



Meet the Press

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January 5 Forum: Ballot Measures

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the LWV of Portland forum on Ballot Measures 66 and 67. The measures are referenda on two bills passed by the 2009 Legislature amending corporate and individual income tax rates. They are on the ballot as a result of citizen petitions.

Look for the League of Women Voters of Oregon *Voters' Guide* for Ballot Measures 66 and 67 on our website at: www.lwvpx.org/voter-resources/jan-2010-election.

Ballots will be mailed starting January 5. Election day is January 26.

Meet the Press Luncheon



Dave Mazza, Co-host of KBOO's "Voices from the Edge"

Thursday, January 14, 11:30 am
Auditorium, Calaroga Terrace,
1400 NE 2nd Avenue, Portland

Lunch: \$12. Coffee only: \$2.50
Menu: Salad buffet, sandwiches, desert, coffee/tea

Reservations due to the League Office (info@lwvpx.org or 503-228-1675) by 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 7. Cancellations after deadline are responsible for fee.

Parking: Limited inside parking. Parking at long term meters may get a permit inside at concierge desk. Other street parking available in vicinity. Carpooling and public transportation encouraged.

Transit: Max Blue, Red and Green lines all stop at the Convention Center Station, located on Northeast Holladay Street at Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard. Walk 4 blocks north on MLK and 2 blocks west to 2nd Ave. Or from downtown take the 9 at SW 6th & Alder (Stop 7747) and get off at NE Weidler & 2nd. Walk 1 block south.

Ballot Measure Forum

State Ballot Measures 66 and 67

Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 pm

Board Room, Multnomah County Building
501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Portland

Speakers:

Pro: **Steve Novick**, Defend Oregon

Con: **Bernie Bottomly**, Portland Business Alliance

Parking: Ample street parking.

Transit: TriMet bus lines from downtown: 4-Division to Gresham TC; 10-Harold to Foster Loop; 14-Hawthorne to 94th & Foster. Get off at SE Hawthorne & 6th. Visit www.trimet.org to plan your trip.

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President's Column

Dear Santa,

I want to send my thanks for all the wonderful gifts I received from my League partners this fall. I am so grateful for their awesome work and support. So here's to:

- The program committee, led by Mary Hepokoski, which has presented three fabulous meetings addressing Metro, the state financial situation, and local housing issues. Their effective outreach, organized by our PR lead, Jessica Sweeney, attracted newcomers to our programs, and we all benefited from the excellent speakers and their wealth of information.
- The Development Committee, under Mary McWilliams' leadership, which has been energetically dreaming up creative opportunities to enlarge both our coffers and our friendship base. The Jewel Lansing book party in November was particularly special.
- Carol Cushman's Membership Committee and their imaginative ways of connecting with potential members and engaging current members. Each committee member is, to quote Debbie Kaye, "the very model of modern Portland Leaguer."
- Our Action Committee, nurtured

and inspired by Debbie Aiona, which has used our League positions time and again to remind public officials of the higher principles of good government that sometimes seem to get lost in day-to-day problem solving.

- Pat Osborn and her Open World Committee, which looked for, and delivered, every possible way to make our Russian visitors' experience more effective and enjoyable.
- Our Office Manager, Heather Drake, who never misses an opportunity to improve our services and who provides a professional, positive public face for the Portland League.
- The Board of Directors, which has provided thoughtful guidance on emerging issues and stepped in proactively to make sure each job got done.

And, finally, my thanks to every person who helped make the League a successful part of our community this fall.

Sincerely, Betsy

PS, Santa – Now, that you have a break from your regular job, join us for our Meet the Press Luncheon on January 14th, and remember to vote in the January special election (only if you're registered to vote in Oregon, of course).

In Memoriam

Claire Corwin-Kordosky reported that **Bill Connor** passed away in October 2009 at age 88. He was a faculty member in the department of medicine at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) from 1975 to 2009. In addition to being a League member, Dr. Connor was very active in the City Club and the Friends of Marquam Nature Park.

