

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF THE BEACH CITIES**

**FIFTY FIRST  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019**

**10:00A.M.-1:00P.M.**

**1534 RUHLAND AVE.  
MANHATTAN BEACH**

# Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities

Every member is a delegate - Please bring this Kit with you

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**PROPOSED AGENDA**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ORDER OF BUSINESS</u>	<u>PROCEDURES AND RULES</u>
9:45 A.M.	REGISTRATION .....	Only members will be allowed to vote.
10:00 A.M.	CALL TO ORDER	
	Introductions	
	Quorum Count.....	10% of Membership
	Credentials Report	
	Adoption of Rules of Convention.....	Majority vote
	Adoption of Order of Business.....	Majority vote
	Appointment of Annual Meeting Minutes Committee	
10:10 A.M.	PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT AND BOARD REPORTS.....	2 minute rule
10:40 A.M.	PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET	
	Discussion.....	3 minute rule
	Adoption.....	Majority vote
10:50 A.M.	NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT	
	Nominations from the floor.....	Consent of membership
	ELECTION OF OFFICERS.....	Majority vote
11:00 A.M.	REVIEW OF LOCAL POSITIONS	
	ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	
	(new study, update study, issue for emphasis/advocacy)	
	ADOPTION OF NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM	
	(new study, update study, issue for emphasis/advocacy)	
11:45 A.M.	DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD.....	1 minute rule
12:00 NOON	PROGRAM	
	Speaker: Hawthorne Councilwoman Olivia Valentine	
12:30 P.M.	ADJOURNMENT AND LUNCH	

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BEACH CITIES  
PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

Delegates: Shall be members in good standing.

Quorum: A quorum shall consist of ten percent of the membership

Debate: Speakers, upon recognition by the chair, shall state their names and shall limit their remarks to the question. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker. No one shall speak twice to a question until all who wish have had the opportunity to speak.

Privilege of the floor: Only members and those persons designated by the chair shall have the privilege of the floor.

Voting: Voting is limited to League members. Members will vote by standing, voice or by show of hands. The method to be used will be decided by the chair. Voting on any or all questions may be by secret ballot if so determined by a majority vote. No new members may join while voting is in progress. Absentee or proxy voting will not be allowed. Every delegate at convention has a duty to vote.

Adoption of Order of Business and Rules of the Day: A majority is required to adopt.

May be amended after adoption by 2/3 vote.

Adoption of the Budget: Requires a simple majority of members present and voting.

Adoption of Bylaws: Any bylaws amendment requires a 2/3 majority of members present and voting.

Election of Officers: Majority of those present and voting will elect.

Adoption of Recommended Program: Requires a simple majority of members present and voting.

Consideration of Non-Recommended Program Items: A member may move consideration of a non-recommended item and make a five-minute statement

explaining the reason for asking consideration. The item must be in the exact wording listed in the Kit. The motion shall not be debatable. The vote to consider will immediately follow the presentation. Consideration may be granted by a majority vote. If consideration is granted, a member may request the Board to give its reasons for non recommending the proposal.

Adoption of Non-Recommended Program Items: Requires a 3/5 majority of members present and voting.

Amendment of a Program Item: Requires a simple majority of members present and voting. Wording of the item may be perfected by amendment if the changes do not enlarge the scope or change the intent.





**LWV BEACH CITIES NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**  
LWVBC Officers and Directors Nominated for 2019-2020

Nominees for 2019-2020

Officers/Directors completing  
their second year

Co-Presidents: Barbara Arlow  
Joan LeSage

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Henrietta Mosley

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Ruth Hart

3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Diane Wallace  
(1 year term)

Secretary: Grace Peng  
(1 year term)

Treasurer: Ashley Kruchdele  
(1 year term)

Directors: Harriet Chase  
Ann Kuhns  
Therese Neustaedter

Directors: Debra Estroff  
(2 year Term) Jeanne Hamilton  
Arnette Travis

Nominating  
Committee: Penny Markey, Chair  
(1 year Term) Susan Grebe  
Margaret Thelen

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Ann Martin, Chair  
Peggy Bartlett  
Mignon Thiem-Murphy  
Ann Kuhns  
Susan Grebe



## LOCAL POSITIONS

### 1. EDUCATION \*

#### Support for:

The concept of unification of Grades K-12. Specific proposals for change to be evaluated on the basis of such criteria as: financial viability, size, ability to respond to the community, and educational opportunity.

Adopted 1990, Updated 1993

#### Support for:

1. maintaining or improving educational services to students and a willingness to assume that cost;
2. an educational climate receptive to innovative approaches;
3. an effective counseling program to include educational, vocational, and personal counseling for students with emphasis on early identification of problems;
4. staff development opportunities for school personnel;
5. assigning a high priority to low pupil adult ratio at the elementary levels;
6. maintaining a library staffed by professional librarians at each school;
7. a program to recruit community resource volunteers to enrich and supplement the educational program;
8. improved communication among all levels of school personnel to facilitate coordination of curriculum.

Adopted 1970, Re-adopted 1995 by concurrence to include all school districts within the area served by the League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities.

Note: When first adopted, this position applied only to the South Bay Union High School District and the elementary districts within its boundaries. However, this District was dissolved on July 1, 1993 and replaced by the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and the Redondo Beach Unified School District.

