



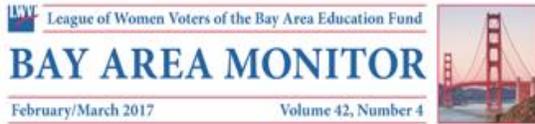
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Finding a Way Home

By Cecily O'Connor

This summer, officials are expected to adopt Plan Bay Area 2040, the region's land use and transportation roadmap. While the plan advances environmental goals and transportation system improvements, more work is needed to resolve a confounding Bay Area problem: affordable housing.

That's why regional agencies are forming the Committee for Affordable and Sustainable Accommodations (CASA), a task force that will draw up a housing implementation strategy to accompany Plan Bay Area. CASA will identify actions to fix plan targets moving off course, focusing on displacement risk, access to jobs, and the high costs of rent and mortgages facing low-to-middle-income households.

"The Bay Area is an amazing place to live," said Ledye Corviglia, co-chair of CASA and executive director of SVI/Inno, an advocacy group. "It has beauty and is one of the most successful places in the world for innovation and opportunity — yet we have failed in providing sufficient housing for people who live here," she added.

Plan Bay Area grew out of California Senate Bill 375, the state's 2008 climate change legislation requiring California's 18 metropolitan areas to integrate land use and housing into regional transportation plans. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) lead efforts to update Plan Bay Area every four years. In a crucial step toward adopting



Ledye Corviglia and Fred Blackwell will co-lead CASA, a new task force charged with tackling Bay Area housing issues.

the next update this summer, the agencies approved a "Final Preferred Scenario" last fall, establishing forecasts for transportation and housing needs through 2040 while addressing population growth and greenhouse gas emissions. The Plan Bay Area scenario earmarks more than \$300 billion in revenue to operate, maintain, and modernize the regional transportation system. It also meets intended environmental targets, including protecting open space and guiding expansion within existing urban growth boundaries. However, housing affordability is a sticking point.

"The math shows that, in terms of affordability, we are moving in the wrong direction," said Ken Kirkley, MTC's planning director. "Over the course of time, we will see those with incomes in the lower half of the spectrum spending two-thirds of their income on housing and transit," he explained.

CASA formation is the result of a request from groups (such as the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California, Greenbelt Alliance, and Public Advocates) that

This edition of the Monitor focuses on housing, as compared to DWVBA 2017 Bay Area League Day, held on January 26. Visit www.lwvbayarea.org for more about that event.

Greetings from the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Education Fund!

The new Bay Area Monitor is now online.

Go To:

http://bayareamonitor.org/read/

General Meeting Announcement

Thursday, February 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 PM
St. James Episcopal Church
37051 Cabrillo Terrace
Fremont, CA 94536



We continue our education to the public with a conversation with Larry Gerston "This year's election: Cause and Effect"

This historic election raised as many questions as answers. Come hear Larry Gerston political analyst appearing on NBC11, the NBC Nightly News, BBC, NPR and CNN's Inside Politics.

Larry Gerston is Professor Emeritus of political science at San Jose State University, and author of multiple books, including

Confronting Reality: Ten Problems Threatening to Implode American Society (and How We Can Fix It).

LWVFNVC meetings are free to the public and are wheelchair accessible.

Please pass this announcement onto other groups with whom you are affiliated!

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



A Tribute to an Early Role Model

We lost an early television role model when Mary Tyler Moore died. Laura Petrie was a young TV wife on The Dick Van Dyke Show when I was a teenager. I was captivated by her grace, humor and endless ability to get herself out of trouble. She was also strong and charming.

When Moore re-emerged as WJM TV news producer Mary Richards in 1970 on The Mary Tyler Moore Show, it was against a backdrop of rapid societal shifts. The show began the same year that four students were killed by National Guardsmen at Kent State, Apollo 13 demonstrated both the fallibility and ingenuity of the space program and the Beatles disbanded, breaking the hearts of music lovers everywhere. In the midst of these tumultuous events, Mary Richards brought Laura Petrie's charm and gentle humor to her role as a single working woman and all-around confidant. It was TV escapism with a modern twist, offering a glimpse of work opportunities for American women, amidst the restraints of pay inequity and gender role stereotypes.

