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# NEWSLETTER

MAY - JUNE 1976

## Primary Election Special JUNE 8

"Lower your expectations" is the popular exhortation this election year from politicians of every persuasion. The advice is directed toward ordinary people struggling to stay employed, educate their children and pay their bills.

It seems to us that we the people need to raise, rather than lower, our expectations. We should expect and demand integrity from elected officials — freedom from government encroachment into personal beliefs on grounds "of national security," — release from the burden of military overspending and influence — assurance that consumers will get products free from defects and contamination — hope that future generations can survive the profligate waste of resources and pollution brought about by greed and negligence.

Our feelings are reflected in a recent speech of Vernon Jordan, Executive Director of the National Urban League:

"To those tempted to follow today's fashion by abdicating the personal responsibility that is the foundation of ethical behavior — copping out of the fight for justice and freedom — let me remind them of the teaching of the great Jewish thinker Hillel:

"If I am not for myself, who shall be for me?  
If I am only for myself, what am I?  
If not now, when?"

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### MEMBERSHIP

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# POLITICS 1976

**WOMEN FOR:** makes its choices for political office after teams of volunteers from the general membership, under the direction of the Politics Committee, study the issues and interview candidates who express an interest in our support. Decisions are based on voting records where available and on political philosophy that generally coincides with that of **WOMEN FOR:**.

It is unfortunately true that some races offer more than one candidate we could support wholeheartedly, while other races present merely the possible over the impossible. We believe our recommendations represent an honest effort to be fair, reasonable and effective, and we thank all those women who took part in the interviews.

**GET OUT THE VOTE JUNE 8!**

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



23rd C.D.  
**BEVERLY HILLS - L.A.**  
**TONY BEILENSEN (D)** State Assemblyman 1962-66; State Senator 1966 to present (term expires 1978); Chairman, Senate Finance Committee; author of abortion bill, current coastline bill and many other progressive pieces of legislation. **Open seat.**

27th C.D.  
**PACIFIC PALISADES AND BEACH COMMUNITIES**

**GARY FAMILIAN (D)** Member, National Committee for an Effective Congress 1974-present; Board of Gov., Performing Arts Council, Music Center of L.A. County 1973-present; Vice Pres., Const. Rights Foundation, 1973-present; Bd. of Directors, Center for Early Education, 1971-present. **Open seat.**



20th C.D.  
**INCUMBENT: BARRY GOLDWATER, JR.** We do not support the incumbent.

## CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY



36th A.D.  
**VENTURA**  
**JANE TOLMACH (D)** Mayor of Oxnard since 1973; Oxnard Union H.S. Dist. Bd. of Trustees 1965 and 1969; appointed by Gov. Pat Brown to Bd. of Trustees, Camarillo State Hosp., 1967-68; Bd. of Dir. of So. Coast Area Transit SCAG Comprehensive Transp. Plan. Committee. **Open Seat.**

**"Existing computer files in Washington are leading the country toward a police state."**

*Senator Sam Ervin*

37th A.D.

**LA/CHATSWORTH**

**ARLENE MATHEWS (D)** Founder of Fight Inflation Together (FIT) and originator of nationwide meat boycott in 1973; Commissioner, L.A. County Dept. of Public Social Services; Commissioner, Prof. Association's Comm. on Child Abuse and Treatment; 1974 Demo. Nom., 20th Congress. Dist., (against Goldwater). **Incumbent: Cline**



38th A.D.

**LA/CALABASAS**

**BETTY MANN (D)** Democratic Nominee, 38th Ass. Dist., 1974; League of Women Voters, L.A. County, Bd. of Directors, 1973; So. Calif. Coordinator, 2/3 Initiative Drive, 1975; Director, Hillrise Open Space Assoc., 1969-70, 1973-74. **Incumbent: Priolo**



48th A.D.

**LA/SOUTH CENTRAL**

**MAXINE WATERS (D)** Chief Deputy, Councilman David Cunningham 1973-76; Campaign Manager, Councilmen Ferrell and Cunningham; Coordinator for campaigns of Alan Cranston, Wilson Riles, Tom Bradley and Yvonne Burke; Co-Chair. Democratic Party Affirmative Action / and Recruitment and Development of Women Candidates Task Forces. **Open Seat . . . "PRIORITY LIST".**



**"Invisible changes are taking place everywhere. We feel them every minute of every day, and they are having cataclysmic overtones as to how we operate in this society. This is leading to a significant kind of tyranny. The key democratic principle of man's control over his life is being abused. Unless we do something about it we're going to wake up as slaves."**

*Ralph Nader*

**WOMEN FOR:** is making no recommendations at this time for the office of President of the United States or the U.S. Senate.