**LWV supports
a YES vote on
Measures 66 & 67**

The League of Women Voters supports the tax fairness measures passed by the Legislature. We need to protect funding for essential services for Oregon's most vulnerable during the recession.

Portland's Urban Renewal Policies and Their Impact on Multnomah County

Debbie Aiona

October Action Committee guest Rhys Scholes, policy and communication director for County Chair Ted Wheeler, shared a presentation with the committee titled: *Multnomah County and Economic Development: Balancing Costs and Benefits*. The presentation asks the question, "How do you balance the loss of critical services with the need for money to spend on economic development through urban renewal?"

Urban renewal dollars come from the property tax revenues collected on the growth in the assessed values in each urban renewal district. Proceeds are spent on water and sewer utilities, streets, light rail and other transportation improvements, various other public improvements, private development subsidies, and housing, including affordable housing. Investments in urban renewal areas are intended to be mutually beneficial to both the public and private sectors. Portland currently has eleven urban renewal districts and is in the process of exploring the option for a new west side district. To learn more about the potential west side district, go to:

<http://www.pdc.us/four/ccstudy/default.asp>

Property taxes dedicated to Portland's urban renewal districts have grown from \$18 million in 1997-98 to \$109 million in 2009-10. Mr. Scholes described the county's core functions, supported principally by property taxes, and their impact on the city's economic vitality. Multnomah County is responsible for public health, mental health services, services for the aging and elderly, addiction treatment, jails, the district attorney's office, parole and probation, court facilities, juvenile offenders and law enforcement. It maintains county bridges and roads, administers elections, collects taxes and

runs the library system. Multnomah County supports the local economy by training workers in the schools, protecting business through public safety programs, providing the legal infrastructure for commercial transactions and maintaining real estate and other public record systems. It is a major provider of substance abuse programs, reducing harm to workers and their families through these treatment programs. These are critical economic development support services, and regarded as such by companies interested in locating to the Portland area and existing companies trying to thrive here.

The county is experiencing a structural deficit. Costs are rising faster than revenue growth. Mr. Scholes predicts that unless there is a change in the way Oregon funds government, in ten years the county will be able to provide only mandated services. The dramatic rise in property taxes going to urban renewal and the county's dire financial condition has focused attention on how urban renewal is used in Portland. Currently, the county's share of tax revenues dedicated to urban renewal is just over \$20 million. Twenty million dollars would just about cover the cost of the Central Library (\$22 million).

Mr. Scholes reported that the Portland Development Commission and the City have been criticized for using urban renewal inappropriately. The League has expressed concern in recent testimony that PDC is focusing too much on high-end development opportunities rather than on basic blight conditions that directly affect peoples' lives.

Mr. Scholes presented the view that urban renewal should be more carefully targeted to improve truly blighted areas. Reserving the tool for those circumstances benefits the community and the local taxing jurisdictions by increasing property tax proceeds in the long run. Once the district debt is retired, the increased revenues will be spent on critical services.

The presentation concluded with a call for balance and posed the following questions.

- How much can we afford to spend on everyone's worthwhile projects?
- Which services should we cut to provide funding for those projects?
- What is the cost to our economy of the services that have been and will be cut?
- Do we have confidence that the benefits of our investments will justify the costs?

January Action Committee Meeting

Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

Tom Linhares, Executive Director

Friday, January 29, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Room 433, Board of Trade Building, 310 SW 4th Avenue

All members welcome. Questions? Contact Debbie Aiona.

The TSCC serves the taxpayers by providing an extensive review of the budgets of the local governments within its jurisdiction. It produces an annual report on local budgets, indebtedness, property taxes, financial information, and includes user-friendly explanations of background and trends.

Sponsors Needed

Community Cable for LWV Portland General Meetings and Forums

Mary McWilliams

In past years, MetroEast has recorded our general meetings and election year forums without charge, and PCM has recorded a number of our general meetings without charge. This year PCM has advised us that it they will not be able to record any of our programs without charge. MetroEast has asked us to pay for recording our programs, when we are able to do so. Re-broadcasts during the month that a taping is made are at no additional charge.

