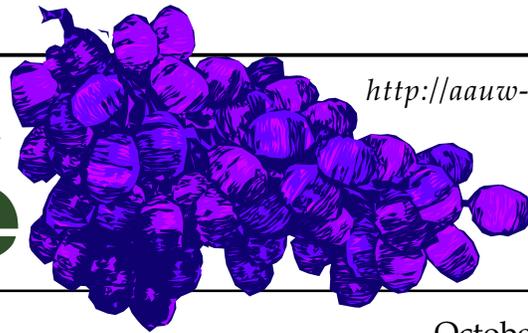


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Attend Pros and Cons of California Ballot Measures

Prepare to Vote on Tuesday, November 8



Wednesday, October 19, 2016 | 3:30 p.m.

Saratoga Retirement Community,
in the Barnes Hall Auditorium

(14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga)

A total of 17 state-wide measures have qualified for the November 8, 2016 ballot. Several propositions amend the state Constitution, some amend current law (*statutes*) and others create new laws. One is an advisory vote, asking voters' opinion, and one is a referendum, seeking to overturn a current law. Be informed before you decide how to vote! The League of Women Voters will present the Pros and Cons of most ballot measures.



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For additional information, please contact
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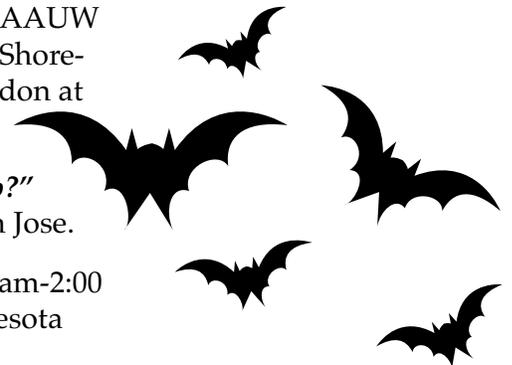
Coming Next Month . . .

November 2016 Local Branch Highlights

Sunnyvale-Cupertino Branch: Luncheon and silent auction for AAUW Fund, 11:30 am, Saturday, November 5, Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline in Mountain View. \$35 until October 26, then \$40. Jodi Gordon at j.a.gordon@sbcglobal.net

San Jose Branch program: "Bullying - Harassment: What to Do?" 10:00-11:30 am, Saturday, November 5, Willow Glen Library, San Jose.

San Jose Branch: Holiday Boutique for local scholarships 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Saturday, November 12, San Jose AAUW house, 1165 Minnesota Ave, San Jose.





A Great Time to Join AAUW



Our September meeting provided a great opportunity to hear about the various groups and committees and projects that our branch offers. That's just the beginning of a year full of opportunities to meet interesting and involved people, especially in smaller groups where you can really get to know other members.

Support Programs for Girls and Women in STEM

Our society tells girls and women that they don't belong in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. **Tech Trek** was designed to show girls who have finished seventh grade that there are many options and opportunities for them and a wide range of careers which require a background in STEM. If you met the Tech Trek campers in September, you know that their week at Stanford excited them about these fields of study and will help them plan their academic futures to prepare them for college work and ultimate employment in these fields. Our Tech Trek Committee works with our middle schools to nominate candidates, interview the girls, and select our campers.

Local Scholarships are given to women from West Valley College who are transferring to a four-year college or university to pursue a degree in any of the STEM areas. Many recipients had not thought about majoring in STEM until they met a particularly influential teacher at the community college who encouraged them and inspired them. They appreciate the financial and moral support they get from AAUW. Our Local Scholarship Committee makes sure the application is available to interested applicants, reviews the applications, and selects the recipients.

Help Women in Crisis

It's hard to believe that here in prosperous Silicon Valley there are homeless women and children. Several agencies work with these women to help them find employment, housing and critical social services so that they can become self-supporting. Our **Committee on Homeless Women and Children** provides both financial support to these agencies and direct assistance to the women with an annual holiday party and gift giving, and by providing lunch once a month at the Women's Gathering Place.

