Message from Co-presidents’
Looking Forward to the Coming Year

Elizabeth and Sandra have both taken time off to rest and vacation away from home in August. Now, we are energized and looking forward to the coming year.

Last month, several letters to editors were mailed by us to local newspapers, one to celebrate the anniversary of the Freedom of Information Act and a second to support the Voting Rights Act, in full. Here is an excerpt from the letter to the editor of the Daily News:

Between 1982 and 2006, Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act helped the U.S. Department of Justice block over 700 racially discriminatory voting measures. This is the section that was invalidated by the Supreme Court last June. The negative affects of that decision are already being felt through the passage of measures that will harm the poor, the young, and the elderly, as well as racial minorities.

Sandra attended the Valley and Las Virgenes units “Welcome Back Luncheon” and told the gathering which positions we plan to advocate on in the coming year. She further said that as professional women and men, it is fulfilling for us to use our skills doing the important work of the League and to be given opportunities to learn new skills.

After attending the Annenberg Retreat on the importance of fundraising, we are looking at the different ways we raise funds, with the goal of developing new ideas on how to grow our finances.

The moderator, Steve Weiss, motivated us and focused us on the areas where there is room for improvement.

We have authorized a Financial Management Review of our records in the office. The team includes Tom Carson, former LWVC treasurer and Dorothy Stewart, the LA County League’s treasurer. They soon will be meeting with Raquel to review our financial procedures.

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