



# ***The Beach Voter***

League of Women Voters Beach Cities  
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## **COMING UP IN JANUARY: COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION**

A very interesting panel discussion on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in purchasing electricity has been planned for our membership meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Manhattan Beach Library (see Calendar for details). CCA is a program that permits local governments, such as cities, counties and other authorized entities, to purchase and/or generate electricity for homes and businesses.

Our featured panelists are:

Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach City Council Member, District 3  
Joe Galliani, Founder South Bay Clean Power

The objective of a CCA is to maximize access to green power and promote climate protection while maintaining rates that are competitive with or lower than rates for power produced by burning fossil fuels. The California Public Utilities Commission has established a set of rules and tariffs that must be followed to facilitate the relationship between the Utility Company (Southern California Edison) and the CCA. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has supported the concept by giving "green power leadership awards" to communities that have adopted a CCA.

This meeting, which is open to the public, will present an overview of issues related to CCA and address options for homeowners and businesses, CCAs in other areas of California, and the LA County CCA Feasibility Study.

## **AND IN FEBRUARY: CLIMATE CHANGE – CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS AND NON-PROFIT STRATEGIES**

A program of urgent interest has been planned for our membership meeting on Monday, February 27 2017 at 7:00 pm, also in the Manhattan Beach Library (see Calendar for details.) As we know, there is scientific evidence that human activities, including the burning and use of fossil fuels, is causing the rise of global temperatures of oceans and air.

Our featured panelists for this meeting are:

Joey Apodaca from the Office of Congressman Ted Lieu, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
Edric Guise, Long Beach/South Bay, Citizens' Climate Lobby

Congressman Ted Lieu represents the South Bay in the House of Representatives. In his first two years in office, Lieu has assumed a leadership role in addressing climate change. "My first

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piece of legislation in Congress was the Climate Solutions Act of 2015: a bold innovative plan to energize investment in green technology, set strong renewable energy standards, and slash the carbon pollution that is damaging our planet.”

The Citizens’ Climate Lobby has developed a strategy to address climate change, creating the political will for climate solutions, including a Carbon Fee and Dividend.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

LWVBC has two new members, Ashley Wilson of El Segundo and Mary S. McCarthy of Redondo Beach. Welcome, Ashley and Mary!

### **VOTER BY EMAIL**

Members are encouraged to receive the *Voter* by email, instead of receiving a paper copy. You can print out a copy from the email version if you wish. To request your copy of the *Voter* by email, not paper, please email Barbara Arlow at [gerbar92@msn.com](mailto:gerbar92@msn.com) and put “LWVBC VOTER by email” in the subject line. This is not only more environmentally sound, but will save the LWVBC money! Thanks for helping!!

### **WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS**

Do you have an idea for a local program that would be of interest to our League members? All LWVBC members are encouraged to suggest topics for local programs in areas of their interest. All such recommendations should be sent to Jan Nathanson at [rjnathanson@yahoo.com](mailto:rjnathanson@yahoo.com) or (310) 643-6247 or to Diane Wallace at [dmbarkwall@gmail.com](mailto:dmbarkwall@gmail.com) or (310) 546-1425.

### **PROGRAM PLANNING AND HOLIDAY LUNCHEON REPORT**

On Saturday, December 3, eighteen LWV-Beach Cities members attending the State Program Planning/Holiday Luncheon at Ann Martin’s house reviewed positions that have been adopted at the State level of the League and made recommendations to retain, drop or update them. We were also asked to identify “issues for emphasis” in the League’s advocacy and any issues that might require a new study. Jan Nathanson led the meeting.

Attendees were provided with a three-page program planning kit that contained summaries of the State positions from the LWVC website at <http://www.lwvc.org/issues/lwvc-positions>. The positions were grouped into three broad categories: **Government, Environment/Natural Resources** and **Social Policy**.

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In the **Government** category, members recommended retaining the positions with the following recommended updates:

- Election Systems – Update the position to include having a paper ballot trail to facilitate a possible re-count.
- State and Local Finances – Add public banking (see website [publicbankinginstitute.org](http://publicbankinginstitute.org). Also see California I Bank).
- Members identified as “issues for emphasis” Campaign Finance and Election Systems.

In the **Environment/Natural Resources** category, members recommended retaining the positions except as follows:

- Agriculture – Update the position to address water-related issues.
- Hazardous Materials – Update the position to address pesticides and nuclear waste and to add oil pipelines.
- Members favored a new study on California’s water issues and identified Water as an “issue for emphasis.”

In the **Social Policy** category, members recommended retaining the positions except as follows:

- Mental Health – Change title to Behavioral Health to conform to National position. Update the position to add “and veterans” to the phrase “. . . offers mental health services for the homeless and veterans; . . .”

Members favored a new study on the Judicial System, which would incorporate the State League’s current position on Legal Aid but also would address issues related to Prisons, Policing, Immigration and the Courts. They favored increased advocacy for Legal Aid in the meantime.

Members also favored a new study on Health Care and identified Legal Aid, Higher Education, Behavioral Health and Housing as “issues for emphasis.”

In summary, at the Planning Meeting we recommended three new LWVC studies, on Water, the Judicial System and Health Care. We recommended seven updates to existing positions, as noted above. And we identified as “issues for emphasis” in our advocacy efforts Campaign Finance and Election Systems, Water, Legal Aid, Higher Education, Behavioral Health and Housing. Quite an ambitious agenda! We will see how our views mesh with those of other local Leagues in California.

Our thanks to Ann Martin for hosting the meeting and to our members who contributed the delicious food that we all enjoyed.

### **THE LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!**

The LWVBC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Martin, will soon begin the process of considering a slate of Board members for the 2017-2018 program year. If you've ever considered taking a more active role in the League, we want to hear from you. After all, any organization is only as strong as its volunteers. If you're interested, contact Ann at (310) 372-2823 or jamartinca@earthlink.net.

### **NEW DIRECTORIES**

In December a new LWVBC Directory for 2016-2018 was distributed to all our members. Please remember that the member information it contains is for League use only and we never share this information for promotions or other purposes. Please check your listing and let me know if there is any incorrect information. Also, if you did not receive the new Directory, please let me know and I will get you one ASAP.

Susan Grebe 310-545-2097 or scgrebe@gmail.com

### **OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

As you may have discovered, on pages 3 to 6 of the LWVBC Directory there is a directory of our elected officials at the National, State, and County levels, along with guidelines for communicating with them. The following data supplements that information:

United States Representative, 33<sup>rd</sup> District, Ted Lieu:

**236 Cannon House Office Building**  
Washington, DC 20515

California State Senator, 35<sup>th</sup> District, Steven Bradford:

**District Office:**  
**222 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 320**  
**San Pedro, CA 90731**  
**310-514- 8573**

California State Assembly Member, 66<sup>th</sup> District, Al Muratsuchi:

**District Office:**  
**23211 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 200A,**  
**Torrance, CA 90505**  
**310-375-0691**

<b>CALENDAR</b>			
Date	Time	Subject	Place
Monday January 9	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Board Meeting	Home of Henrietta Mosley 436 First Street Manhattan Beach
Monday January 23	7:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Membership Meeting Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in purchasing electricity	Manhattan Beach Library 1320 Highland Avenue Manhattan Beach
Monday February 27	7:00 pm – 8:45 pm	Membership Meeting Climate Change	Manhattan Beach Library 1320 Highland Avenue Manhattan Beach



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