Mary Richards has been hailed as a feminist role model because she was a single working woman in her 30s who took birth control (at least by the third season), wore pants and was not obsessed with finding a spouse. But Mary Tyler Moore's legacy will be much greater than the emerging feminism of her character.

She was first married at 18 and divorced six years later. Her second marriage to TV executive Grant Tinker was failing even while she was playing Mary Richards on one of his shows. Three years after the series ended, her son Richie, who for years fought his own battles with drugs and alcohol, was killed when his gun misfired. Diagnosed with juvenile diabetes in her 30s, Moore hid her insulin dependence from the public for years. Over time, however, she became a tireless advocate for the fight against juvenile diabetes and fought the effects of the illness until her death. Moore sought treatment for her alcoholism under orders from the doctor treating her diabetes and wrote about this struggle candidly in her memoir.

Moore did not live the storybook existence of the comedy writer's wife or the single career woman. Rather, she lived a life of challenge, pain, tenacity and achievement, very much like all of us. And like League members, she accomplished this with a real-world smile that did, indeed, turn the world on and make us feel that we *can* make it after all.

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From LWVUS

On January 21, 2017 millions of women and men around the world turned out to make our voices heard. The Women's March was an historic day that brought attention to important issues - but our work is just beginning. Here are some actions you can take RIGHT NOW to make a difference in your community and beyond.

Making your voice heard never goes out of style and we were so proud to stand strong as an official partner of the Women's March on Washington. Now let's keep the momentum going!

1. Join the League of Women Voters!

The League is working to make a difference and actively engaging people in more than 700 communities around the country. Attend a local League event to get involved in our work to engage with elected officials, empower new voters and to learn about issues that impact your community.

2. Call Congress – and call them often!

Elected officials work for the people and need to hear from concerned citizens like you. Whether you marched to protect voting rights, healthcare

or the environment, make sure Congress knows YOUR priorities.

3. Register to Vote- and help your friends get registered!

It might not be an election year where you live – but it's never too early to make sure your registration is up to date. The League works year-round in hundreds of communities to prepare eligible voters. Check out www.VOTE411.org for more information.

4. Make a Donation to Defend our Democracy!

Your support makes it possible for the League to take a stand in statehouses and courtrooms across the country.

5. Become an e-Activist!

Go to www.lwv.org/get-involved/ and read updates from the League and take action by holding your elected officials accountable on the League's key priorities like voting rights and money in politics.

Leadership Communications Workshop Sponsored by Berkley/Albany/Emeryville League

Right now we have a great communications training opportunity for Bay Area Leagues-- focusing on storytelling and messaging for impact. The training will be given by Sarah Diefendorf, an LWVC Board member who is experienced in training for capacity building, advocacy, community outreach and leadership.

The workshop goals are (1) to increase the impact of local Leagues and (2) to build local partnerships and attract new members.

The Next Level Communications workshop will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the James Irvine Conference Center, Plaza A, 353 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland 94612. The fees are \$35 for League members and \$65 for nonmembers, which includes a year's membership. To register, *please go to:*

<http://www.lwvoakland.org/leaderwkshp.html>

Welcome New Members

Do you remember when you first joined the League? Were you confused about how League worked? Were you a bit shy about introducing yourself at League meetings? Well, now you have a chance to make a difference with our new members.

Below is a list of our new members. Introduce yourself at the next League function. Offer to mentor a new member by answering their questions. And if you don't know the answers, ask another League member. One of the old timers will probably know the answer.

Things you can do to welcome our new members:

- Listen to their questions
- Ask them why they joined
- If they have a specific issue of interest, introduce them to an Action Group member
- Ask them if they might want to observe a council or board meeting with an existing member
- Do they have specific skills they might want to share – communications, web site design, fund raising, etc.

Vinnie Bacon	James Mcguire	Irene Shen
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The final numbers are all in and National Voter Registration Day was even bigger than we expected. Here is a snapshot of our amazing success:

- 771,321 Voters Registered
 - 3,524 Partners
 - 10,353 Volunteer s
- 359,954,794 Social Media Impressions

Want to know more about this amazing effort? Read our **2016 Report**.
Go to NationalVoterRegistrationDay.org/2016-report/.

