



Annual Meeting Kit

When: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7pm

Where: Piedmont Center for the Arts

801 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont

What: 7:00pm Drinks & Desserts

7:15pm Annual LWVP Membership Meeting

This is our most important meeting of the year where League of Women Voters of Piedmont members vote to elect the new Board of Directors, approve the 2023-24 budget, and affirm our local positions and program. **It is imperative that we have a quorum in order to conduct business, so your attendance is important!**

Important: *This kit contains information for your use during the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Piedmont. Please have it available at the meeting for reference and discussion. There will be a few printed copies available to share.*

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Rules of the Day

- Quorum: Fourteen members (10% of total LWVP membership) will constitute a quorum at the LWVP Annual Meeting.
- Voting
 - Voting is limited to LWVP members. Associate members may not vote.
 - A majority vote is required to amend the agenda or the rules of the day.
 - A two-thirds vote is required to change the order after adoption.
 - A majority vote is required to adopt the budget and recommended items.
 - Action on business not contained in this Annual Meeting Kit may only be taken if 46 members (one-third of total LWVP membership) are present at the Annual Meeting.
- Debate: Any member, upon recognition by the Chair, shall address the body stating her/his name and shall limit her/his remarks to the question. Debate shall be limited to 3 minutes for each speaker unless time is extended by the Chair. No person shall speak twice to a question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Approval of [2022 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)
4. [President's Report](#)
5. Approval of 2023-24 Budget
 - a. [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - b. Presentation of 2023-24 Proposed Budget
 - c. Debate & Vote
6. Proposed [Amendment to Housing Position](#)
 - a. Debate & Vote
7. Presentation of Recommended Program
 - a. Presentation of [Alameda County Positions](#)
 - b. Presentation of [LWVP Positions](#)
 - c. [Recommended Local Program](#) for 2023-24
 - d. Debate & Vote
8. [Election of Officers and Directors](#)
 - a. Nominating Committee Report
 - b. Nominations from the Floor
 - c. Debate & Vote
9. Directions to the New Board
10. Acknowledgments and Adjournment

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President's Report

Our League was very busy since our last Annual Meeting with work leading up to the 2022 General Election, our Climate Speaker Series, and other outreach activities. For the election, we held nine candidate forms for local Piedmont and Alameda County candidates that engaged almost 5k voters. We also put on a mock election for Piedmont and Millennium High School students to engage young voters and future voters.

In addition to our election work, we put on a six-part Climate Speaker Series together with Piedmont Connect. Events in the series were cosponsored by a number of other Leagues in California and Oregon. We also held an event on Ukraine and an in-person event on abortion rights. In total, 358 people attended our events live and as of April 13th, 647 people have watched the recordings of those events.

We continued with our LWVP book club this year, holding quarterly discussions on books covering corruption in state politics, the SF Bay Area housing crisis, and data bias. Our book club selection for May will be on accountability for police misconduct. Our weekly office hours remained successful with 48 people stopping by to chat about politics, the League, and our community. The Piedmont 4th of July Parade was back this year and we handed out candy, stickers, and cards with information about the League. After the parade, our table had a steady stream of visitors where we helped young people pre-register to vote, helped register new community members to vote, and handed out information about LWVP.

Our presence in our community and online resulted in 19 new members this year. This is a decrease from last year where we had a larger bump in new members as a result of our Defending Democracy Speaker Series. But, we retained many of last year's new members and so our total membership numbers (137) are on par with last year. We also expanded our online reach for our newsletters and other communication from 809 to 932.

Our local recommended program for next year is below. This year, we also recommended to LWV California that they emphasize 1) advocacy for legislation to improve California's water policy, wildfire preparation and response, and the transition to sustainable, clean energy solutions; 2) focus on housing and homelessness through educational programming and advocacy; and 3) focus on education and advocacy around responsible gun ownership.

We expect to have in-person board meetings next year with the option to attend virtually, if needed. We will continue to hold virtual speaker events and expect to be in person for our December event and Annual Meeting in May/June. I look forward to working with the new board of directors in the coming year and continuing our mission of "Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy."