Generally, PCM does our taping as they are the Portland area community media source. When a program is of county-wide interest, MetroEast may tape. The equipment at the Multnomah County Building is owned by MetroEast. Costs vary for a taping depending on whether a taping is one hour or longer and other circumstances. An average cost is about \$225 per taping.

Some PCM tapings can be watched on Comcast Channel 30 (which broadcasts most of the Portland area's governmental meetings) and on the internet at:

www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?c=28262&a=13660

The January 5 ballot measure forum will be taped and broadcast. See related article in this Voter. Tapings may appear on other Comcast channels, so please check the Portland

Many Thanks:

Jewel Lansing "Meet, Eat, Discuss" Social Fundraiser

Mary McWilliams

This event raised over \$2,000 for the League's Regular Fund. Many people are due thanks for working on this event over the summer to include book groups and concluding with the

League web site for the correct information: www.lwvpx.org.

Your League has been methodically contacting businesses to sponsor or underwrite the tapings, but individuals and families, including League members, may also sponsor. The sponsor's name and logo appear at the beginning and end of the taping (with general information) along with that of LWV.

If you would like to become a sponsor or recommend a business for us to contact, please let the League office know at 503-228-1675 or info@lwvpx.org.

- Platt Electric Supply is sponsoring the General Meeting on February 9 at 7 pm with a Panel on Sustainability.

Sponsors are needed for:

- The January 5th Forum
- March 9th General meeting at 7 pm on Schools Study Topics
- April 13th General meeting, at 7 pm on the second part of the LWVOR Water Study
- Probably one or more May Candidates Forums in preparation for the May 18th primary.
- Probably one or more October Forums for the November 2 election.

evening social and fundraiser on November 7th. For a complete list of all those involved and the story behind this event, go to www.lwvpx.org. Click on **Get Involved, Fundraisers**.

SAVE THE DATE



**90th
LWV
Birthday
Celebration
1920-2010**

*Recognition of Past Major
Donors and LWV Volunteers*

Saturday, February 13
9:30 am – 11:30 am
Light Brunch Buffet
Riverside Golf and Country Club
8105 NE 33rd Drive, Portland

This even is for all current and past Portland League members, their significant others, daughters and sons or other relatives, friends, or neighbors.

LWV Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

In Memory

Walter & Judy Handelman
JWHANDS Foundation

Louise Questad
Kris Hudson
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Elizabeth Stockwell
Ann and John Cowger

In Honor

Irene Marvich
Kim Ball

LWV Portland
Andrey Tarasov: A tree for hosting
October 2009 Open World Russian
Visit

Position Update: Nonprofit Corporations Associated with City Government

Betsy Pratt

The League of Women Voters of Portland originally studied “Nonprofit Corporations associated with City Government” in 1983, in response to concerns that this kind of special purpose entity was removed from public oversight and control. The 1983 study committee identified eight organizations that qualified as public nonprofit corporations created by the City of Portland (see Table 1 on next page), typically in response to new, unanticipated workload or urgent problems. The committee concluded that some potential issues existed with these organizations. First, the lack of standard policies and procedures created some confusion for participants and observers, particularly with respect to their legal standing. Second, the practice of assigning administrative responsibilities to these entities tended to:

- (a) lessen the importance of the permanent city bureaucracy;
- (b) remove program administration from the democratic process;
- (c) diminish financial accountability;
- (d) remove channels for citizen input and review, and
- (e) fragment planning and program administration.

Although the report observed that the collective impact of these tendencies had yet to be determined, it concluded that the relationship of nonprofit corporations to the City warranted close and continuous monitoring. In response to the report, the

Portland League adopted the current position on Nonprofit Corporations.