Bay Area League Day



League members Sophia Liu, Miriam Keller, Kathy Bray and Pauline Weaver attended Bay Area League Day on January 28th. The topic was Bay Area Housing Crisis. Keynote speaker was Assembly member Tony Thurmond (AD 15). The panels addressed the following topics: Measuring the Affordability Gap and Its Impacts; The Relationship between Housing Production and Affordability; Discussion of Displacement Policies, State, Regional and Local Roles in Addressing Affordability; and The Agenda Moving Forward



From Right to Left:

Michael Lane, Policy Director, Non-Profit Housing Association of No. CA,
Board President for Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo

Ken Kirkey, Director, Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager, Town of Los Gatos, former Asst. Planning Director, City of San Jose

Alex Starr, Moderator from our League

From LWV California

Legislation Update

The LWVC ended this legislative session with several notable successes, like the signing of [SB 1107](#) and [AB 2466](#). Thanks go to the many League members and others who responded to our alerts and made their voices known! Read our [wrap-up of the year](#) and check the [Bill Status Report](#) for topics of special interest to your League.

Legislative Interviews

All members of the California state Assembly and half of the Senate are up for election

November 8, and the new legislative session starts on December 5. Each year the LWVC encourages local Leagues to schedule interviews with their legislators in the district office. These interviews have a growing importance as we are sending out more action alerts. They help your legislators know what issues League members in their district care about and are following. The Legislative Interview Kit will also be available on the [members only website](#) by December 1. Plan on scheduling your interviews soon thereafter. Reports will be

From LWVFNUC Action Group Local Interviews

After each election the Action Group sets out a schedule to interview locally elected officials. For some officials it stands as an introduction to the League. For others it is another chance to connect with the League.

We usually wait a few months until the newly elected have a chance to get their feet wet. If you

are interested in joining an Action Group member in an interview, let Alex Starr or Miriam Keller know. We will match you up with an experienced Leaguer if this is your first time.

These interviews are NOT confrontational – merely informational. We can meet at a coffee house or anywhere it is convenient for the official.

2017 LWVC Convention

Connecting Leaguers across California – to engage, to share, to inform, to inspire – is the focus of the 2017 LWVC Convention. Scheduled to be held in **Sacramento, June 1-4, 2017**, at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, the theme is *A Capitol Connection*. You won't want to miss this special opportunity to convene in our Capitol City with all the extras being planned by your hard-working hosts in Sacramento.

Think about what you'd like to see or hear or learn, and let us know. We want to make sure that you leave Convention with a "Wow!" Do you have a special project that's made an impact in your community that you'd like to share? Have you heard a speaker who set you ablaze whom we should consider for inclusion in the speaker

lineup? Do you want to come away with new learning about a topic that you think is needed for success in your local League – and if so, what is that topic?

We know you are buried in non-stop voter service at the moment – and thank you for your valiant efforts – but when you come up for air, we want to get you thinking about the June 2017 LWVC Convention, and we want to see you there.

Let's "stay connected" through June 2017 and beyond.

Martha Cox
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Thurs, Feb 9	Action Group	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM League Office 3375 Country Drive, Fremont
Sat, Feb 18	Leadership Communications Workshop	9:30 am to 4:00 pm James Irvine Conference Center (Plaza A), 353 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland
Mon., Feb 20	Board Meeting	6:45 PM League Office 3375 Country Drive, Fremont
Thurs, Feb 23	A Conversation with Larry Gerston	7:00 PM St. James Episcopal Church 37051 Cabrillo Terrace, Fremont

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Mission

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

Diversity Policy

LWVFNUC affirms its commitment to reflect the diversity of our communities in our membership and actions. We believe diverse views are important for responsible decision making and seek to work with all people and groups who reflect our community diversity.

Join the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TODAY!

Any person, man or woman, who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League may join. To be a voting member, one must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. Members under 18, or non-citizens, are welcome as non-voting Associate Members. Dues include membership in LWVFNUC, Bay Area League, and the California and National Leagues. Financial support for dues is available through our scholarship program. Contact Evelyn La Torre, Membership Chair, for information.

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