**NO. 51  
PALOS VERDES  
MARILYN RYAN (R)** Founding Member of Save Our Coastline Movement. First Mayor of Rancho Palos Verdes; City Council liaison to business community; Att. Gen. Evelle Younger's Environ. Task Force; So. Bay Ret. Senior Vol. Program Consultant Committee; founding member and former Sec./Treas., Calif. Elected Women's Assoc.; "Women of Achievement Award", 1975; Educated in LA public schools; Political Science major, Dominguez State. **Open seat.**

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**NO. 62  
COVINA**

**SANDY BALDONADO (D)** Economic & legislative analyst for the Public Works Committee of U.S. Senate 59-60; Legislative Assistant to Lyndon B. Johnson when he was Senate Majority Leader; Finance Director and President, League of Women Voters, E. San Gabriel Valley. **Incumbent: Lancaster**



**CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE**

**19TH DISTRICT**

**SABRING SCHILLER (D)** Legislative Rep. for "Fight Inflation Together"; Citizen's Advisory Committee, L.A. Dept. of Environmental Quality; Project Director, Coalition for Clean Air; Educational Advocate for the President of the L.A. School Board; Screen Actors' Guild, AFL-CIO. **Incumbent: Cusanovich**



**31ST DISTRICT**

**RENEE SIMON (D)** Member, Long Beach City Council since 1972, serving on Transportation, City Planning, Community Affairs and Library Committees; on the Transportation Comm., Nat. League of Cities; Member, Long Beach Parks Comm.; Founding Member and ex-officer of Calif. Elected Women's Assoc. for Education & Research; former board member of League of Women Voters. She has a B.A. from Adelphi Univ. and M.S. (Biochemistry) from Stanford and M.S. (Library Science) from U.C.L.A. **Incumbent: Deukmejian**



**27TH DISTRICT**

**STEVE NORDECK (D)** Member, Manhattan Beach City Council since 1972; Mayor, 1974-75; President, Manhattan Beach Bd. of Education, 1970-72; Member, Exec. Comm. of So. Calif. Assoc. of Regional Government (SCAG) 1966-67; B.A., Loyola, M.A. (Industrial Management) USC. **Incumbent: Wedworth**



**"Experience should teach us to be most on guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are benificent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil-minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning, but without understanding."**

*Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis*

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**



**JOHN VAN de KAMP** Appointed by the Board of Supervisors to replace the late Joseph Busch. Van de Kamp is now running for his first full term as District Attorney. He served as the first Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Calif., Chief, Criminal Division, U.S. Atty.'s Office, Washington, D.C.; Director, U.S. Atty.'s Executive Office.

**JUDGES**

**SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE  
OFFICE NO. 28**

**ROBERTA RALPH** 6 years trial experience; former atty. for Legal Aid Found. and Calif. State Lands Comm.; Judge Pro Tempore., LA Munic. Court; honored by LA City Human Relations Comm., Pres. (2 terms) Women Lawyers' Assoc. of IA. Rated "well qualified" by LA County Bar Assn. **(Incumbent rated "not qualified.")**



**MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE  
OFFICE NO. 12**

**FLORENCE BERNSTEIN** Private law practice 1968 to present; Consumer Advocate for Calif. Rural Legal Assistance; Judge Pro Tempore, L.A. Municipal Court; Member, Women Lawyers' Association of L.A., Business and Prof. Women of L.A., National Council of Jewish Women. **Incumbent: Detmar**

# HOW SAFE IS NUCLEAR POWER?

**ATOMIC PLANTS PRODUCE DEADLY RADIOACTIVE WASTES.** Atomic power plants produce electricity and **deadly radioactive wastes**. These radioactive materials can cause cancer and genetic damage. The radiation of the deadliest of these substances—plutonium—lasts **500,000** years.

**THERE IS NO WAY TO STORE THESE RADIOACTIVE WASTES SAFELY.** After 30 years—and billions of dollars in nuclear research—there is still no proven way to store these radioactive wastes safely. Military storage tanks—only 30 years old—have leaked more than **500,000** gallons of wastes into the ground. And used—but still highly radioactive fuel rods are piling up at reactor sites, because there are no **commercial reprocessing plants** in operation.

**EMERGENCY SAFETY SYSTEMS HAVE NEVER BEEN FULLY TESTED.** The critical emergency safety systems on atomic power plants have never been fully tested. So there's no proof they would work. Scale model tests have **failed six times out of six!**

**EVACUATION PLANS ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE.** Atomic plant evacuation plans—in case of an accident—are confusing to the public and to agencies responsible for them.

**INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL NOT FULLY INSURE ATOMIC PLANTS.** Because of the problems and dangers, insurance companies will not fully insure atomic power plants. Total compensation—for all victims of an accident—is \$560 million. And the government—you the taxpayer—pays more than 3/4's of that. If there were a major accident, you might get back only a few cents for each dollar of your damages.