Meet Members with Similar Interests

AAUW members like getting together socially. Some share their interest in reading or playing bridge, others go walking or hiking, still others simply go out

to lunch. It's an easy way to meet people who like to do the things YOU like to do! Are you interested in world affairs? Come see what Great Decisions is about. Are you interested in world travel? Our "*Armchair Adventures*" won't require a passport or airline ticket.

Not sure about joining the Los Gatos-Saratoga branch of AAUW? You are welcome to "*sample*" our small groups and see if they are right for you. Annual dues of \$89 will give you access to everything the branch has to offer plus all the resources of the national and state AAUW offices.

For membership forms and more information, contact Virginia Turner at (408) 866-4234 or by email at vturner@sbcglobal.net or visit our branch website www.aauw-lgs.org.

—Virginia Turner, Membership Chair

Members on the Move

Local Artist Kay Duffy is Presenter at Friday, October 7 Travel Group

My Aegis Gallery of Fine Art colleague, Kay Duffy, is a long-time traveler, and wherever she goes, she takes her curiosity, her keen eye, and her sparkling brush.

Friday, October 7, she will be presenting a talk about her cycling journey in Alsace, France, with sketches and paintings illustrating some of the high points.

Many people greatly enjoy such peeks inside the minds of artists partly because they give insight into what seems like a sometimes arcane and mysterious process. Kay is an engaging personality with a subtle sense of humor, so I think you'll find her presentation fun and enjoyable—and, yes, insightful! It will begin at 7:30 in the meeting room at The Terraces of Los Gatos, 800 Blossom Hill, Los Gatos.

Kay's artwork will be for sale, and all proceeds will benefit the Homeless Women and Children.



Single-payer Health Care, What Do You Know?

The is a first in a series of articles on Myths & Lies about Single-Payer Health Care

Let's start with a definition of single-payer health care. Physicians for a National Health Program describe it as follows:

Single-payer national health insurance, also known as "Medicare for all," is a system in which a single public or quasi-public agency organizes health care financing, but the delivery of care remains largely in private hands. Under a single-payer system, all residents of the U.S. would be covered for all medically necessary services, including doctor, hospital, preventive, long-term care, mental health, reproductive health care, dental, vision, prescription drug and medical supply costs.

The program would be funded by the savings obtained from replacing today's inefficient, profit-oriented, multiple insurance payers with a single streamlined, nonprofit, public payer, and by modest new taxes based on ability to pay. Premiums would disappear; 95 percent of all households would save money. Patients would no longer face financial barriers to

care such as co-pays and deductibles, and would regain free choice of doctor and hospital. Doctors would regain autonomy over patient care.

I am going to be sharing information provided by a group called Public Citizen, which is a non-profit, non-partisan, consumer rights advocacy group and think tank based in Washington, D.C. This group advocates before all three branches of the United States federal government. They have been working for 25 years, supported by donations, to provide information to citizens.

What are the Myths and Lies about Single Payer?

- The Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") provides universal coverage and protects patients from abusive insurance companies, so we don't need Single Payer.

Wrong! Under the Affordable Care Act, you are required to purchase coverage from a for-profit insurance corporation. Corporations like Aetna, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and others still control access to doctors,

hospitals and coverage; the insurance industry arguably has more power with the Affordable Care Act in place than before. Meanwhile 33 million Americans still lack access to health care under Obamacare. This means thousands of people will continue to die in the United States each year because they lack access to health insurance.

- Single payer is government-run health care.

Wrong. That would be the Veterans Administration. Or the British health care system where the government pays for the doctors and hospitals. Under single payer, you get a health care card, and you can go to any doctor or hospital in the United States. Doctors are not employees of the government. Hospitals remain in private hands. You get free choice of doctor and hospital.

