

**LWVBA VOTER
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – August 2005

UPDATE FROM LWV BAY AREA

On July 27, 2005, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission adopted a groundbreaking Transit Oriented Development Policy that requires areas around new transit stations to meet certain development thresholds if the transit improvements are to be funded. This was a result of many years of effort by the LWVBA and other organizations that encouraged MTC to take land use considerations into their transportation planning and funding. MTC will actually be funding the development of specific land use plans in eight station areas.

The next phase of this TOD effort will focus the development of Specific Plans in the following transit extension corridors:

Ferry Terminal at Alameda Point,
e-BART corridor in Contra Costa County,
Capital Corridor at Fairfield Multi-Modal Station,
Dumbarton Rail Station in Menlo Park,
T-BART at Hacienda in Pleasanton,
Bus Rapid Transit in downtown San Leandro BRT Station,
Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit in Downtown Santa Rosa,
BART to San Jose Santa Clara Station.

LWVBA would like each of the local Leagues in which these plans are being developed to become informed and involved in the process locally to assure that the appropriate level of transit oriented development (i.e. infill density, affordable housing, mixed uses, etc.) is approved by your cities. We will support and work with you in this effort.

Linda Craig, President
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KNOW YOUR BAY AREA DAY

Saturday, September 24, 2005

**Fremont Main Library, Fukya Room
2400 Stevenson Blvd. Fremont**

<http://www.aclibrary.org/branches/frm/fremonthome.asp>

**Reforming the California Environmental Quality Act
How Has It Worked, Does It Need To Be Changed?**

9:30 am Registration and Refreshments

10 am Program

**Overview of CEQA—Janet McBride, Planning Director,
Association of Bay Area Governments**

Panel: Perspectives on How CEQA Has Worked

Joe Horwedel, Deputy Director, Planning Implementation, City of San Jose

Joseph Perkins, CEO, Home Builders Assoc. of Northern Calif.

Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat

Stuart Flashman, Attorney, Environmental and Land Use Law

Should CEQA be Reformed?

Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council

Karen Douglas, Gen. Counsel, Planning and Conservation League

1 pm Adjourn

Registration: Cost \$10 per person. Please confirm any and all reservations by Thursday September 22 to Tam Hege at treasurer@lwvba-ca.org or send checks payable to LWVBA to Tam Hege, 80 Florada Ave, Piedmont, CA 94610.

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Irene Sampson, Transportation Director is looking for a few good men and women who would like to serve on a **Transportation Committee**. Please contact her at transportation@lwvba-ca.org or 650/493-6550.

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Calendar:

Friday, August 12, 2005, 11:30 – 1:30, Natural Resources/Water Committee. EBMUB Bldg, 375 11th Street, Oakland. New meeting Rm: Mezzanine Training Rm. Presentation by Save the Bay Association on the Moffett Field Site 25 clean-up. For more info contact Eileen Whitty: ewhitty@ebmud.com

Wednesday, August 10, 2005, 12:15 – 2pm, IN Committee North. Berkeley at 1414 University Ave. LWVBAE office. Please send agenda items ASAP to Iris R. Winogron: programvp@lwvba-ca.org or (510) 482-4439

Saturday, September 24, 2005 — Know Your Bay Area Day:
“Reforming the California Environmental Quality Act”
Fremont (Alameda County) Main Library, Fukaya Room. 9:30 am – 1:00pm.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Saturday, September 10, 2005 — LWVC Regional Fall Training Session

October 4-6 — Biennial State of the Estuary Conference (LWVBA is a co-sponsor) in the Kaiser Auditorium near the Oakland Museum. For more information see their website:

www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/estuary

Friday, January 27, 2006 — Bay Area League Day: State of the Bay – Restoration and Access

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Web Sites:

Bay Area Monitor: <http://www.bayareamonitor.org>

LWVC: <http://www.ca.lwv.org>

LWVBA: <http://www.lwvba-ca.org>

LWVUS: <http://www.lwv.org>

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