-Lorrel Plimier

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Treasurer's Report

PIEDMONT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - COMPARISON OF 2022-2023 (FY22) APPROVED & 2023-2024 (FY23) PROPOSED BUDGET

INCOME	Approved FY22 Budget	Proposed FY23 Budget	FY23/ FY22	(note)	EXPENSES	Approved FY22 Budget	Proposed FY23 Budget	FY23/ FY21	(note)
020000/Non-Profit Income					060080/Election/Educational Activities				
Affidavit Project ROV Alameda County	\$ -	\$ 125	-		Civics In Action Award (PHS)	\$ 500	\$ 500	100%	
Donations to LWVP	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	167%	(1)	Diversity Film Series Support	\$ 200	\$ 200	100%	
Miscellaneous	\$ 40	\$ 40	100%		Election/Educational - other	\$ 250	\$ 250	100%	
Total Non Profit Income	\$ 1,540	\$ 2,665	173%		Student Essay Contest (PHS)	\$ 500	\$ 500	100%	
020010/Membership Dues					Voter's Edge California Support	\$ 500	\$ 500	100%	
Households (Couples)	\$ 3,080	\$ 2,090	68%		Total Election/Educational Activities	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,950	100%	
Individuals	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,225	102%		060090/Taxes & Licenses				
Seniors	\$ 2,240	\$ 1,820	81%		Sales Tax Owed	\$ 5	\$ 5	100%	
Total Membership Dues	\$ 8,470	\$ 7,135	84%	(2)	060095/Great Decisions Discussion Group	\$ 1,600	\$ -	25%	
030010/Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	100%		70000/Insurance	\$ 100	\$ 100	100%	
40000/Fundraisers & Speaker Events	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	100%		070050/Legal & Professional				
045000/Great Decisions Discussion Group	\$ 1,760	\$ -	25%		Annual Stmt. of Info. (Sec. of State)	\$ 20	\$ 20	100%	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,770	\$ 11,800	86%		080000/Conventions & Workshops				
EXPENSES					Convention Registration	\$ 450	\$ 450	100%	
050000/Dues & Subscriptions					Travel, Hotel, Airfare, etc.	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	100%	
LWVBA-PMPs	\$ 351	\$ 302	86%		Workshops	\$ 100	\$ 100	100%	
LWVCA-PMPs	\$ 3,276	\$ 2,817	86%		Total Conventions & Workshops	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750	100%	
LWVUS-Per Member Pymts. (PMPs)	\$ 3,744	\$ 3,220	86%		090000/Other Expenses				
Total Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 7,371	\$ 6,339	86%	(2)	Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
060050/Promotional					110000/Transfer				
Catering, Luncheons	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	100%		Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	0%	
Facilities Rental	\$ 300	\$ 300	100%		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 15,296	\$ 13,764	90%	
Promotional - other	\$ 300	\$ 300	100%		NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (1,526)	\$ (1,964)		
Speaker Gifts	\$ 100	\$ 100	100%						
Total Promotional	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	100%						
060060/Office Expenses									
Board Expenses	\$ 50	\$ 50	100%						
Membership Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	100%						
Office Expenses - other	\$ 50	\$ 50	100%						
Club Express and Zoom	\$ 700	\$ 1,800	257%	(3)					
Total Office Expenses	\$ 800	\$ 1,900	238%						

NOTES

- (1) Donations increased last year
- (2) Based on FY 22 revenue
- (3) Online expenses increased last year

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View an [online version of the 2023-24 proposed budget here.](#)

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PIEDMONT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS OF 30 JUN 2022

ASSETS	
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$ 19,648
Paypal Account	\$ 179
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,440 (6)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 21,266
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,020 (5)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	\$ 20,246

PIEDMONT LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - INCOME STATEMENT VERSUS APPROVED BUDGET 1 JUL 2021 - 30 JUN 2022 (FY20)