–Barbara Lea, Southwest Santa Clara Valley LWV, Health Care & VP Administration [Barbara Lea is also a LG-S AAUW member.] (reprinted)

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW

BOARD NOTES

On Sept 12th Board Meeting

- **Inter-branch Council** – Margaret Bard reports that the IBC asked us to sponsor the education initiative "Strong Start". Board voted to approve.
- **Local Scholarships** – Marilyn Fuller reported that our two Scholarship recipients are attending UC Santa Cruz and UC San Diego.
- **Tech Trek** – Cynthia Miller reported that contacting teachers (and work) will begin at end of year.

- **Web Liaison** – Sharon Kelkenberg asked our webmaster, Pavlina, to continue website postings.
- **Membership** – 4 new members.

**When Women Vote,
We Change the Conversation!**
*See Insert A & B for positions taken
on Ballot Measures.*

VOTE – Tuesday, Nov 8



Brush Up Your Foreign Policy Knowledge

Sign up for Great Decisions 2016

Great Decisions, a program by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Anyone can participate. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions *Briefing Book*, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Background information and policy options are provided for the eight most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country.

The 2017 will be dealing with the following topics:

- 1) European Union
- 2) Trade
- 3) China
- 4) Gulf Cooperation Council/Saudi Arabia
- 5) Geopolitics of Energy
- 6) Latin America
- 7) Afghanistan/Pakistan
- 8) Nuclear Security.

Locally the program is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Southwest Santa Clara Valley, The American Association of University Women Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch, the Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC) and the Saratoga Retirement Community (SRC). The 2017 program is expected to function with two groups, as it did in previous years.

The **registration fee** for Great Decisions 2017 is **\$35 for an individual and \$45 for a couple sharing a workbook**. Everyone desiring to participate is urged to sign up as soon as possible. The **sign-up deadline is November 30, 2016**, to insure that course materials are received in time for the start of the local program.

Checks should be made out to **Rosalie Price, mailed to her at 14500 Fruitvale Avenue, Cottage #6610, Saratoga, CA 95070**. It is important for those wanting to participate in **Group One to write "Group One" on their checks**.

For questions please **contact** program coordinators **Terry or Judy Zaccone at (408) 257-6575 or Rosalie Price at (408) 741-7670**.

-Terry Zaccone, Facilitator



How the Study Sessions Work!

Both **Group One and Two** will hold their first study sessions on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Group One is expecting to enroll about forty members. As in past years each of this group's sessions will begin in the SASCC's Oak Room which is a modular classroom. The initial assembly is for viewing a DVD, provided by the FPA, pertaining to each session's scheduled topic. Half of Group One then adjourns to the Magnolia Room. Separating into the two sub-groups facilitates greater individual participation in discussions. As in past years, **Group One** will meet from 1:00–3:00 P.M. on the first and third Thursday of each month.

For **Group One** only, course materials will be distributed at a planning session beginning at 1:00 P.M. on January 26, 2017, in the SASCC Oak Room. The first study session will be on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Group Two which meets in the SRC's Barnes Hall and is expected to attract about 20 participants. It will also function in 2017 as it did in 2016. **Group Two's** participants will hold their first study session at 2:00 P.M. in the SRC's Barnes Hall on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Hikes and Walks

Join for Exercise, Companionship, Fun and Good Food!

We plan an adventure every month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, most Scenic Hikes are 5-6 miles, visiting our beautiful area parks and open spaces. Carpool meets in Los Gatos or Saratoga – check the *Grapevine calendar* for meeting/parking spot and for the destinations. Better yet pick up a detailed schedule for the year or request one from k@kayduffy.com

Every Second Thursday – Scenic Hikes. We will spend the day until about 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. visiting some interesting and beautiful locations. We either picnic in the open air or discover a delightful restaurant. Each year we have a hike in San Francisco (*this year on Thursday, October 13*). We will stroll the Embarcadero with a visit to the Ferry Building market and see the delightful views of the bridges and bay. Some upcoming



destinations: Point Lobos, Uvas Canyon's waterfalls, Valentine ramble to Livermore winery (*bring our lover*), Santa Cruz Mountain holiday hike and feast, beach clean-up and lunch at Phil's. Along the way, we enjoy many wildflowers, wilderness and hill tops.



