

HARD TO KEEP UP??

In this fast-changing world, more and more information is being sent via the internet. Because of the increase in mailing costs, the need to simplify our communication, it sometimes seems as though we are not being kept up-to-date as we once were.

Many people have said they don't know what the League is doing...they don't know what action is being taken in our name...what contacts are being made, etc. Here's a simple way to find out!

Most of you have heard of our great website, www.SmartVoter.org where you can find out all about the elections, but do you know what else you can find there? Interviews with candidates, source of funding for ballot measures, etc, etc.

Do you know that by logging onto our LWVUS website, www.lwv.org, you can find out what action calls are being requested of our members and what the national staff has been doing? Many fact sheets and documents pertaining to our positions are available there. You can sign up for many discussion lists if you are interested as well as their regular newsletter.

The LWVC website, www.ca.lwv.org, has been updated lately and provides updates on what is going on in the state...and how to sign up for the regular e-news, action alerts, as well as other e-alerts.

The County ILO also has a website, <http://lacilo.ca.lwvnet.org> where you will see their calendar, their positions, and what action is being taken.

And of course, the LWVLA website, www.lwvlosangeles.org, which is currently being updated, is where you will find upcoming

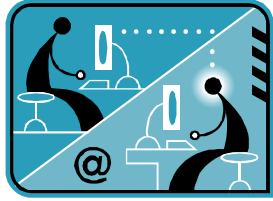
events, opportunities to participate in activities, what's been happening in our city. We also provide current information, invitations, notices via our e-unit and e-announce forums. You just need to contact the office or Helene Terris to be put on those forums. That way you will get the "mostest" and the "fastest" news about the League and about our great city.

For those without computer access, libraries do provide community access. Most levels of League are also printing a limited number of newsletters so we can stay in touch with all of our members.

But if you do have computer access, please let us know so that we can keep you informed with the latest bulletins. You may limit what is sent, and you may check out these websites when you have an interest, but it will give us a way to notify you of important matters.



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HARD TO KEEP UP?? (Part 2)

After you have reviewed all of the potential internet connections you might be interested in from the previous article, here are some other sources of information that you might find fascinating, interesting, informative.

Of course, some you may be more familiar with some than others, but give another look at even those.

Smart Voter www.smartvoter.org

Not only unbiased, official statewide propositions plus local candidates & issues on your ballot, but also extensive background materials and media links. Many candidates provide their background and now podcast interviews. They have a comprehensive list of links to other sources of nonpartisan political information.

LA County Registrar-Recorder www.lavote.net

Election calendar, polling place look-up, absentee voting info, multilingual voting materials, registration procedures.

Easy Voter Guide www.easyvoter.org

Concise facts on statewide propositions; as well as Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, and English translations

Secretary of State www.ss.ca.gov

Official text of ballot measures, which measures have been approved for the next election, which are pending qualified signatures, which are pending before the Attorney General for title and information, etc. All voting system rules and regulations, campaign finance, and lobbying activity are among the other information available.

CA Legislative Analyst www.lao.ca.gov

Updates on California's fiscal outlook, the analysis of the budget, and the analysis of all ballot measures and their financial impact, if any. The fiscal effects of proposed legislative

action is also reviewed. Topics range from costs of criminal justice, to legalization of marijuana.

CA Voter Foundation www.calvoter.org

Data on campaign contributions to candidates and ballot measures concentrating on money in politics.

CA Budget Project www.cbp.org

Analyzes the fiscal effects of statewide ballot measures as well as the California budget. They prepare independent reports on state and federal taxes and budgets, incomes, education, etc.

Follow the Money www.followthemoney.org

A resource for information on money in all state politics. A source for identifying major contributors and their specific types of campaigns.



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