In 1993, the Portland League published an update to the original study. The update reviewed the status of the original nonprofit corporations and identified a few additional organizations that had been created in the intervening years. Some of the original nonprofits had become fully independent of the City, others had shrunk as their mission was accomplished or overcome by events, and a few had become more active. By 1993, however, these nonprofit organizations were being used less frequently than in the past. Where City funds were involved, the City was more likely to establish a formal contractual relationship with an outside entity, which would include requirements for City auditing, rather than create a new administrative unit. The study committee concluded that there was no need to change the position but recommended continued oversight.

To prepare for the January 2010 round of program planning, we researched the current status of nonprofits and city government, as shown in Table 1. All of the nonprofits previously associated with the City have either dissolved or have evolved into fully independent nonprofit entities. If a City bureau wants to use the services of such organizations, it establishes a formal contract subject to oversight from the City Auditors Office. Linda Meng, the

City Attorney, said, “Although City employees may be active in stimulating the establishment of nonprofits or may participate in them as board members, I am not aware of any nonprofit corporations that are controlled by the City of Portland.” (Interview, August 20, 2009).

For at least a decade, the City Attorney has advised the City against setting up nonprofit corporations controlled by the City. Ms. Meng said that a 1989 court case provided the impetus behind this advice. In that case, which involved the City of Portland, Portland Energy Conservation, Inc, and the Public Employees Retirement Board, the City was ordered “to report and remit the Public Employees’ [sic] Retirement Fund amounts necessary to establish and maintain coverage for employees of city-created nonprofit energy conservation corporation under Public Employees’ Retirement System and federal Social Security Act. [State v. Portland, 96 Or. App. 393] (A8303-01854; CA A48822)

In the 26 years since the League first studied this issue, the City of Portland has transitioned away from establishing nonprofit entities. None of the earlier city nonprofits still exist, and it is unlikely that any new ones will be created, mainly due to the retirement funding implication. The original League concern about questionable legal standing appears to have been justified, but the position no longer seems necessary.



Coming next month...

February General Meeting – **Creating a Sustainable Future**

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 pm

Board Room, Multnomah County Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard

Program

Table 1. Entities Existing During 1983 League Study

Entity	Original Purpose	Governing Structure		Status as of Sept. 2009
		Original	As of 1993	
Housing Authority of Portland (HAP)	Established by City Council December 1941, housing for industrial workers	Directed by 7-member board appointed by mayor	9-member board, appointed by City Council, Gresham & Multnomah County	An independent agency with governmental authority per State law (eminent domaine), funded by HUD grants & rental income.
Hospital Facility(ies) Authority	Established by City in 1977 to fund hospital facilities	Directed by 7-member board appointed by City Council	6-member board, appointed by Mayor.	Dissolved per City Council Agenda, August 2001
City Housing Development Inc	Established by City in 1978 to finance middle income housing	Board of up to 7 members, originally appointed by mayor, later selected their own members	3-7 member board, self-appointed Provide economic-development-related loans.	Community Capital Development, Inc as of 2007, independent of city. Listed as a public benefit nonprofit with the Secretary of State.
City Loan Corporation	Established by City in 1979 to provide loans to businesses who could not get conventional funding (minority owned enterprises)(revolving loans)	5-member board appointed by City Council	3-member board appointed by City Council. Oversee Federal grant funds, managed by PDC.	Dissolved in November 1995 per the Sec. of State.
Portland Energy Conservation Inc (PECI)	Created by City ordinance in 1979 to provide weatherization information and low-interest loans	5-member board appointed by City Council	Totally independent of city.	Fully independent nonprofit.
Portland Public Buildings Corp	Established by City Ordinance in 1980 to assist in financing and acquiring city office space, issue bonds	5-member board appointed by City Council	5-member board appointed by the Mayor. Provide advice to mayor on facilities issues, otherwise inactive.	Dissolved in 2000 per the Sec. of State.
Portland Cable Access Inc	Established by City ordinance in 1981 to provide community use of cable television, operate community access channels.	18-member board appointed by City Council	15 voting members, 3 non-voting, appointed by City Council, neighborhoods.	Called Portland Community Media since 2003, now a private non-profit. Listed as a public benefit nonprofit with Sec. of State.
Pioneer (Courthouse) Square Inc	Created by City resolution in 1983 to manage Pioneer Square, a city park	7-member board originally appointed by City Council, later selected their own members.	13-member board with oversight & funding from City.	Established as a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit, contracts with Park Bureau to operate the Square.
Downtown Community Housing, Inc	Formed in 1991 to develop Alder House SRO, PDC provided a construction loan		7-member board, 4 appointed by community, 3 by Presbyterian Church	Private 501(c)(3) nonprofit, independent of city, per the City Attorney.
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives (PCRI)	Created in 1991 to take over low-income housing formerly owned by bankrupt Dominion Capital. City facilitated start-up and financing.		9-member board, self-appoint	Private nonprofit, independent of city, per the City Attorney.
Vintage Trolley, Inc.	Formed in 1987 to provide visitor service between Lloyd District & downtown.		9-member board, self-replacing. Public-private partnership.	Now a private nonprofit, per the City Attorney, partners with Tri-Met.