Every Fourth Thursday – Back-by-Noon Walks. We take a brisk walk at a nearby parks or coast and get back by 12:00 noon. After this exercise you can relax and gab with us at coffee or lunch.

Trail Clean Up. Every 2 months we take an extra Thursday to clean our AAUW adopted trail in town along Los Gatos Creek plus grab some extra exercise and still get back-by-noon. (See the listing in the *Grapevine Calendar*)

Come join us! The temperature will be very comfortable for a walk.

Leaders: Kay Duffy and Jane Bishop

Save the Date

February 16, 2017 – **Authors' Lunch** at the Terraces in Los Gatos; this is our annual fundraiser for the association's AAUW Fund supporting fellowships, community action grants and other programs. Keep a watch in the *Grapevine* issues for more details.

If you want to help with this event, please contact Judy Borlase at (408) 358-2262.

Did you get your directory?

All directories not pick up were mailed. Please check your entry and send any additions, changes, and corrections to: Louise Quenon, Database Manager, (408) 867-0698; lquenon@comcast.net

Help the branch keep in contact with you by keeping your information current and up-to-date. If you move or change your email or telephone, let us know.

Contact Gail Pedersen, Directory editor, if you did not get your directory (408) 377-6895; gail_pedersen@yahoo.com

Play Debate Bingo & Have Fun Watching the Presidential Debates!

The AAUW Action Fund's *It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard* voter education and turnout campaign represents an unprecedented investment in making women's voices heard in the 2016 election.



The presidential nominees will meet for a series of three debates, and their vice presidential running mates will participate in their own debate.

This year, we're proud to announce a new debate bingo feature! You can print out the bingo cards (*For your convenience, the PDF of the bingo cards is attached when I send out your October 2016 Grapevine issue*). Or you can go to aauw-ca.org to download and print out the bingo cards.

2016 Presidential Debate Schedule – Check your location listings.

Event	Date	Time
Vice presidential debate	Tuesday, Oct. 4	6:00 - 7:30 pm
2nd presidential debate	Sunday, Oct. 9	6:00 - 7:30 pm
3rd presidential debate	Wednesday, Oct. 19	6:00 - 7:30 pm

PM Book Group!

7:30 pm, Saratoga Retirement Community, Saratoga

October's Book

Book: *"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"*

Author: Betty Smith

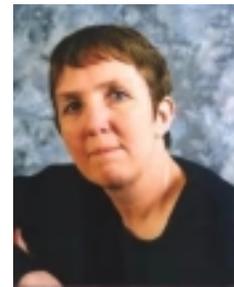
Reviewer: Pat Khan

November's Book

Book: *"Raven Black"*

Author: Ann Cleeves

Reviewer: Marlene Lamb



Ann Cleeves



Here's A Peek

What's Inside Those Teen Holiday Gift Bags?

A little magic and a lot of hard work goes into filling the Gift for Teens holiday bags for needy San Jose teens. Each year is a bit different depending on corporate/foundation grants being received and the generosity of local business, schools, donors and people like you. For example, in 2015, each bag contained:

- A \$25 shoe gift card and a \$20 in store gift card for 1,281 teens
- Each bag with contents was valued from \$300 to \$350 dollars
- Over 700 girls were thrilled to receive hand knit scarves with matching gloves
- Hygiene kits with toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc. were included
- Fun teen items like cosmetics, jewelry, snack food and small games added an extra touch
- A warm hoodie sweatshirt for each bag
- Additionally, 3 skateboards, a scooter and over 50 sport balls made some teens' holiday brighter



In 2015, Gift for Teens was proud to involve 263 donors of cash and items as well as numerous volunteers to help fill the festive holiday bags to overflowing. We couldn't have done it without you! You too can get involved. Check out our web site: www.gifts4teens.org. For more info, contact Elaine Benoit – elaine@gifts4teens.org.

