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CALIFORNIA READY FOR JUNE 8, 2010 PRIMARY

By Charlene McAllister

This is a gubernatorial primary election. Since constitutional office holders are prohibited from serving more than two terms in the same position, incumbent Republican Governor Schwarzenegger is ineligible to run for re-election.

In this election, the winning candidate for each party in the primary will face off in the November gubernatorial election. The winning candidate will serve a four-year term from 2011-2015.

Primary elections are held to determine which nominee in each political party will represent the party in each

contest in the general election. The winning candidate from each party (or the top two voter-getters in non-partisan contests) in the June 8, 2010, primary will move on to the November 2, 2010, general election in which all voters, regardless of political affiliation, will be allowed to vote for any candidate on that ballot.

No Party Affiliation

For the primary election only, if you are a voter who has declined to state an affiliation with a political party, you may be able to vote for a candidate of a specific party in the upcoming June 8, 2010, Statewide Direct Primary. You may re-

quest, from your county elections official or at your polling place, the ballot of a political party if authorized by the party's rules and duly noticed by the Secretary of State. You may not request more than one party's ballot. To obtain information on how to request the ballot of a participating political party, contact your county elections office.

Nonpartisan Ballots

If you do not request such a ballot, you will be given a nonpartisan ballot, containing only the names of all candidates for nonpartisan offices and measures to be voted upon at the primary election.

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Links for further information

http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_bp.htm

<http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/>

www.smartvoter.org

www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/elections.htm

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SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY,

SEPTEMBER 21

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The June Board meeting will be held at the Westport Hotel at 10 a.m. June 15. Jane will ferry the first 3 people who ask, leaving from the Botanical Gardens promptly at 9:15. This is a meeting for both old and new members.

Transportation: Getting Started

Know The Background:

The LWVMC Transportation position supports a public system that continues to be subsidized and utilizes publicity and convenience to encourage ridership. At our Annual May Meeting, members voted to continue education and action about public transportation in 2010-2011.

Follow The Money:

Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) was formed as a joint powers agreement in 1972 under terms of the Transportation Development Act. MCOG is a political subdivision of California. Acting as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, MCOG allocates state and federal transportation funds to the county and helps support the Mendocino Transit Authority and other transportation facilities.

Identify The Plan:

MCOG recently conducted public workshops that examined the draft of a regional transportation plan. The plan encourages building a combination of transportation facilities "that...will result in improved air quality and reduce transportation-related air toxics and green house gas emissions in Mendocino County." This goal includes greater mobility and access to services for all residents and includes pedestrians, bicyclists, bus passengers of all ages and abilities, trucks and automobiles.

Start the Journey:

Take the first step by visiting the Mendocino Council of Governments website at www.mendocinocog.org and take the short 2010 Mendocino Regional Transportation Plan Survey. Click on "Take the survey now." It will take less than five minutes.



Staff members held the February VOTER meeting on board MTA's #60 Coaster.

We Want Your Stories!

Do you have a public transportation story? We want to know how you use public transportation—in the county, in the country or out of the country. Please share your experiences with us. Contact Jane Person jane@person@hotmail.com

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There are four state-wide ballot measures on the ballot.

Proposition 13. Limits on Property Tax Assessment. Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Buildings -- State of California (*Legislative Constitutional Amendment - Put on the Ballot by the Legislature - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the California Constitution be amended to provide that all earthquake safety upgrades be exempt from property tax reassessment until the property is sold?

Proposition 14. Elections. Increases Right to Participate in Primary Elections -- State of California (*Legislative Constitutional Amendment - Put on the Ballot by the Legislature - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the California Constitution be amended to require that all candidates for statewide or congressional office run in a single primary open to all registered voters, with only the top two vote-getters, regardless of their political party preference, advancing to the general election?

Proposition 15. California Fair Elections Act -- State of California (*Put on the Ballot by the Legislature - Majority Approval Required*)

Should California lift the ban on public funding of political campaigns and establish public funding for Secretary of State candidates in the 2014 and 2018 elections?

Proposition 16. Imposes New Two-Thirds Voter Approval Require-

ment for Local Public Electricity Providers -- State of California (*Initiative Constitutional Amendment - Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the California Constitution be amended to require two-thirds voter approval before local governments can start up or expand electric service?

Proposition 17. Allows Auto Insurance Companies to Base Their Prices in Part on a Driver's History of Insurance Coverage -- State of California (*Initiative Statute - Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures - Majority Approval Required*)

Should automobile insurance companies be permitted to offer a discount to drivers who have continuously maintained auto insurance coverage, even if they change insurance companies?

