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*Greetings, League Members & Friends,*

**On Sunday, September 25th**, we kick-off our League year with great food and a forum panel to address **political redistricting in California and Butte County**.

This past summer our State and Local Leagues have fielded questions, provided background information and responded to frustrations and complaints about the re-districting processes. Hence, our board members decided redistricting would be a most pertinent issue to bring to our membership at our first meeting. Additionally, it is a subject matter at the core of League focus and efforts--working toward achieving good government through good election opportunities.

We hope this first League event will encourage long time League members to renew their membership with confidence that the League continues to support an informed citizenry. **Your convenient membership envelope is enclosed.** You may either mail it, or turn it in at the meeting on September 25th.

Beginning in October, our League will celebrate the **100th year of Women's Right to Vote in California** with exhibits and events throughout the County. Also this Fall, we will return with **Lunch & Learn** meetings, some of which will focus on an Initiative & Referendum study. Watch for information about these future events.

Members, please do attend our first meeting and feel free to bring a friend. Come to enjoy good food and good information from our superb panel members dedicated to making government and its processes interesting and important to us all.

Looking forward to your "hellos" on September 25th!

*Sincerely,  
Betsy Kruger*

*Our Mission ...*

Founded in 1920, the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government. At the local, state and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

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**It is Time to RENEW your membership with us!**

*Please use the enclosed envelope to renew your League of Women Voters membership*

**A \$55 membership gets you so much for your money:**

- ✓ Local League membership also includes membership in the state and national LWV
- ✓ LWV is the go-to place for unbiased, non-partisan election information
- ✓ League Observers help to keep government boards and commissions in the “sunshine”
- ✓ LWV is your steadfast advocate for healthy communities and a fully-engaged democracy

*Thank You for continuing to support the good work of the League!*

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*You are cordially invited to attend our  
Fall Membership  
“Issues & Hors d’oeuvres”*

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***Redistricting: Making each Vote count***

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*With Special Guests:  
Supervisor Maureen Kirk  
CSUC Professor Charley Turner  
and neighborhood activist Maria Phillips*

Professor Turner and Supervisor Kirk will speak to their experiences with State and County redistricting, respectively, while Ms. Phillips will lend a citizen's perspective, having been the spokeswoman for a neighborhood group in the County's most recent redistricting process.

**SUNDAY, September 25th, 2-5 pm**  
First Baptist Church  
850 Palmetto Ave, Chico

For more information, contact Board Member Sharon Wallace @ 530-342-0910

## LWVC Update Study: Initiative & Referendum Process

We are very excited to announce that the LWV of California board recently approved an official scope for the **Initiative & Referendum study** that had been accepted by the State Convention attendees in May!

Study Scope: A study of the initiative and referendum processes in California, including a review of the current system and proposals for reform.

The study will include:

- a review of the current LWVC Position on the Initiative and Referendum Process
- the history of initiative and referendum, with a focus on California
- how the initiative and referendum processes have changed and are changing
- identification of key issues for California
- ideas for **change and reform** of the initiative and referendum processes
- creation of community **education and outreach** material for use by local Leagues and other groups.

If you'd like to **participate in our local Initiative & Referendum study committee** and/or subsequent "consensus meetings" that the committee will plan in coming months, please contact me at **342-0910** or [sharon.wallace@dishmail.net](mailto:sharon.wallace@dishmail.net). Let's get started on our path to becoming positive agents of change!

*Sharon Wallace*  
Communications Chair

## Could YOU be a potential League Observer and not yet know it?

***Observers are the eyes and ears of our organization.*** We insure that there is as much 'Sunshine' on local politics as possible. The Observer Corps is tasked to watch and listen to local government and to pass those observations on to the League so that our membership and the public is well informed.

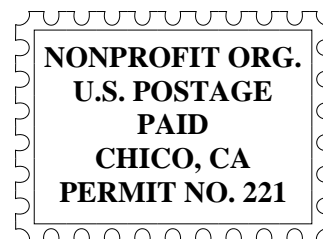
***Do you have an afternoon or evening every month or so to attend a meeting?*** If so, we'd love to hear from you. We are looking for new ways of observing our local government that work with your schedule. For instance, maybe every City Council meeting is too much, but you could attend several times a year. Or perhaps you would like to share the task with a buddy and attend alternate meetings. Or maybe you would be willing to serve as an occasional substitute throughout the year.

***Being part of the Observer Corps allows you to develop real insight into our local government.*** You would be so well informed! And, if you are apprehensive about attending a meeting alone, then let's find a partner to go with you until you are comfortable going it alone.

***If local government interests you, if you enjoy listening and watching, then please consider joining our Observer Corps.*** We are in the most preliminary stages of setting up the program for this year. The goal is to have a meeting with the current Observers and to recruit several new Observers. Your thoughts and ideas are most welcome. Please email me at [maswick@earthlink.net](mailto:maswick@earthlink.net) if you'd like to join, or simply want to discuss the possibility. Or call if you have been an Observer and want to share your expertise!

*Margaret Swick*  
Observers Chair

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**PLEASE OPEN PROMPLTY:** to find your **League Member renewal envelope**, and tasty information about our *“Issues & Hors d’oeuvres”* program on **Sunday, September 25th!**

**Your 2011-12 League Leaders**

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**Fall 2011- League Calendar**

**Fall Membership**

**Issues & Hors d’oeuvres**

**Sunday, Sept 25th, 2-5 p.m.**

***“Redistricting: Making each Vote count”***

@ First Baptist Church, 850 Palmetto Ave. Chico

**100th Anniversary Celebration of California’s Women’s Suffrage**

Traveling exhibit and events:

October — Bidwell Mansion & Chico library  
November — Oroville library & Historical Society Museum  
December — Durham branch library  
January — Gold Nugget Museum & Paradise library  
February — Gridley Museum & library

**LWV Board of Director Meetings**

**3rd Tuesdays of the month, 5:30 pm**

@ the League office, 635 Flume Street, Chico

*All League meetings are open to ALL League members.  
Forums and Panel Programs open to the public, as well.*