–Jan Giroux – Gifts For Teens; jgiroux603@aol.com

October 2016 AAUW Calendar

- 3 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (*corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.*) **All Members are Welcome!**
- 4 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (*13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga*). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP : Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 7 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (*800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos*). **"Touring Alsace and Black Forest by Bike"** – presented by artist Kay Duffy. *"With my husband and son, we biked the green countryside and vineyards along the Rhine. We visited an ancient black forest farm house museum, visited hill top fortresses and Maginot Line fortifications, tasted wine and ended in beautiful Strasbourg."* (Kay will have some of her paintings of the locale from her trip along for your enjoyment. *See page 2 for more information.*) Chair: JoAn Lambert, (408) 867-6237. **Open to Public!**
- 11 Tuesday **Committee for Homeless Women and Children. (New Time)** Meets 3:30 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (*13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga*). RSVP: Chair, Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. **Help Us! All are Welcome to Join in the Fun!**
- 13 Thursday **Scenic Hikes and Walks – Annual San Francisco Hike.** Hike along the bay shore exploring the Embarcadero's nooks and crannies. Spectacular views of bridges and bay! Bring lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am at the Argonaut Shopping Center on Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. Park way out in front of the CVS (away stores & bank). Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**
- 18 Tuesday **PM Book Group.** Meets 7:30 pm at Saratoga Retirement Community (*14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga*). **Book: "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"** by Betty Smith. RSVP: Marilyn Lenormand, (408) 741-7820. Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **Join Us for a Book Discussion.**
- 19 Wednesday **Let's Do Lunch. (New Date)** Meet 12:30 pm at **Dio Deka Restaurant** – located just across from Los Gatos High School (*210 East Main St, Los Gatos*). RSVP to Shirley Cancellieri (408) 741-5586. Chair Joanna Yates, (408) 395-2950. **Join Us for Fun and Good Conversation.**
- 19 Wednesday **Pros and Cons of the California Ballot Measures.** 3:30 pm in the Barnes Hall Auditorium, Saratoga Retirement Center (*14500 Fruitvale Ave, Saratoga*). A total of 17 state-wide propositions are on this year's ballot. Co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters. Presentation by Eleanor Yick and Terry Zaccone. *See front page for details.* **Vote on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.**
- 21 Friday **AM Book Review.** Meets at 9:30 am. Bring a book (*good or bad*) you would like to talk about. For meeting location, contact chair Margaret Bard (408) 377-6625 or margaretbard@gmail.com. **Come and Find Your Next Great Read!**
- 25 Tuesday **Conversations in Spanish.** Meets 1:30-3:00 pm at Nancy Anderson's home (*13561 Lomond Ct, Saratoga*). Join us to develop, maintain, or improve your conversational skills. RSVP to Nancy Anderson, (408) 867-4383. Chair: Sharon Kelkenberg, (650) 962-1656. **Visitors are Welcome.**
- 25 Tuesday **Film Buffs. (Change of Date & Time)** Meet at 1:30 pm. Call for information about location. Co-Chair: Marlene Lamb, (408) 497-1555. **All Movie Lovers Welcome!**
- 27 Thursday **Back-by-Noon Hike.** Exercise 5 miles on nearby trails + coffee or lunch. Meet promptly! 9:00 am in Los Gatos at Northside Lot "Free Limited Parking" (*way behind the Starbucks & PetCo*). Questions? Jane Bishop, (408) 356-7796; Kay Duffy, (408) 867-0508. **New Hikers Welcome!**

