



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the Bay Area

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Celebrating 95+ Years of *Making Democracy Work*

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

There is no other organization quite like the League of Women Voters. Female or male, young or experienced, too busy to contribute actively or looking for a way to get involved—all of us help promote the informed and active participation of citizens in government. That’s what makes democracy work! Since our founding in 1920 by suffragists, the League of Women Voters has been registering voters, encouraging citizens to vote, and providing *nonpartisan* information. Members of the local Bay Area League, founded in 1967, take our mission seriously and work very hard to fulfill our charge.

We are primarily known for our work in voters service – registering people to vote, distributing thousands of Voters Guides, and hosting candidates forums.

We also educate ourselves and the community on timely issues through discussion meetings.

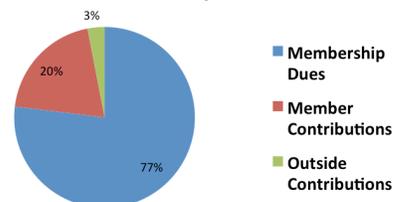
I am very proud to be a member of this unique organization that has existed for more than 95 years. From the roots of the American suffrage movement, we have grown and evolved into a group of dedicated women and men who encourage informed and active participation in government and influence public policy through education and advocacy, or – in a nutshell – “Make Democracy Work”.

Barbara Murray
President, LWV-Bay Area

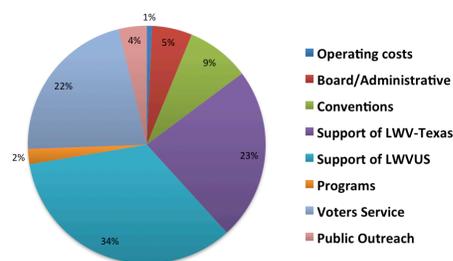


LWV-Bay Area FINANCIAL REPORT

Income - LWV-Bay Area \$3,159.30



Expenses - LWV-Bay Area - \$2,814.95



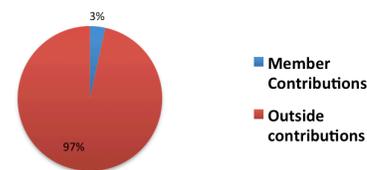
VOTERS SERVICE

- Distributed several thousand nonpartisan Voters Guides (English and Spanish) for the November presidential election targeting libraries, businesses and churches in the Bay Area.
- Conducted 10 voter registration drives and provided factual, nonpartisan voting information to citizens.
- Hosted a candidates forum for the El Lago City Council election.
- Conducted a Get Out the Vote campaign publicizing election dates and deadlines, Photo ID requirements, and VOTE411 (website providing online, interactive, and personalized information for voters).
- Updated, published, and distributed over 2500 copies of the *Bay Area Guide to Elected Officials* providing elective representatives contact information.

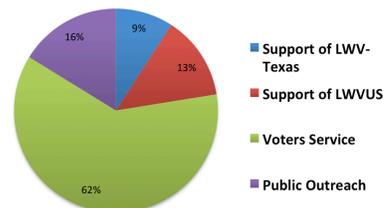
LWV Texas Education Fund FINANCIAL REPORT

The LWV Texas Education Fund is a 501(c) (3) organization accepting charitable contributions. Contributions to the Bay Area account of LWV-TEF fund voters service activities.

Income - LWV Texas Education Fund, Bay Area Account - \$2,175.00



Expenses - LWV Texas Education Fund, Bay Area Account - \$2,405.00



CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Conducted a discussion meeting to share GOTV (Get Out the Vote) resources and strategies. We distributed yard signs, pamphlets, bookmarks, and business cards.
- Conducted a discussion meeting to review the Galveston Bay Report Card – Year 2.
- Conducted a discussion meeting regarding LWV-Texas education priorities for the 2017 Legislative session.
- Conducted a discussion meeting on addressing climate change with a carbon tax.
- Hosted Laura Blackburn who spoke about human trafficking at the Annual Meeting.

ADVOCACY

- Encouraged members to respond individually to LWV-Texas and LWVUS action alerts and communicate with state and national elected officials on a variety of legislative topics.