November General Meeting: Deconstructing the State Budget

Ann Mulrone

At the November 10th general meeting, George Naughton, Oregon's Budget Director, and Steve Novick, an Oregon political activist and political candidate, presented a sobering picture of Oregon's recession economy and its impact on Oregon's State Budget. Naughton and Novick described Oregon's changing revenue system and changing budget priorities. Go to the state web sites:

www.leg.state.or.us/comm/lfo

www.leg.state.or.us/comm/lro

to learn more about Oregon's budget.

The Recession in Oregon

- The recession has been sudden and severe, like most of the country. In April 2007, unemployment was 5.0%. In September 2009 it was 10.8%.
- Exports have dropped 343% since the recession began.
- Housing permits have declined from about 1500 per month to 500 per month for single family homes. No multi-family permits are being issued.
- Revenue from income tax is heavily affected by unemployment.

Oregon's Tax Structure

- High personal income tax; low corporate tax.
- There is no Rainy Day Fund requirement in Oregon.

Initiatives and State Spending

- Ballot Measure 5 greatly reduced local property taxes,

shifted most K-12 education funding to State, and had a major impact on higher education funding.

- Measure 11 Sentencing Guidelines resulted in a doubling of the Public Safety budget.

Oregon's Budget

- Expenditures from the All Funds Budget 2009-2011
 - 10% State School Funds
 - 5% Other Education
 - 9% Higher Education
 - 28% Human Services
 - 7% Public Safety
 - 41% All Other

- The General Fund/Lottery Budget is the state's discretionary budget. It reflects the State's spending priorities. General Fund revenue sources: 79% Personal Income Tax; 5.7% Corporate Income Tax; 6.7% Lottery Funds.
 - A 22% drop in General Fund revenue is projected for the 2009-11 Biennium.

Budget Growth

- Typically there is a 13% growth in spending each biennium. No growth is included in the 2009-11 State Budget. The \$4.5 Billion in new spending is from Federal Funds.
 - The 45-64 age group pays most of the income taxes. The growth rate of this age group is starting to slow which means that revenue will decrease while high service demand groups such as retirees, will increase.

Membership Reminder

Bring Friends to Meet the Press!

Debbie Kaye

We anticipate that the January general meeting—our annual Meet the Press Luncheon on Thursday, January 14—will be fun and interesting. It offers the ideal opportunity to bring a friend to 'meet the League.'

Consider whom among your friends you've been planning to invite to a League event, and do it! League members are always available for introductions and explanations of their particular League activities.

Let's have a big turnout, and engage some new people in our great work for Portland.

Website Hints

Kathleen Hersh

For those of you who use the Microsoft Office calendar, there is a handy shortcut to add League events to your calendar from the LWV Portland website. Open the item on the LWV of Portland website calendar that you would like to add to your calendar. The bottom box on the right is titled "add event to calendar." Click on the icon labeled "iCal." In the box that comes up select Open with Microsoft Office and click OK. The familiar calendar item will be generated with all the information as to time, place and content notes. You can add a reminder, if you would like, and save. Voila! You now have the event in your calendar. For those who use other electronic calendars, experiment with iCal and vCal icons and see if an item is generated that you can use. Have fun!