INCOME	Approved FY21 Budget	FY21 Actual	Actual/ Budget	(note)	EXPENSES	Approved FY21 Budget	FY21 Actual	Actual/ Budget	(note)
020000/Non-Profit Income					060080/Election/Educational Activities				
Affidavit Project ROV Alameda County	\$ -	\$ 124	-		Civics In Action Award (PHS)	\$ 500	\$ -	0%	(5)
Donations to LWVP	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,893	126%		Diversity Film Series Support	\$ 200	\$ 250	125%	
Donations to LWVP via Zoom	\$ -	\$ 960	-		Election/Educational - other	\$ 250	\$ -	0%	
Map Sales	\$ -	\$ 52	-		Student Essay Contest (PHS)	\$ 500	\$ -	0%	(5)
Miscellaneous	\$ 40	\$ 0%			Voter's Edge California Support	\$ 500	\$ 500	100%	
Total Non Profit Income	\$ 1,540	\$ 3,030	197%	(1)	Total Election/Educational Activities	\$ 1,950	\$ 750	38%	
020010/Membership Dues					060090/Taxes & Licenses				
Households (Couples)	\$ 3,960	\$ 2,090	53%		Sales Tax Owed	\$ 5	\$ -	0%	
Individuals	\$ 3,458	\$ 3,225	93%		060095/Great Decisions Discussion Group	\$ 1,600	\$ 465	29%	
Seniors	\$ 2,105	\$ 1,820	86%		70000/Insurance	\$ 100	\$ -	0%	
Total Membership Dues	\$ 9,522	\$ 7,135	75%	(1)	070050/Legal & Professional				
030010/Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -	100%		Annual Stmt. of Info. (Sec. of State)	\$ 20	\$ -	0%	(5)
40000/Fundraisers & Speaker Events	\$ 4,550	\$ -	0%		080000/Conventions & Workshops				
045000/Great Decisions Discussion Group	\$ 1,760	\$ 453	26%		Convention Registration	\$ 450	\$ 155	35%	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,373	\$ 10,618	61%		Travel, Hotel, Airfare, etc.	\$ 1,200	\$ -	0%	
					Workshops	\$ 100	\$ -	0%	
					Total Conventions & Workshops	\$ 1,750	\$ 155	9%	
EXPENSES					090000/Other Expenses				
050000/Dues & Subscriptions					Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
LWVBA-PMPs	\$ 456	\$ 357	78%		Billing Error	\$ -	\$ 1,440	-	(6)
LWVCA-PMPs	\$ 4,256	\$ 3,332	78%		Total Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,440	-	
LWVUS-Per Member Pymts. (PMPs)	\$ 4,864	\$ 3,808	78%		110000/Transfer				
Club Express PMP deductions	\$ -	\$ 511	-	(2)	Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 9,576	\$ 8,008	84%		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 18,492	\$ 12,706	69%	
060050/Promotional					NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (1,119)	\$ (2,089)		
Catering, Luncheons	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0%						
Facilities Rental	\$ 600	\$ -	0%						
Online Payment Charges/Fees	\$ -	\$ 482	-	(3)					
Promotional - other	\$ 300	\$ -	0%						
Speaker Gifts	\$ 100	\$ 100	100%						
Total Promotional	\$ 3,000	\$ 582	19%						
060060/Office Expenses									
Board Expenses	\$ 23	\$ -	0%						
Membership Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	-	-					
Zoom fees	\$ -	\$ 1,305	-	(4)					
Office Expenses - other	\$ 153	\$ -	0%						
Web Hosting (1 Yr./Domain Name (3 Yr.))	\$ 315	\$ -	0%						
Total Office Expenses	\$ 491	\$ 1,305	266%						

1 NOTES

- (1) Memberships decreased but donations increased
- (2) These deductions apply to FY22-23 PMP charges
- (3) Club Express fees
- Monthly zoom costs ranged from \$16 to \$760. Last month was
- (4) \$16.
- (5) Disbursed in July & September 2022
- (6) Reimbursed in Jan 2023

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Alameda County Positions

(no changes from previous year)

1. Juvenile Justice (1977, Update 1997)

The Alameda County Council of the League of Women Voters supports policies that promote services to meet the needs of Alameda County and minimize delinquency.

A. The County Council supports effective and responsible decision-making for youth at the county level.

Specifically, the council supports:

1. Continuing evaluation of the Alameda County Probation Department Juvenile Division to ensure that its goals and functions are clear and effective;
2. Continued citizen input into all countywide juvenile justice programs;
3. Coordination of all community programs for Alameda County youth to ensure that the needs of the communities are met and that duplication of services is avoided;
4. Citizen involvement in setting priorities for diversion and prevention services;
5. Continued evaluation and accountability to the public of programs funded by public moneys.
6. County decision-making bodies:
 - a. Appointments to commissions that reflect the diversified population of the county;
 - b. Guidelines for commission members which are clear statements of their responsibilities and authority;
 - c. Adequate staff;
 - d. Assessment of limited number of terms;
 - e. Reimbursement to commissioners for personal expenses, i.e., transportation and baby-sitting.

