



November 2, 2010 Election

The national 2010 midterm election experienced the highest turnout for a midterm election in the past 30 years, with 41% of those eligible to vote casting a ballot. In San Francisco, we had nearly 57% voter turnout, which is exceptional for a midterm election.

Voting is more important than ever, and the League of Women Voters is pleased to see this upward trend in participation in our democratic system. This election period was one of record involvement for San Francisco League members. These are just some of our activities in support of voter awareness:

- Pro/Con Guides in English, Spanish and Chinese
- 25 Speaker’s Bureau presentations discussing City and State ballot measures
- Candidate Forums for Supervisorial districts 6, 8 and 10 as well as Public Defender and Assessor Recorder
- Partnered with SFGTV to record and broadcast the Candidate Forums and Pro/Con discussion
- Taped candidate statements for all City races, also broadcast on SFGTV
- Published Pro/Con Guide in the Examiner, with links to the Guide on SFGate.com
- Provided in-depth election information on our website: sfvotes.org



Review election results on the League’s website or check out our commentary on our LeagueVoice blog. If you want to get involved in the next election, contact us. Member volunteers are essential to the League’s work.

California Redistricting



California citizens keep their power to draw the lines that will define election districts for the next ten years. The State’s voters said a resounding YES! to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. Both Proposition 27 - retaining the Commission, and Proposition 20 - expanding the Commission’s responsibilities, passed by a remarkably uniform approximately 60% of the vote across all counties. Commission: we the people support you!

California’s first Citizens Redistricting Commission is a 14-member Commission charged with redrawing California’s Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and now Congressional districts based on information gathered during the 2010 census.

Let’s stay involved and invested in this effort. Get in-depth information on redistricting on the California League website and receive regular updates from the Commission by signing up today.

League of Women Voters Centennial Celebration

The upcoming Gala hosted by the League of Women Voters of San Francisco will be in honor of the Centennial Celebration of Women's Suffrage in California.

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2011

TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Club, 155 Sansome Street, San Francisco



We will be honoring pioneering and rising star women leaders in the Bay Area community at the Gala, as well as League supporters who have been members for 50 years or more.

Pioneer Honorees

Diane (Dede) Wilsey

Brenda Wright

Susan Desmond-Hellman

Margaret Sullivan

Aileen Hernandez

Rising Star Honorees

Nicole Baran

Hala Hijazi

Jennifer Siebel Newsom

London Breed

Stay tuned to learn more about these inspiring women and for more details on how to purchase tickets to this must-see event.

Get Involved: Attend a Board of Supervisors Meeting



Following the November election, San Francisco will have four new supervisors taking office next January. Meanwhile our current supervisors are still actively engaged in passing legislation.

Just recently they made a landmark decision to ban toy giveaways in Happy Meals and similar fast-food offerings aimed at kids, unless the meals have reduced sodium, fat and sugar content and include fruit and vegetables. And with Mayor Newsom's

successful bid for Lieutenant Governor of California, the Board of Supervisors is now deciding who will serve as interim mayor for the next year.

We encourage you to attend a Board of Supervisors meeting to get in on the action. There are still a few meetings left through the end of this year. Meetings occur in the Legislative Chamber of City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on various Tuesdays. Check the schedule to find out when they are happening and check the website the Friday before the meeting to get an idea of the agenda items up for discussion.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Party

WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 2010, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Community Learning Center at St. James, 4620 California Street (at 8th Street)

WHY: Meet old and new friends at the League's annual holiday gathering.

HOW: RSVP by emailing lwwsf@lwwsf.org

Program Planning Day

WHEN: Saturday, January 22, 2011, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: 2675 Pacific Ave (between Scott and Pierce), San Francisco

WHY: Join us for the annual membership breakfast meeting to get a quick League update from 2010 and add your voice to shaping our 2011 priorities. We'll look at local positions to determine what worked and where we need to expand. Come add your voice!

HOW: RSVP by emailing lwwsf@lwwsf.org

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