

Presenting our 2018-2019 Financial Report to LWVSF Members

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Greetings to our Fellow Members,

We are pleased to submit the 2018-2019 year-end financial report to our members. The League of Women Voters San Francisco had a very exciting year. We provided non-partisan resources to voters throughout 2018 and 2019 and continued to work to establish partnerships, build out our programs, and streamline operations. We would like to thank all of our members, volunteers, and supporters for their time, energy, and resources. It is truly incredible what we are able to accomplish as an organization of members and volunteers who are passionate about furthering democracy. It is even more amazing that the League of Women Voters has played such an important role in our community for almost 100 years. We are looking forward to celebrating the centennial of the League of Women Voters—and of women getting the right to vote—in 2020.

With your support, we continue to engage voters at our candidate forums, educate voters on local ballot measures with our Pro & Con Guide and Speaker's Bureau presentations, and produce Candidate Statements and Pros and Cons Discussions in partnership with SFGovTV. If you're getting ready to vote in the November 2019 election, all of our resources, including our Pro & Con Guide and videos of our candidate forums and candidate statements are available [here](#). LWVSF also has an active voter registration program. This year, we continued our partnership with GLIDE to conduct voter registration on site, and hosted many other voter registration drives and trainings. LWVSF continues to support [Voter's Edge](#), a website that allows voters to view non-partisan information on the candidate and ballot propositions on their ballot. We will continue to provide these important educational resources moving forward. LWVSF also continues to take positions on certain issues, and you can read our ballot recommendations for the November 2019 election [here](#). Thank you so much to all of our amazing volunteers who made these efforts possible.

In addition to providing voters with election-related resources, LWVSF also been working to further our [areas of focus](#), which our members vote on at Program Planning each year. One of our current areas of focus is on [Policing Practices](#). As part of this, we have an Observer Program in which volunteers attend or listen to government meetings to learn about what issues are being covered. If you are interested in becoming an Observer, we have a number of [upcoming trainings](#) you can participate in! We have also created a very informative [flier](#) on Policing Practices, where you can learn about how to connect with police, the current focus of current policing improvements, and where your nearest Police District is. Many of our members were also very active in a statewide coalition to get LWVC to adopt a position on criminal justice reform. Their efforts were successful: during convention in June 2019, LWVC adopted the new criminal justice reform position by concurrence! In addition, at LWVSF's Program Planning our members voted to continue to support the [Schools and Communities First](#) initiative, which will be in the ballot in 2020 and would bring \$11 billion in funding to California schools and local communities. Our Advocacy Team is also educating voters about the Sunshine Ordinance and supports efforts to strengthen the legislation through an upcoming ballot proposition. We are excited to continue our work on these important initiatives.

LWVSF also hosted a number of important educational events this year. LWVSF partnered with the San Francisco Office of Assessor-Recorder and San Francisco Department on the Status of Women for a second Women's Equality day celebration in 2019, in which we encouraged women to participate in the [W Challenge](#) by voting and learning more about the history of suffrage and women's rights by [reading a recommended book](#). We also co-hosted an Advocacy Panel in partnership with Junior League with state legislators Scott Wiener and David Chiu, in which members learned about how legislation at the state level impacts local policy. You can read more about takeaways from this exciting event [here](#).

LWVSF members also continue to take on leadership positions in our communities and within the League of Women Voters. Our members [hold seats](#) on the Ballot Simplification Committee, which is critical for ensuring that voters have clear, easily understandable information about ballot initiatives, and the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, which ensures that transparency in government is upheld. We also now have a seat on the BART Bond Oversight Committee, which oversees spending of \$3.5 billion on infrastructure to improve BART. We are also excited to announce that our former Advocacy Chair Maxine Anderson was also recently elected to the Board of the LWV California!

In addition to our community impact, LWVSF has continued to invest in our own organization. Earlier this year, our fantastic volunteer Leslie and our Communications Team created a new website for LWVSF! Check it out [here](#)! The LWVSF Board also [adopted a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) policy](#) in February 2019. The League of Women Voters has made DEI a priority at the national, state, and local level, and it is certainly important for our League. For our annual May Wine & Cheese event, we hosted a workshop on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with Bryn VanAlstyne, Director of Larkin Street Academy (Larkin Street Youth Services) and Gene'a Mitchell, Campus Director, Citizen Schools. This was a wonderful opportunity for all of our members to engage on this important issue. LWVSF will continue to work toward supporting all members of our community and ensuring that our organization reflects the incredible diversity of San Francisco.

Next year will be a very exciting and busy year with the centennial of the League of Women Voters and the March 2020 primary and November 2020 election. As always, we would love to have you join us by helping out at an event, becoming involved in a [committee](#), or taking on a leadership role. If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact our fantastic volunteer Kathy at volunteer@lwvsf.org.

Thank you for your support of the League of Women Voters San Francisco. As always, we welcome your input, comments, and feedback, and hope to see you soon at an event or meeting!

Sincerely,

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