



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 help 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. Our local Bay Area League, founded in 1967, takes our mission seriously and works 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.

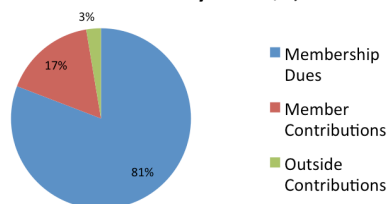
I am very proud to be a member of this unique organization that has existed for more than 95 years. From the roots of the American suffrage movement, we have grown and evolved into a group of dedicated women and men who encourage informed and active participation in government and influence public policy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

Barbara Murray
President, LWV-Bay Area

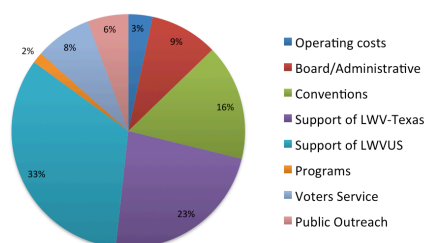


LWV-Bay Area FINANCIAL REPORT

Income - LWV-Bay Area \$2,872.84



Expenses - LWV-Bay Area - \$3,555.33



VOTERS SERVICE

- Distributed several thousand nonpartisan Voters Guides (English and Spanish) for the November constitutional amendment election and the March primary election targeting libraries and churches in the Bay Area
- Conducted 5 voter registration drives and provided factual, nonpartisan voting information to citizens
- Hosted a candidates forum for the Webster city council election
- Publicized early voting information, Photo ID requirements, and VOTE411, a website that provides personalized online information for voters

CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Conducted a discussion meeting to review the proposed state constitutional amendment on the November 2015 ballot
- Conducted a consensus meeting on the LWVUS study on the Process to Amend the US Constitution
- Conducted a consensus meeting on the LWVUS study of Money in Politics
- Conducted a consensus meeting on the LWV-Texas study of Payday and Auto Title Loans
- Hosted Dr. Jennifer Ross-Nazzari who discussed her book, *Winning the West for Women*, a biography of suffragist Emma Smith DeVoe, at the Annual Meeting

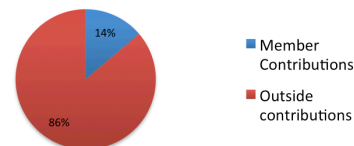
ADVOCACY

- 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

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 - \$1,450.00



Expenses - LWV Texas Education Fund, Bay Area Account - \$1,445.00

