



October 2016

The VOTER

League of Women Voters—Corpus Christi

Plan To Attend the October 27 Membership Meeting *Presentations on Two Bond Propositions Scheduled*

Presentations by representatives of both Del Mar College and the Corpus Christi Independent School District will comprise the program at the League's luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 27. They will provide specific information about the Bond Propositions (\$194 million for CCISD; \$139 million for Del Mar College) that appear on the November 8 General Election ballot and answer questions from the audience.

The meeting will be held at the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, located at 3209 S. Staples at Kostoryz (across from Ray High School). League members and guests will gather in Room 118 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A complimentary lunch will be provided to League members. Please call the League at 361-445-4436 no later than (date needed—Oct. 24? Oct. 25?) to reserve your meal.

Candidates Forum Draws Big Crowd; **Second Forum Set Thursday, October 20**

A full house was on hand for the LWV-CC Candidates Forum held Thursday, Oct. 13, at City Hall. Assisting with the League-sponsored event were more than a dozen League members as well as representatives from the Corpus Christi Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The forum was televised live and was to be shown at least three more times before the November 8 General Election, League President Mary Jane Garza, moderator, announced.

In the audience were members of the public, candidates, families and supporters, and others interested in meeting the candidates and hearing their responses to questions posed by LWV-CC, AAUW, and members of the audience.

Invited to participate in the Forum were candidates seeking the following offices: Congressional District 27; State Senate District 20; 13th Court of Appeals; 214th District Court; Commissioners Court Place 1; Sheriff; District Attorney; Justices of the Peace Precincts 1 and 2/Place 1; and Constables.

The second Candidates Forum will held from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, in City Hall's



Council Chambers, 1201 Leopard. League volunteers are again invited to assist with the forum, which is expected to draw a large crowd as well. Assistance will again be needed to greet and sign in candidates in the lobby, distribute index cards for questions, keep time, and review questions before they are posed by the moderators.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

President's Message

By Dr. Mary Jane Garza



Dr. Mary Jane Garza

VOTE!

VOTE! VOTE!

MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK!

Forum

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Invited to the October 20 forum are candidates seeking the following offices: Corpus Christi Mayor, Corpus Christi City Council, Del Mar College

Regents, and Corpus Christi ISD Trustees. The public is again invited to attend the forum, which also will be televised live.



CHECK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF:

We are asking all of our members to go to the VOTE411.org website, enter their address, and read their personalized ballot for their voting precinct. In doing so, you will be able to read the on-line Voters Guide and become an informed voter. Please let a board member know if you see any errors in your personalized ballot so we can correct it and continue to help Make Democracy Work!

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

October 24-November 4, 2016

EARLY VOTING Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday, Oct. 24-28: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 29: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30: 12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday, Oct. 31-Nov. 4: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Main Polling Location)

NUECES COUNTY COURTHOUSE
(1st Floor Atrium) 901 Leopard St.,

BANQUETE ISD (Admin. Building)
4339 Fourth St., Banquete, TX

BISHOP COMMUNITY CENTER
102 W. Joyce St., Bishop, TX

CALLEN ISD (Administration Building)
4205 Wildcat Dr., Corpus Christi, TX
Closed 10/30

CORPUS CHRISTI ARMY DEPOT
(BUILDING 8)
308 Crecy Street, Corpus Christi, TX

CORPUS CHRISTI CITY HALL
(1st Floor Utility Section)
1201 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX
Closed 10/29 & 10/30

CORPUS CHRISTI ISD (Administration Building)
801 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX
Closed 10/29 & 10/30

CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
6602 S. Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX
Closed 10/29 & 10/30

CORPUS CHRISTI CITY HALL
1201 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX

DAVID BERLANGA COMMUNITY CENTER
1513 2nd St., Agua Dulce, TX

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CENTER
5151 McArdele Rd., Corpus Christi, TX

DEL MAR COLLEGE
(Heldenfels Administrative Building)
101 Baldwin, Corpus Christi, TX

ETHEL EYERLY SENIOR CENTER
654 Graham Rd., Corpus Christi, TX

FLOUR BLUFF ISD (Maintenance Building)
2510 Waldron Rd., Corpus Christi, TX
Closed 10/29 & 10/30

GREENWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
4040 Greenwood Dr., Corpus Christi, TX

HILLTOP COMMUNITY CENTER
11425 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX

JOHNNY S. CALDERON COUNTY BUILDING
710 E. Main St., Robstown, TX

LONDON ISD (HIGH SCHOOL)
1306 FM 43, Corpus Christi, TX

PETRONILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Cafeteria)
2391 Co. Road 67, Robstown, TX
Closed 10/24-10/26 & 10/30

PORT ARANSAS COMMUNITY CENTER
408 N. Alister St., Port Aransas, TX

ROBSTOWN ISD (Administration Building)
801 N. First St., Robstown, TX
Closed 10/29 and 10/30