January Program Planning for LWVUS, LWVCRR, and LWV Portland

Mary Hepokoski

According to Jane Gigler, Board Member of the League of Women Voters of Oregon,

“Program” has a unique meaning for the League. Simply put, program consists of the governmental issues chosen by League members for concerted study and action. The civic involvement of the League, or action, is entwined with an understanding of the issues gained through studies.

We are a grassroots organization with a number of different levels. This year’s program planning involves looking at our program at the local, regional and national levels.

(Information for LWVCRR, or regional, program planning was not ready at press time. It will be emailed to members in January. Copies will also be provided at January unit meetings.)

Because we are grassroots, we have the opportunity to voice what issues we want the national League to study. Several Leagues around the country have already made their suggestions:

- The LWV of Palo Alto proposes we study the role of the federal government in public education, with a focus on (1) the basic goals of public education, (2) the role of the federal government in education policy-making, (3) the relationship between national, state, and local levels of education governance, including funding, and (4) the development of common standards.

- The LWV of Kansas wants us to study the level of civic education in our country because “all it takes to lose democracy is to have One Generation that is ignorant.”

- The LWV of Boulder County is suggesting campaign financing - specifically the Fair Elections Now Acts (FEN Acts, S.752 and H.R. 1826) for action priority.

- A different group of Leaguers “have been reading, talking, thinking, and writing about the issue [arms control] with the aim of evaluating the relevancy, usefulness, and practical applicability of the LWVUS Position to current circumstances.” They are planning on posting a series of background papers on the LWVUS’ website (www.lwv.org). Another issue that has been raised is creating a Department of Peace.

On the local level we have a review in this issue of the *Voter* of our Non-Profit Corporations Associated with the City of Portland position by Betsy Pratt, we had a review of our position on the Multnomah Education Service District by Carol Cushman in the Sept 2009 *Voter* and we have a

committee studying local education issues. (If you wish to propose a new study, please email info@lwvpx.org or Mary Hepokoski to get information about the most effective way to do that.)

A summary of LWVUS public policy positions is included with this issue of the *Voter*. For more complete information see “Impact on Issues,” a guide to public policy positions which is available at www.lwv.org. **Please bring this issue of the *Voter* and a complete copy of our local positions to your unit meeting.** Complete local positions can be found in the *Membership Handbook and Directory* or online at www.lwvpx.org.

What issue(s) do you want to be considered for a new study, an update, an action priority, or no recommendation at the national or local level of League? Join us and share your views for an important discussion.

Interested in:

- Promoting better citizen involvement?
- Enhancing Oregon's democracy?
- Improving state laws and policies?
- Protecting Oregonians' rights?
- Meeting and working with state policy makers?
- Informing more Oregonians about state issues that affect them?
- Making the League of Women Voters more effective?
- Learning how the LWV gets its job done?

If you, or another League member you know, would like to do LWV work at the state level, please consider a one or two-year position on the board of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, starting in June 2010. Specifically we need women and men to help as Assistant Treasurer, Voter Service Co-Chair, Technology Chair, Public Relations Chair, Development Co-Chair, and Action Team members. It is a great opportunity to make democracy work better in Oregon and make the League work better at all levels. Please tell your local president (or a member of the Nominating Committee) that you would like to consider being on the state board. Thank you!

LWVOR Nominating Committee: **Margaret Noel**, Chair; **Pamela Ashland**; **Judith Benjamin**; **Diana Bodtker**; **Janet Calvert**; **Carol Ventgen**; **Al Wilson**

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League**

2010-2011 LWV of Portland Program Planning

Please return to the Portland League Office by January 31, 2010, if you do not attend a unit meeting. (LWV Portland, 310 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 520, Portland, OR 97204)

Proposed New Local Study Item

May also be an update or a request for restudy. Include title, scope and outlook for work. (If you wish to propose a new study, please email info@lwpdx.org or Mary Hepokoski to get information about the most effective way to do that.)