November 2016

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- 4 Friday **Armchair Travel Adventures.** Meets 7:30 pm at The Terraces (*800 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos*). **Morocco** – Presented by photographers George and Tamar Mednick. The enchanted land of Morocco is an exotic destination for the intrepid traveler. **Open to the Public!**
- 7 Monday **Board Meeting.** Meets 3:00 pm at the Saratoga Fire Station, Community Room (*corner of Saratoga Ave & Saratoga/Los Gatos Rd.*)



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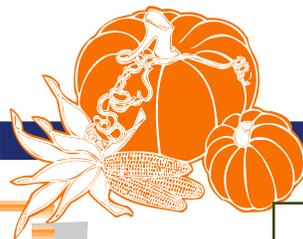
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Correct this Directory Mistake -

Glenna Colistra's correct telephone# is (408) 613-2645

Find any mistakes in your listing? Let me know.

- Gail Pedersen
gail_pedersen@yahoo.com

Know of a Member in Need of a Little Sunshine!

Do you know anyone who is ill or in need of support? Did a member receive recognition? Please send her information to Lavonne Marafino, our new Sunshine Chair.

Contact Lavonne, (408) 867-1964;
lnmarafino@att.net



Vote with the AAUW

What Do the Ballot Measures Say and Do?

A total of 17 measures have qualified for the November 2016 ballot. In addition, there may be county or city measures in your area to be voted on locally. Several propositions amend the state Constitution. Some amend current law (statutes); others create new laws. One is an advisory vote, asking voters' opinions. One is a referendum, seeking to overturn a current law.

Not all of the propositions address issues that relate to AAUW principles, priorities and mission. Five of the seventeen are relevant to AAUW, and we have taken

positions on those five. The remainder are categorized as "no position." However, it is important to understand each measure in order to make an educated vote.

The information below gives a summary of each proposition. The AAUW position is noted for each of the five relevant measures, along with the rationale for the position. At the end, there are some references where you can find additional information on any of the propositions.

–Nancy Mahr, Co-Chair, Public Policy Committee

AAUW SUPPORTS

51 (Statute): Authorizes \$9 billion in general obligation bonds for K-12 school construction and modernization, funds for community college buildings, funds for facilities for charter schools and technical education programs. **SUPPORT:** adequate and equitable funding for high quality public education for all students

52 (Statute and Constitutional Amendment): Requires two-thirds vote of Legislature to amend a current law that imposes fees on hospitals; fees are used to obtain federal matching funds for Medi-Cal. It directs fees and matching funds to uncompensated care provided by hospitals and to children's health coverage. It eliminates the law's ending date. **SUPPORT:** guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society; increased access to quality, affordable health care.

55 (Constitutional Amendment): Extends the Prop. 30 (passed by voters in 2012) income tax on high earners through 2030 – currently set to expire in 2019. This will generate \$8 –11 billion per year to be used for public schools and community colleges, health care for low-income families, and local public safety. The public can track expenditures at www.trackprop30.ca.gov. This does not add taxes, but continues taxes already in place. **SUPPORT:** Support for a strong system of public education; access to quality, affordable health care; guarantee of equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. AAUW supported Prop 30 in 2012.

58 (Statute): Amends 1998's Prop. 227 (which requires children in public schools to be taught in English) to allow public school students who speak limited English to be taught for a defined period of time in languages other than English. Districts using this option must develop an accountability plan and involve a parent advisory committee. Parents may opt out of the program. **SUPPORT:** support for a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity.

AAUW OPPOSES

53 (Constitutional Amendment): Requires statewide voter approval before state may issue bonds of over \$2 billion to finance a single project. Prohibits dividing projects into segments to avoid public vote. Includes clause that if other bond measures on the ballot that conflict with this measure, and both that measure and this measure pass but this measure gets more votes, then the other measure is null and void ("poison pill clause"). **OPPOSE:** the "poison pill" clause could nullify Proposition 51, which AAUW is supporting California PERSPECTIVE.