ROBSTOWN CITY HALL
101 East Main, Robstown, TX
Closed 10/30

SCHLITTERBAHN (MAIN ENTRANCE)
14353 Commodores Dr., Corpus Christi, TX

TAMU-CC UNIVERSITY CENTER
(Legacy Hall Rm 124)
6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi, TX

TMISD (Administration Building)
9768 La Branch, Corpus Christi, TX
Closed 10/29 and 10/30

VALENCIA HALL
6110 Ayers St., Corpus Christi, TX

VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL
3750 Cimarron Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX

WEST OSO ISD (Administration Building)
5050 Rockford Dr., Corpus Christi, TX
Closed 10/30

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WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose,
Friend of the League
Julie Chancler
Lynn Mutz

Kathryn Oler
Raul Ramirez
Rosie & Roland Hicks,
Household
Kimberley Hall Seger,
Sustaining

RENEWING MEMBERS

Barbara A. Baker
Carla Gardiner
Inna Klein

SPECIAL THANKS:

To Don Ganer for his
\$100 donation to the League.

Photos Taken at October 13 Candidates Forum



10,000 Voters Guides Printed, Distributed

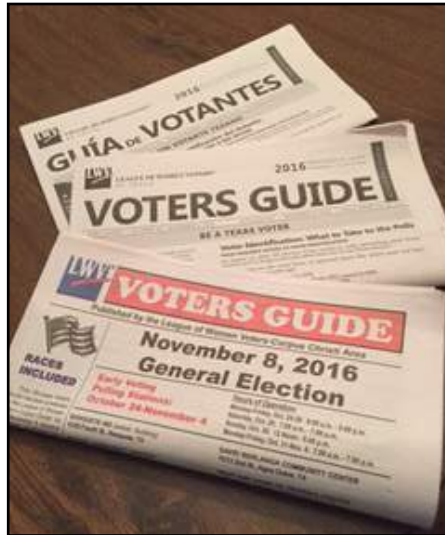
LWV-CC contracted with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times to have 10,000 copies of a 28-page Voters Guide printed and ready for distribution last week. The purchase cost of \$900 was made possible through the generous support received during the 2015 Historic Celebration.

Thanks to about a dozen League volunteers who agreed to distribute designated amounts to the following locations: Corpus Christi, Robstown, and Port Aransas City Halls; Nueces County Courthouse; all public libraries, plus the Keech Library in Robstown and the library in Port Aransas; Democratic and Republican county headquarters; YMCA and YWCA, Town and Country Restaurant, Half Priced Books, and other businesses; and the Del Mar College and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi libraries.

In addition, about 1,000 copies of the Voters Guide were purchased by individuals and local governmental entities to distribute specifically to their employees or business groups. Special thanks to these folks who helped defray the printing cost.

The League also purchased a small amount of state-election guides

published by LWV-Texas – 500 Spanish language guides and 1,000 English language guides. They highlight the three US presidential candidates plus statewide offices on the November 8 ballot--Railroad Commissioner, Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Appeals, and State Board of Education.



To access a copy of the statewide nonpartisan guides, visit www.lwvtexas.org. To access the LWV-CC nonpartisan guide, visit our website at www.lwv-cc.org

Recap of Acceptable Photo IDs

Voters may still use one of the seven (7) forms of photo ID listed below, but additional new procedures will allow registered voters without photo ID to sign a form and present a document allowing them to vote a regular ballot for the November 8 General Election.

The original forms of voter IDs include (with a clarification that they may be expired up to four years rather than the previous rule of no more than 60 days)

- Driver license
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC)
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- US military identification card

containing the person's photograph

- US passport
- US citizenship certificate

containing the person's photograph

Additionally, **new procedures** allow registered voters without photo ID to sign a simple form called "Voter's Declaration of Reasonable Impediment or Difficulty" and present one of the following documents to **vote a regular ballot**:

- Valid voter registration certificate (card)
- Certified birth certificate
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- Any other government document with the individual's name and address

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Volunteers register 274 Voters

Kudos, applause, and a standing ovation for all of our volunteer members who assisted on National Voter Registration Day in all the venues that selected for that day!

By name they were:

- Nick and Maria Jimenez
- Anne Stewart
- Mary Kay Fant
- Peggy Duran
- Chris Garcia
- Ricky Walraven
- Ellissa Cuevas
- Mary Jane Garza
- Peggy Banales

- Lois Huff
- Sandra Heatherley
- Ruth Falck
- Brenda Hamby
- Pat Parr
- Debbie Noble

We also had the generous assistance of 5 non-members, Judy Loverde, Jan Weaver, Becky Elzner, Karen Easton, and Alicia Binn.

These gallant volunteers registered 274 citizens who had never registered, or who had changed their address recently, or changed their name.

In addition they had fun interacting with students and voters and in helping to make democracy work!!