PRESENT POSITIONS (refer to back of 2010 Membership Handbook)	Retain Position	Drop Position	Update Position	Restudy	Emphasize Action in 2010-2011
CITY OF PORTLAND					
1. City Government '91, '65, '63, '61					
2. City Hiring Practices '91					
3. Planning '09, '74, '73					
4. Economic Development Assistance '81					
5. Neighborhood Associations '07, '75, '73					
6. Portland Police Bureau '82					
7. Portland Development Commission '82					
8. Non-Profit Corporations Associated with the City of Portland '93					
MULTNOMAH COUNTY					
1. County Government '04, '83, '78, '76, '64, '58					
2. Multnomah County Library System '04, '86					
EDUCATION					
1. Public School Districts in Portland '06 (revised), '80, '79, '76, '75, '73, '72, '71, '69, '68	<i>Education is our current study.</i>				
2. School District #1 '00					
3. Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) '86					
SOCIAL POLICY					
1. Housing '89, '81					
2. Community Residential Facilities '07, '77					
3. Teenage Girls at Risk '95					
4. Juvenile Justice '06, '03, '97					

Calendar

January 2010							February 2010						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28						

- 1: **Office Closed**
- 5: **Ballot Measure Forum**
7:00 pm, Board Room, Mult. Bldg.
- 6: **Exec Committee**
12:00 pm, Room 520
- 14: **Meet the Press**
11:30 am, Calaroga Terrace
- 15: **Voter Deadline**
- 18: **Board Meeting**
5:45 pm, Room 433
- 19: **Education Study**
5:45 pm, Home of Beth Johnson
- 26: **Mailing Party**
10:00 am, Room 520
- 29: **Office Closed**
- 29: **Action Committee**
1:00 pm, Room 433
- 29: **New Member Event**
TBA

- 3: **Exec Committee**
12:00 pm, Room 520
- 9: **General Meeting**
7:00 pm, Board Room, Mult. Bldg.
- 12: **Voter Deadline**
- 13: **90th Birthday**
9:30 am, Riverside Golf and Country Club
- 15: **Board Meeting**
5:45 pm, Room 433
- 23: **Mailing Party**
10:00 am, Room 520
- 26: **Office Closed**
- 26: **Action Committee**
1:00 pm, Room 433

Calendar Location Key:

Room 520 and **Room 433** are located at our office building: Board of Trade Building, 310 SW 4th Avenue, Portland (4th Avenue between Stark and Oak Streets)

The **Mult. Bldg.** is located at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard. The Board Room is located on the first floor.

January Unit Meetings

Program Planning. January is program planning month for both our national and local programs. This is one of our major responsibilities as League members. There are lots of hot topics this year! Mark your calendars.

Unit 1 – Southwest
Monday, Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m.
 Leader – Ann Mulroneo
 Host – Elaine Hakala

Unit 2 – Southeast
Monday, Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m.
 Leader – Mary McWilliams
 Host – Paulette Meyer
Location – Home of Beth Johnson

Unit 4 – North/Northeast
Thursday, Jan. 21, 1:00 p.m.
 Leader – Susan Proppe Tong
 Host – Bev Wilson

Unit 5 – Terwilliger Plaza
Monday, Jan. 18, 3:00 p.m.
 Leader – Jeanne Steed
 No host – Convene at Terwilliger Plaza Auditorium A, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd

Unit 6 – Southwest/Northwest Hills
Friday, Jan. 15, 9:30 a.m.
 Leader – Debbie Kaye
 Host – Carol Wilson

Unit 7 – Vermont Hills
Monday, Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m.
 Leader – Jeanne Steed
 Host – Alyda Gilkey

Unit 8 – Online
 Leader: Kathleen Hersh
 Location: groups.yahoo.com/group/LWVPDXVirtualUnit/