



The Voter

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Let's get right to work:

Mendocino League will Start the Year with Pros and Cons

By Jane Person

The Pros & Cons for nine state ballot measures, will be presented at the September 27th League Kickoff Meeting at the Caspar Community Center, at 10:00 a.m. A handout at the desk will list the measures with a brief explanation. The League presenters —

Carol Czadek, Cindy Plank, Nancy Kleiber, and Jane Person — have grouped measures which seem to

belong together in dividing up the discussion, instead of just going down the list. The first group will be:

- 51: \$9B bond sale for education and schools
- 52: Approval of hospital fee program changes
- 53: Voter approval requirement for bond projects that cost more than \$2B
- 55: Extension of taxes implemented by Proposition 30
- 56: Cigarette tax increase
- 60: Condom requirement for pornographic film production
- 61: Requirement that state pay no more for drugs than U.S. Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
- 65: Money from sale of grocery/carryout bags redirected to special fund

- 67: Ratification of SB270, prohibiting plastic, single-use carryout bags

The remaining measures will be presented at the League's next meeting on October 11th.



The presenters will spend about 5 minutes on each measure with the hope — and expectation — that the League audience will

respond with opinions, more information, and discussion.

Handouts at the membership table as you enter will include a flyer about where to go for more ballot information and fact checking sites (good to have for the presidential debates), a League handout on how to evaluate ballot measures, and State League ballot recommendations.

You're invited ...

*Tuesday, September 27
Caspar Community Center*

10:00 a.m.

LWV Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, strives to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Starting Up a New Season

by Jary Stavely

The annual fall kickoff will include a potluck brunch, so members are invited to bring dishes to share. Coffee will be served at 9:30, with food available as soon after as possible.

This is a great time to introduce a friend to the League. In addition to starting the process of learning about the propositions, we'll learn about the new criteria for League membership. September 27th is also national voter registration day, and Cindy and Nancy will have forms available for us to use on the spot or later, in signing up new voters.

We have a busy election season coming up, with important local, state, and national issues to think about. Be sure to mark your calendars for the League-sponsored forums on local initiatives (see your September VOTER, which can be found online at <http://www.mendo.ca.lwvnet.org>), and for others being held locally.



Gathering Our Thoughts

We would like to pose the following question for our readers to consider:

What do you think about mail-in, as opposed to polling place, voting?

Send your responses to VOTER@mcn.org, and we will publish our collected thoughts in a future edition of the VOTER.

Membership Renewal, 2016-2017

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