Local Measures

Measure A. -- Anderson Valley Unified School District (*General Obligation Bond of 2010 - 55% Approval Required*)

To acquire, construct, and improve classrooms and facilities, including repairing, upgrading, and modernizing Anderson Valley Elementary, improving student access to modern technology at Anderson Valley Junior Senior High, improving energy efficiency, installing solar panels to reduce energy costs, and qualifying the District for \$1.5 million in State aid, shall the Anderson Valley Unified School District be authorized to issue \$15,250,000 in bonds at legal interest rates with

annual audits, a citizens' oversight committee, and no money for administrator salaries or overhead?

Measure B. General Obligation Bond of 2010 -- Willits Unified School District (*55% Approval Required*)

Shall Willits Unified School District be authorized to acquire, construct, repair and improve local schools, including replacing portable facilities with permanent classrooms, improving student access to computers and technology, building vocational and technical classrooms, and making improvements to reduce annual operating costs and put more money in the classroom, by issuing up to \$43,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, with a citizens' oversight committee, annual audits, and provided no funds are spent on administrator salaries?

Measure L. General Obligation Bond of 2010 -- Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District (*55% Approval Required*)

To improve the quality of education, modernize and renovate all schools in the District, improve energy efficiency including installing solar panels, replace deteriorating plumbing and drainage systems, upgrade inadequate electrical systems, improve technology, modernize restrooms, and make health and safety improvements, shall the Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District issue \$25,200,000 of bonds at legal interest rates, have an independent citizens' oversight committee and have no money used for administrative or teacher salaries or be taken by the State?



Board of Supervisors, District 5 Candidates

**From left: Norman L. de Vall, Dan Hamburg,
Wendy A. Roberts, Jim Mastin**

Friday, April 16, 2010



Superior Court Judge Room 1 Candidates from left: Caren Callahan and Ann Moorman, May 5, 2010, Fort Bragg

Local League Sponsors County Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County sponsored spring candidate forums at Fort Bragg's Town Hall and the Point Arena Library for the upcoming primary election June 8, 2010.

Upper left Page 4: Candidates for County Board of Supervisors, District 5 (from left): Norman L.de Vall, Dan Hamburg, Wendy A. Roberts, Jim Mastin.

Lower Left Page 4: Superior Court Judge Room 1 candidates Caren Callahan and Ann Moorman.

Below: District Attorney candidates C. David Eyster, Matt Finnegan and Meredith Lintott. Eyster confirmed participation, but did not appear at the May 5 forum in Fort Bragg. He published an apology to the voters and the League in local papers citing a scheduling error.



“Voting is not a spectator sport. Get involved.”

*JoAn Blackstone, Voter Service
Chair, LWVMC*



Mendocino County District Attorney Candidates from left: C. David Eyster, Matt Finnegan, and Meredith Lintott

The California LWV Education Fund created an easy-to-use site with updates on

- California government reform
 - Local Elections
 - Redistricting
- Ballot Measures (quickly build your personal Pros and Cons pdf)
- Links to Voting Resources

www.cavotes.org

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County Clerk-Recorder
Election Information
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr
707 463-4371

www.lwv.org

Library of Congress—Legislation Status
www.thomas.loc.gov

To track your Mendocino County vote-by-mail ballot status

go to www.co.mendocino.ca

Click on County Recorder Assessor Office

Click on Elections

Click on Vote By Mail Absentee Status

Mendocino County Public Television Meeting/Performance Coverage
www.mendocoasttv.org

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Your League in Action

Your League responded to a "National Call To Action" and sent letters to Senators Feinstein and Boxer asking them to oppose the Murkowski Amendment which will block action by the EPA under the Clean Air Act to stop pollution, a cause of global climate change. We also urged the California senators to oppose any legislation that blocks EPA action to stop global warming.

The Clean Air Act, supported by the League for 40 years, enforces pollution regulations and promotes reduction of our national dependence on oil.
Barbara Matheson, Action Chair

Stepping Up to the Plate

Opportunity knocks on the door every day in our League. If you have ever thought about opening that door and getting involved, this is the perfect time. Contact President Jane Person at 964-6351 (janeperson@hotmail.com) We'd WELCOME your help with:

- **Action**
- **Programs**
- **Meeting Organization, Facilities Booking**
- **The VOTER newsletter**
- **VOTER SERVICE and Candidate Forums**

We'll make it work with your busy schedule and we guarantee this will be a pleasant, important, and rewarding experience.

Membership in The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County is a bargain and a statement. You will be saying that you are committed to the ballot as a means for change and to providing non-biased information to voters. The issues your League follows are those that affect every resident's family and community. Get involved in the League of Women Voters.

Please consider joining at one of these levels:

Susan B. Anthony Individual Membership \$55 _____

Amelia Bloomer Two-member Household Membership \$80 _____

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Membership \$100 _____

Carrie Chapman Catt Membership \$250 or more _____

Donation _____

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