



Action and Voter Education

September 2017 - May 2018

- **Ward 7 Vacancy** - During September 2017, LWVR advocated for a stand-alone Special Election to fill the vacant Ward 7 City Council seat, or consolidate the Special Election with the next scheduled election. We studied Sec. 404 of our City Charter concerning vacancies, reviewed state election law, and documented past Riverside City Councils' best practices for filling a City Council vacancy. We alerted the community to our efforts, spoke twice to the City Council and forwarded all research to the City Council, City Manager and City Clerk. The Council chose to appoint a former council member for a likely two year term.
- **Voter Participation Act** - LWVR advocated that the Voter Participation Act, which requires the City of Riverside to consolidate its municipal elections with state and national elections, be implemented at the earliest possible date. The Council chose to push full implementation of the act forward to the furthest legal date.
- **Treasurer/Banking/Tax Compliance** - Joan Donahue and Judith Auth assumed responsibilities of the treasurer in October. We have refined our book keeping process, filed several forms with state agencies to update our tax status, and drafted a manual to assist future treasurers with the duties of LWVR treasurer.



- **Community Outreach/Voter Education** - Joan Donahue spoke to The Group about nationwide efforts to suppress the vote, understanding our initiative and referendum process at a voter education workshop sponsored by Inland Empowered, and discussed the League's history, mission and process with the National Organization for Women of Riverside County and The Riverside Woman's Club.
- **Women's March January 2018** - LWVR members joined millions of marchers in protest of several policies promoted by the current Presidential administration and in support of voter participation in the 2018 mid-term elections.

- **Voter Education** - Penny Newman, an activist for civil and environmental justice, shared her successful efforts to increase voter turnout in underserved Riverside County communities at our December 1, 2017 Holiday Party.
- **Voter Education** - Sponsored a candidate forum for Riverside County Board of Supervisors District 2 at Jurupa Valley City Hall on May 10th. Co-sponsors were The Group, Latino Network, and the City of Jurupa Valley. We facilitated a forum for Riverside County Board of Supervisors District 5 on May 3rd at Perris City Hall. The forum was co-sponsored by the Black Chamber of Commerce and the City of Perris.
- **Voter Education** - We distributed 500 Easy Voter Guides locally, maintained links to all League's voter education materials on our website and made our community contacts aware of our valuable voter information for the June 5th, 2018 Primary.
- **Legislative Interviews** - LWVR members interviewed Assembly Members Medina and Cervantes - asking three questions supplied by LWVC and one local question concerning affordable housing. A summary of the interviews was posted in the May newsletter.
- **Schools and Communities First Act** - LWVR joined Leagues across the state in distributing petitions for the California Schools and Local Community Funding Act, which aims to require commercial and industrial properties to pay their fair share of property taxes. Leagues hope to place the measure on the November 2020 ballot.
- **Citizen's Right to Know** - LWVR is currently seeking more information, through the Public Record Act, as to why the Riverside City Manager was abruptly fired in April 2018.
- **Membership/Newsletter/Website** - LWVR conducted a successful membership drive from October 2017 through January 2020, our *Voter* newsletter went out regularly the first of every month to 76 subscribers, and our website maintains current information about League news and activities for League members and visitors to the site.