#### **Proposed LWVBC Position Statement on Education**

The LWVBC supports a comprehensive pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade public education system that meets individual needs. The League supports ongoing efforts to improve equitable access and opportunities for all children to learn. The education system must challenge all students to reach their highest social-emotional and academic potential. The League also supports educational efforts that encourage lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.

The League supports a system of education funding that is sufficient, flexible, reliable and sustainable. It should be derived from a combination of revenue sources and distributed fairly to support access and equitable opportunities for all students.

The League supports the formulation of broad general guidelines at the state level, with flexibility at the local level in developing and implementing program.

The LWVBC supports:

1. programs that encourage readiness to learn for all students and promote parent education to support this effort;
2. a school environment that is conducive to effective teaching and student learning;
3. meaningful involvement of parents and the community in assessing local educational needs and goals;
4. multiple opportunities for parent and community members to participate in district and school site committees in support of ongoing educational opportunities;
5. curricula and activities that address the range of student abilities and interests;
6. effective integration of appropriate and current technology into the curriculum, communication and operations;
7. research-based professional development for teachers;
8. sustained efforts to ensure school safety;
9. inclusive programs to address the needs of special populations including students with disabilities, English language learners, gifted, gender diverse students, foster youth and students in poverty;
10. programs that address mental health, sexual harassment/assault, bullying and cultural competencies;
11. effective implementation of national and state curriculum standards;
12. funding for optimal teacher/pupil ratios;
13. both equity and fairness in issues of funding addressing the accountability of charter schools;
14. research addressing overall educational quality and student performance relative to comparable educational systems, including in other nations.

Approved by LWVBC board 3/11/2019

## 2. GENERAL PLANS AND LAND USE \*

### GENERAL PLAN

Support for the State mandate that each city and county adopt a general plan which requires the following elements: Land Use, Noise, Circulation, Open Space, Conservation and Safety. In addition, we support policies which encourage cities to add optional elements, as appropriate, including but not limited to, economic development, air quality and water quality, with an emphasis on regional cooperation in the areas of air and water quality.

Furthermore, we support the position that General Plans be reviewed periodically to determine the need for updates and revisions. In addition to State guidelines, timing for revision should be based upon the changing goals of a community, population changes and infrastructure needs; the process should allow for significant public input. We support adequate funding that accommodate each city's needs and policies.

Adopted 2001

## OPEN SPACE - HOUSING

Support for policies that recognize the value of open space as an important component of land use decisions. Support of an open space element in a city's general plan which includes preservation and protection of any parcel or area of land or water, improved or unimproved, designated as open space, including but not limited to, preservation and management of natural resources, active and passive outdoor parks and recreation, and public access to coastal beaches.

Support of policies which consider health and safety concerns, taxing and zoning laws to encourage retention and acquisition of open space, and low density. Support of public participation in developing policies to preserve and create open space.

## HOUSING

Support for:

1. the state-mandated housing elements in the General Plans which include nondiscriminatory policies to encourage housing for all income levels without regard to race, ethnic background, religion, handicap, sex or age;
2. policies which preserve quality of life and the residential character of local neighborhoods;
3. public participation in developing policies and planning for housing;
4. assessment and inventory of housing needs based on population and employment trends, housing characteristics, housing stock, and suitable land available for residential development;
5. analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints such as zoning, density, building codes, fees, permits, land use controls and, where appropriate and legally possible (subject to local control), removal of such constraints to allow creative solutions for the development of housing for all income levels;
6. strict enforcement of zoning and building codes, such as height limits and parking requirements to discourage abuse of variances and encourage fair, consistent adherence to zoning, building codes, and ordinances; strict regulation of condominium construction and conversion;
7. analysis of nongovernmental constraints such as availability of financing, price of land, cost of construction, and encouragement of private industry/individual participation in solving the housing problem;
8. housing programs which address the special needs of the handicapped, elderly, large families, homeless and persons of low income, including

the retention of affordable housing in units developed with the assistance of a governmental agency; dispersion of rent subsidies throughout the community;

9. strict enforcement of the housing element at the local level;
10. policies which meet regional housing needs of all income groups.

Adopted 2001

Updated 2011

### 3. CITY FINANCE \*

Support for:

1. local government which recognizes public service as its prime objective;
2. the provision of city services and programs at the highest level possible under budget constraints;
3. retention of diverse methods of funding.

Adopted 1995

### 4. LIBRARY

Support for:

1. Free and equal access to information for people of all ages and backgrounds.
2. Stable funding based on diverse sources of revenue.
3. A professional staff responsive to service area needs.
4. Access to library facilities at least six days per week.
5. The promotion of lifelong learning and literacy for all ages, from birth through older adults.
6. The availability of a variety of formats, including books, audiovisual materials, and online resources
7. The availability of free computers and Internet access.
8. The availability of resources for job search and small business development.
9. The preservation of local and cultural history.
10. The library as a gathering place and community hub to support local interests and programming.
11. Collaboration and outreach among government, education, business and civic organizations.
12. Friends of the Library and other library volunteers.

Adopted May 1997

Updated May 2015

Updated May 2017