

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA**  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, January 15, 2026  
Online via Zoom

**Board members present:** Anna Crane, presiding; Keasha Martindill, Genevieve Yuen, Susan Hauser, Linda Lyons-Justus, Paul Beusterien. **Other members present:** Li Volin, Lianne Campodonico, Whitney Shinkle, and Jeff Cambra

**Call to Order:** Anna Crane called the meeting to order at 7:00. Susan moved, Keasha seconded, and we accepted the agenda. Li moved, Susan seconded, and we approved the consent agenda.

**Youth Council Updates:** Genevieve Yuen provided an update on current projects conducted by the LWVA Youth Council, including a Bay Area wide youth speech contest, focused on the navigation between news and opinion. The topic of council fundraising was also brought to the league's attention in order to fund for an upcoming trip to the capitol over the summer. It was advised that the council construct a more concrete proposal in order to amass more support and funds towards this endeavor. Additionally, Susan agreed to reach out to other Bay Area league organizations to see if their youth councils would be interested in a possible collaboration.

**General Member Meeting:** The league discussed program planning results as well as the LWVUS annual survey. Furthermore, we reviewed the current issues in which our league program most strongly addresses, that being free speech, electoral reform, civics education for youth, transparency and good government, and mitigating the effects of climate change.

**Concurrence Requests:** We reviewed and discussed the LWV of Washington's position on the protection of immigrants' rights, as well as the LWV of Colorado's position on religious freedom. Concerns were raised about the phrasing of both positions, and whether they could be interpreted as problematic and divisive. Lianne agreed to conduct further research on our current immigration position, as well as the human rights statements previously stated by the league. Furthermore, we reached a general consensus to resume our discourse over these topics at our next general member meeting on January 24th with input from the other league members on whether or not to move forward with a letter of support.

**Voter Services:** Susan Hauser proposed the idea of hosting a welcoming event for new members as an introduction to the league, as well as to encourage greater voluntary participation in regards to voter services events in the fall. In conjunction to this, Li suggested that we restart our tradition of sending physical letters to members to revitalize our volunteering and donation efforts.

**Ad Hoc Committee:** Jeff Cambra, the new president of the Healthcare District, proposed an analysis of the district's bylaws by an ad hoc committee in the league. Both Linda

Lyons-Justus and Anna Crane expressed their interest in this effort, and they will review the materials with recommendations for changes (as interested individuals rather than as a committee of the League).

**Open Floor:** Lianne Campodonico expressed concern over the impacts of the new California Stipend laws on student internships with the league, and was informed that the league had halted its internship program due to conflicting legal aspects.

Anna Crane adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.