BOND PROPOSITIONS ON THE NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT

City of Corpus Christi Propositions

Proposition No. 1: Adopt Type B Sales Tax To Replace Expiring Portion Of Type A Sales Tax

Replacing the portion of the Type A sales tax that expires in 2018 with the adoption of a one-eighth of one percent sales and use tax (maintaining the current level of sales and use tax) to be administered by a Type B Corporation under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code, to be effective for 20 years, with the use of the proceeds for: (1) 50% for economic development, specifically the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises to the full extent allowed by Texas law; (2) Up to \$500,000 annually on affordable housing; and (3) Balance of proceeds to be used for construction, maintenance and repair of arterial and collector streets and roads.

Proposition No. 2: Continuation Of Crime Control District

Whether the Corpus Christi Crime Control and Prevention District should be continued for ten years and the crime control and prevention district sales tax should be continued for ten years.

Proposition No. 3: Residential Street Reconstruction Tax

Amending the City Charter to establish a dedicated fund to be used solely for residential street reconstruction and authorizing the City Council to levy, assess and collect a property tax not to exceed six cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value for the purpose of residential street reconstruction, to be gradually implemented at a rate of not more than two cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value per year.

Proposition No. 4: Designation Of Mayor Pro Tem

Amending the City Charter to provide that in the event of disability of the Mayor for more than 30 days, the Council Member elected at large who received the highest number of votes shall become the Mayor Pro Tem and act as the Mayor during the period of disability.

Proposition No. 5: Increase Term For Procurement Of Auditor Contracts

Amending the City Charter to allow for procurement of contracts for independent auditor with terms up to five years.

Proposition No. 6: Allow Appointment Of Alternate Members To Civil Service Board Amending the City Charter to provide for the appointment of two alternate members to the Civil Service Board.

Proposition No. 7: Comply With State Law To Allow City Employees To File For Election To Municipal Office

Amending the City Charter to eliminate the prohibition on City employees filing for nomination or election to municipal public office to comply with Texas Local Government Code Section 150.041.

Proposition No. 8: Allow Issuance Of Bonds In Accordance With State Law

Amending the City Charter to provide authority to issue bonds in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas

Proposition No. 9: Amend Waiting Periods For City Leases

Amending the City Charter to clarify the approval process for leases, update the statutory reference, and eliminate the waiting periods for leases and lease amendments which do not exceed 5 years.

Proposition No. 10: Update Legal References And Clarify General Powers

Amending the City Charter to update legal references in the General Powers section and clarify the General Powers.

Proposition No. 11: Clarify Purchasing Procedures To Comply With State Law

Amending the City Charter to clarify the procedures regarding purchases and contracts in conformity with State law.

Proposition No. 12 Bond Election: "The issuance of bonds for designing, constructing, renovating, and making permanent street, sidewalk, and drainage, and any related improvements in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,350,000, and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following - Residential Street Rebuild Program - Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements - Projects receiving external funding for all or part of their costs (including Texas Department of Transportation Participation Projects and Developer Participation Projects under the Unified Development Code)."

Corpus Christi Independent School District Bond Election

Proposition: The issuance of \$194,565,000 of school building bonds for acquiring, constructing, renovating, and equipping school buildings in the district and the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings, and the levying of a tax, sufficient without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and to pay the costs of any credit agreements executed or authorized in anticipation of, in relation to, or in connection with the bonds

Del Mar College District Bond Election

Proposition: The issuance of \$139,000,000 of Bonds to construct and equip school buildings (including, but not limited to, constructing and equipping classrooms, laboratories, infrastructure for an undeveloped site, and other facilities relating to Phase I of the District's new South Campus located near the intersection of Rodd Field Road and Yorktown Boulevard in the City of Corpus Christi), and levying the tax in payment thereof.



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On October 6, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (POCCA) invited the League to help register Port employees who weren't already registered to vote or who needed to make address or name changes on their voter registration cards. The event was the Port's monthly Wellness Program and luncheon, which draws about 130 employees each month. Sandra Heatherley, VP of Voter Services, and committee member Chris Garcia posed for this photo taken by the Port.

**LWV Corpus Christi
 Renewal / New Membership
 Application**

*Join now and help in the effort to promote
 political responsibility through informed,
 active participation in government.*

Date _____

Type of membership:

New _____ Renewal _____
 Individual \$60 _____ Student \$30 _____
 Household \$90 _____ Sustaining \$100 _____
 Friend of the League \$30 _____

Name _____

Household Member's Name _____

Address _____

Work Address (optional) _____

I prefer to receive mail at: home or work
(Please circle your preference above.)

Home phone _____

Work or Cell phone _____

Fax number _____

E-mail Address _____

Please return this form to:
League of Women Voters
P. O. Box 8276, Corpus Christi, Texas 78468.

**OR you can pay your dues online at the
 League's website: www.lwv-cc.org**

Membership is from June 1 through May 31.