B. The County Council supports a coordinated multidimensional concept of services which could include:

1. Vocational training;
2. Programs that provide jobs and job training for youth;
3. Recreational opportunities;
4. Counseling for youth and their families, both long-term and for

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crises;

5. Mental health services which meet the needs of youth, supported by adequate funding, i.e., residential treatment centers for juveniles;
6. Youth diversion programs:
 - a. Staff and volunteers having close ties to the community of the juveniles being served;
 - b. Involvement of youth in program planning, implementation and evaluation;
 - c. Integration into projects available with other than just delinquent youths;
 - d. Adequate program facilities.

C. The County Council encourages school districts to deal effectively with pupil welfare and pupil attendance, i.e., truancy, child neglect, child abuse and severe behavior problems.

D. The County Council supports greater community awareness of the problems and needs of youth and programs that are currently available.

2. Children's Mental Health Services (1979, Update 1997)

The Alameda County Council of the League of Women Voters supports the need for children's mental health services and recommends the following:

- A. Increase the priority given Children's Mental Health Services in the mental health program and budget.
- B. Retain present service and ensure equal access to Day Treatment Service throughout the county.
- C. Focus on prevention and early intervention by:
 1. Increased education of parents and public.
 2. Utilization of school resources where feasible.
- D. Finance these services by:
 1. Active pursuit of all available sources of funds.
 2. Coordination of county, state and federal budget deadline.
 3. Sufficient funds for a service from the government that mandates that service.
- E. Make most efficient use of funds by:
 1. Retention and expansion of contracts with private providers.
 2. Support for case management system of services.

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3. Increased coordination and communication among all public and private service providers and continuation of the Interagency Council.
3. Alameda County Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools and Office of Education (2007)
 - I. Position in Brief: Support an efficient, effective, and equitable balance of responsibility and authority among the levels of governance with accountability to the public that results in providing services that best meet needs of students and the local school districts.
 - A. Efficiency: Provide those services (education, training, fiscal, oversight) to county school programs and district school programs that do not duplicate those provided by districts or other agencies.
 - B. Effectiveness: Provide those services that best meet the needs and interests of local districts. Constantly monitor services to determine their effectiveness and remove or improve those that are not meeting district goals.
 - C. Equitable Balance of Responsibility and Authority for Governance:
 - i. Establish policies that delineate the powers and functions of each entity where not covered explicitly in the Education Code to ensure an equitable balance of responsibility and authority for governance and to enhance accountability.
 - ii. Provide for consolidation of functions between and among county offices of education to deal with area-wide problems. Consider consolidation of functions to achieve cost savings and improve the quality of service and equity.
 - D. Accountability to the public:
 - i. Ensure that both the Board and the Superintendent abide by the tenets of the Brown Act, and the Freedom of Information Act and the California Public Records Act.
 - ii. Maintain public visibility by utilizing technology to keep constituents informed about actions taken by the Board and the County Superintendent.
 - iii. Advertise upcoming elections for Board members' and the County Superintendent's seat to encourage contested elections. This will allow the public to learn about the candidates' credentials and the issues so they can make informed choices.

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- iv. Develop a collaborative Annual Work Plan to set up measurable goals to be used in the annual evaluation of both Board Members' and Superintendent's performance. These evaluations will then be helpful in the Superintendent salary-setting process and for measuring progress toward established goals.

II. MONITORING

- A. Continue observing County Board of Education meetings to ensure compliance with the Brown Act and Education Code.
- B. Monitor the County Office website to ensure that constituents have access to current and complete information concerning actions taken by the County Office/Superintendent and the Board.
- C. Review Grand Jury comments and recommendations pertaining to the County Board and County Superintendent and support those that support the improvement of efficient, effective, and appropriate governance and fiscal management of those entities.
- D. Monitor the governance model to determine if there is any interest by the public in changing the method of selecting a County Superintendent.

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Local Positions

(change to Housing Position only)

GOVERNMENT

Library: (*adopted 1995*)

Support the availability of free, publicly supported library services for all Piedmont residents. These services should be equal to the services provided by major library systems. We believe that as a responsible member of the Bay Area community, Piedmont should pay its fair share for quality library services.