AAUW TAKES NO POSITION

AAUW CA has no position on the following measures because they do not directly relate to AAUW public policy priorities:

54* (Statute & Constitutional Amendment): Legislative Transparency Act.

56* (Statute & Constitutional Amendment): Cigarette Tax.

57* (Statute & Constitutional Amendment): Public Safety & Restoration.

59* (Advisory Vote): Constitutional Amendment Advisory.

60** (Statute): Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements

61** (Statute): State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards

62* (Statute): Death Penalty Abolition

63* (Statute): Safety For All

64** (Statute): Marijuana Legalization.

65* (Statute): Plastic Bag Ban Confusion

66* (Statute): Death Penalty Shortening Appeals

67* (Referendum): Plastic Bag Protection

* See Insert B for LWV position on this measure.

** Neither AAUW or LWV took a position on this measure.

Read full details about AAUW No Position stands either in the California PERSPECTIVE newsletter – September 2016 or on the AAUW-CA website at <http://www.aauw-ca.org/index.cfm?go=files>

Vote with the League of Women Voters

Prop 51 School Bonds **Yes**
 K-12 & Community College – Provide funds for facilities needs

Prop 54 Legislative Transparency Act **Yes**
 Every bill must be in print and posted online for 72 hours before it passes out of either house—preventing last-minute, closed-door changes. A video recording of every public meeting of the Legislature must be posted online in a timely way.

Prop 55 School Bonds **Yes**
 Continuing income tax rates on top 2% Californians to spend on education and other services.

Prop 57 Public Safety & Restoration **Yes**
 Restores authority of judges, not prosecutors, to decide if juveniles as young as 14 should be tried in adult court. Will also allow earlier parole of nonviolent felons, with sentence credits for good behavior and rehabilitation or education.

Prop 58 Multilingual Education **Yes**
 Repeals most restrictive parts of Proposition 227 (League opposed) which banned multilingual education 20 years ago.

Prop 59 Constitutional Amendment Advisory **No**
 An advisory constitutional amendment which would overturn Citizens United (the LWVC position is that Citizens United should be repealed but not by a vague and poorly worded constitutional amendment)

Prop 62 Death Penalty Abolition **Yes**
 Replaces it with life without possibility of parole. It will ensure time in prison is spent in work, with an increased portion of wages going to restitution to victims' families.

Prop 66 Death Penalty Shortening Appeals **No**
 A poorly written measure could increase the risk of executing an innocent person raising significant constitutional issues causing more delays, increase taxpayer's costs and add layers of bureaucracy with 400 taxpayer attorneys to meet the demand.

Prop 63 Safety For All **Yes**
 Gun safety legislation strengthening background checks; makes felons and domestic abusers give up guns after conviction; requires businesses and gun owners to report lost or stolen ammunition or guns; and bans people who have been convicted of gun theft from owning guns.

Prop 65 Plastic Bag Ban Confusion **No**
 Deceptive measure by plastic bag industry to damage and thwart the hard-won agreement between environmentalists and grocers to rein in plastic bag waste and litter.

Prop 67 Plastic Bag Protection **Yes**
 Not an intuitive referendum question—voting yes retains the 2014 statewide law prohibiting single-use carryout bags. California grocers and other retailers support the ban.

Prop 56 Cigarette Tax **Neutral**
 Establishes an increased tax on cigarettes, with the money collected from this tax earmarked for health care and tobacco use prevention.



The election is, November 8, 2016.

Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC is taking no stand on:

Prop 52* – State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds

Prop 53* – Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval

Prop 60** – Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements

Prop 61** – State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards

Prop 64** – Marijuana Legalization.

** See Insert A for the AAUW position on this measure.*

*** Neither AAUW or LWV took a position on this measure.*

Attend the Pros & Cons of the California Ballot Measures on Wednesday, October 19

(see front page for details)

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Read full details at: <https://lwvc.org/news/ballot-measure-recommendations-november-8-2016-general-election>.