [Rdg. City Council Mtg. Video Archive](#)
- [Redding LWV on Facebook](#)
- [Shasta County Democratic Party](#)
- [Shasta County Elections](#)
- [Shasta County Government](#)
- [Shasta County Republican Party](#)
- [State Assembly](#)
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