The following criteria should be used to judge any proposed library option:

1. The library services should be convenient and accessible.
2. The collection should be of high quality.
3. The library services should be responsive to the various needs of the community.
4. The library services should be technologically up-to-date.
5. The library services should include cooperative sharing, such as universal borrowing and interlibrary loan.

Planning Process: (*adopted 1991*)

The planning process in Piedmont should be efficient, consistent and fair. Efforts should be made to balance the needs of the individual resident with the needs of the community while maintaining the character and residential nature of Piedmont.

The League supports:

1. A planning process that is clearly defined.
 - a. Planning policy should be made and clearly articulated by the City Council and carried out by the Planning Commission and the planning staff.
 - b. Staff duties should be realistic and achievable. Job Descriptions should be clear and well defined.
 - c. Members of the Planning Commission should receive consistent and regular training in Piedmont's planning policy and laws. They should receive help as needed from an adequate number of trained staff members.
 - d. Planning decisions should be adequately enforced. There should be a follow-up of all decisions with appropriate penalties for non-compliance. Inspection of sites should be frequent and thorough

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enough to check for compliance and safety.

2. Effective communication during all phases of the planning process.
 - a. There should be complete records of all Planning Commission decisions, including a reasonable completion date for the project approved.
 - b. Every citizen should be made aware of Piedmont's planning policy guidelines and regulations and be encouraged to initiate neighbor discussion prior to entering the formal planning process.
 - c. All neighbors should be notified who might be impacted by proposed plans. They should be notified each time additional changes in the plans are proposed.
3. Efforts to solve problems at the neighborhood level before the application reaches the Planning Commission. Homeowners should be encouraged to consider the impact of their planned changes upon immediate neighbors, as well as the total community, prior to going before the Piedmont Planning Commission.

Disaster Preparedness: *(adopted 1992)*

The League of Women Voters supports a comprehensive Disaster Preparedness Plan for Piedmont that includes responsibility and cooperation of the city, schools, neighborhoods and individuals.

1. The City of Piedmont and its representatives are encouraged to:
 - a. Develop a disaster preparedness plan that takes into consideration the needs of the community and its various agencies as well as the schools, neighborhoods and individuals. This would include the development of a model disaster preparedness plan for neighborhood adaptation.
 - b. Maintain monetary support of the plan and supplies.
 - c. Be prepared to provide and maintain emergency communications equipment so that Piedmont is not completely cut off from the outside world at the time of the disaster.
 - d. Support and, when necessary, fund educational training and neighborhood assistance efforts for disaster preparedness.
 - e. Provide supplies for the community in case of disaster. (limited)
 - f. Provide a safe environment for citizens through building and safety codes and public landscaping.
 - g. Be responsible for post-disaster clean-up.
 - h. Assign responsibility for above, periodically review and keep

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current.

2. Piedmont schools are encouraged to:
 - a. Support the development of a city-wide disaster preparedness plan and a Piedmont schools disaster preparedness plan.
 - b. Coordinate efforts with the responsible city officials to avoid duplication and keep each other informed about specific preparations.
 - c. Identify school leaders and make sure that they are properly trained and provided with supplies.
 - d. Establish continued interaction between each of the Piedmont schools.
 - e. Realize the importance of individual school preparedness and work toward the goal of 100% preparedness in each school.
 - f. Provide a safe environment by properly maintaining school land and keeping it clear of debris and hazards to school children.
 - g. Help with post-disaster emergencies and clean-up.
 - h. Assign responsibility for above, periodically review and keep current.
3. Neighborhoods are encouraged to:
 - a. Support the development of a city-wide disaster preparedness plan and adapt the model neighborhood plan.
 - b. Identify neighborhood leaders and make sure they are properly trained and provided with supplies. (limited)
 - c. Coordinate efforts with the responsible city officials to avoid duplication and keep each other informed as to who's doing what.
 - d. Establish continued interaction between individual households.
 - e. Help each other realize the importance of individual household preparedness and work toward the goal of 100% preparedness in the neighborhood.
 - f. Provide a safe environment by encouraging home owners to properly maintain their land and keep it clear of debris.
 - g. Help with post-disaster clean-up.
 - h. Assign responsibility for above, periodically review and keep current.
4. Individual households are encouraged to:
 - a. Establish a personal preparedness plan.
 - b. Gather necessary supplies for the residents in the household.
 - c. Keep plans and supplies current.

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- d. Provide a safe environment by maintaining property and keeping debris cleared.
- e. Participate in neighborhood preparedness efforts.
- f. Participate in post-disaster clean-up.
- g. Assign responsibility for above, periodically review and keep current.

Local Elections: *(adopted 2016)*

The League of Women Voters of Piedmont supports greater flexibility in the criteria for selecting the mayor, the importance of transparency in local government, and financial prudence in the conduct of City and School Board elections.

1. City Council criteria for selecting the mayor should include consideration of city government experience, seniority, leadership abilities and communication skills in addition to the most-votes tradition. This tradition holds that whichever member receives the highest number of votes in his or her first election to the Council becomes mayor during his or her second term – if re-elected.
2. The process and criteria for selecting the City's mayor and School Board president should be publicly disclosed.
3. In an uncontested City Council election, if there is no City measure on the ballot, the Council should appoint the candidates who have filed for election to the Council instead of holding an election.
4. In an uncontested School Board election, if there are no School Board measures on the ballot, the board should appoint the candidates who have filed for election to the School Board instead of holding an election.

NATURAL RESOURCES

(adopted 1985)

Support the enhancement and recreational development of open space for the use of all residents of Piedmont subject to: public safety, appropriate access, adequate maintenance, controlled use, environmental impact and financial impact.

SOCIAL POLICY

Education: *(adopted 1948)*

Support a high level of education within the Piedmont Unified School District.

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Housing: *(adopted 1992 – with current proposed amendments)*

Current state law recognizes the need for additional housing, and the League of Women Voters of Piedmont supports Piedmont's providing its fair share. Its members believe Piedmont can reach this goal without ~~changing the character of the city or~~ impairing the quality of life now enjoyed by its residents. The need for affordable housing should be balanced with the need for open space; environmental needs should also be addressed.

Diversity: *(adopted 2000)*

The League of Women Voters of Piedmont will continue to embrace diversity and pluralism through education, coalition building, outreach, and interactive studies.

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Recommended Local Program

The League of Women Voter of Piedmont met in our annual Program Planning on February 1, 2023 to discuss our local program goals for the coming year. The topics below were recommended as potential issues for emphasis by the membership.

- Education and advocacy around climate, to include electrification
- Education and advocacy around the Housing Element to include the Moraga Canyon project
- Education and advocacy on gun safety and gun proliferation
- Pool construction oversight
- Piedmont contract w/ Oakland Public Library
- Declining enrollment in public schools
- Education and advocacy around racial justice
- Education and advocacy around misinformation and disinformation

A polling of the members who were present at our meeting identified the two top areas by a wide margin were: 1) the Housing Element to include the Moraga Canyon project, and 2) gun safety and gun proliferation.

The LWVP Board of Directors voted on the membership's suggested topics to determine the recommendations presented today. The board considered the popularity of the topics among the members as well as the resources available to implement the recommended Program. **The board recommends the following Program for the 2023-24 year.**

1. Education and advocacy around the Housing Element to include the Moraga Canyon project
2. Education and advocacy on gun safety and gun proliferation

Recommendations for Program from the larger bullet point list of membership's suggested topics may also be considered at this Annual Meeting if the consideration is ordered by a majority vote and the proposal for adoption receives a three-fifths vote.

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Proposed Amendment to Housing Position

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Underlined text is new; strikethrough text will be removed.

The words "of Piedmont" were added to clarify this position is referring to our local League and not to LWVUS or another League entity. The words "changing the character of the city or" were removed because they gave the impression that we are opposed to a richly diverse community, which is not the case.

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Election of Officers and Directors

Officers

President Lorrel Plimier

Program (VP) Lois Corrin

Membership (VP) Linda McClain

Secretary Kathleen Quenneville

Directors

Voter Service Director Jennifer Trainor

Development Director Mary Hedley

Director-at-Large Anita Stapen

If affirmed by majority vote of the membership at the 2023 Annual Meeting, the above Officers and Directors shall serve as the 2023-24 LWVP Board of Directors until the 2024 Annual Meeting. Anyone not listed above who wishes to be elected to the 2023-24 LWVP Board of Directors may be nominated from the floor during the meeting. The 2023-24 LWVP Board of Directors may also appoint up to three additional directors to serve during this time period.