**WE'RE GAMBLING WITH THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND THE FUTURE.** Right now nuclear power supplies only 8 percent of our country's energy. It would be morally wrong to obligate ourselves to **any more** nuclear power until the serious safety problems are faced and answered; we're gambling with not only the lives of our children . . . but with the lives of future generations as well.

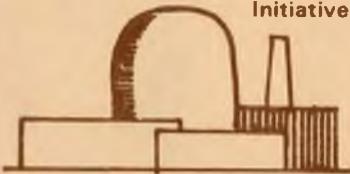
**WE DO HAVE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES . . . WE DON'T HAVE TO RUSH INTO NUCLEAR POWER.** We still have vast natural energy resources left. We have a tremendous source of energy to be realized in conservation. And we have proven, productive, unlimited energy alternatives. In June, 1976, vote for time for a reevaluation of nuclear power . . . vote **YES** on the Nuclear Safeguards Initiative.

## HOW THE NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS ACT WILL HELP:

### SAFETY

**Problem:** Emergency Safety systems never fully tested. Serious accident could release deadly radiation.

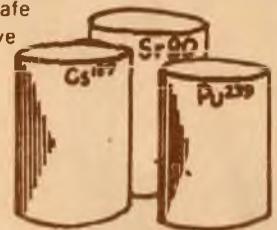
**Initiative:** Requires that safety systems be proven safe in five years.



### WASTE STORAGE

**Problem:** No safe, permanent storage or disposal of deadly radioactive wastes.

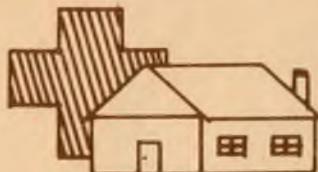
**Initiative:** Requires permanent, safe storage plans within five years.



### INSURANCE

**Problem:** Existing liability limits don't compensate the public adequately in case of a major accident.

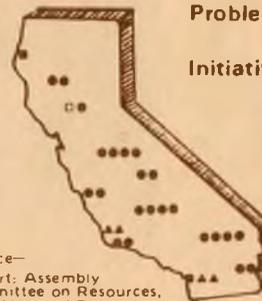
**Initiative:** Requires full compensation within one year.



### EVACUATION

**Problem:** Evacuation Plans not readily available.

**Initiative:** Requires publication of plans; annual update.



California Nuclear Power Plants, 1975

- Operating
- Not Operating
- ▲ Being Built
- Planned

Source—  
Report: Assembly  
Committee on Resources,  
Land Use, and Energy  
10/14/75

# VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 15

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 25, 1976

"COMING OF AGE IN THE USA"

**Tish Sommers**  
(Displaced Homemakers)

**Maggie Kuhn**  
(Founder: Gray Panthers)

plus

**PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT**

10 a.m.

Beverly Hilton Hotel

\$2.50

## YES ON TRANSIT PROPOSITIONS R & T

By voting for two ½¢ sales tax increases to pay for construction and operation of a fixed rail system as outlined in Baxter Ward's Sunset Coast Line on a pay-as-you-go plan, the Los Angeles region will be eligible for 800 million dollars of federal money for the starter line on a 4-1 matching basis. Secretary of Transportation Coleman has said he will look with favor on the request for such funds IF THE VOTERS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT BY VOTING "YES" TO THE RAPID TRANSIT PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT.

Exhaustive studies have gone into the proposal, which was explained by Supervisor Baxter Ward and City Planning Director Calvin Hamilton at the April Steering Committee meeting of WOMEN FOR:

The first 67 miles of the 232 mile project, which will be constructed simultaneously in the San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica/Airport, South Bay and Long Beach, are expected to be completed and in operation by 1983. By 1988 or 1989, an additional 45 miles will have been added, and the entire system will be completed within thirty years.

The money raised by the 1¢ sales tax increase will be used for construction of the first 67 miles, and then a portion of the funds will be used for operation.

A "YES" vote on both Propositions R and T is essential in order for us to become eligible for the federal money that will make possible the construction and operation of the rapid transit system Los Angeles so desperately needs.

### WF: RECOMMENDS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES:

#### STATE SENATE DIST.

David Roberti 27

#### STATE ASSEMBLY DIST.

Jim Keysor 39

Howard Berman 43

Alan Sieroty 44

Herschel Rosenthal 45

Charles Warren 46

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DIST.

James Corman 21

Henry Waxman 24

Edward Roybal 25  
Yvonne Burke 28  
Augustus Hawkins 29  
George Brown 36

### (Descriptions in your voter pamphlet)

#### STATE BALLOT MEASURES

No. 1-15 YES

#### COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES

A YES  
B YES TAND  
C NO  
K NO STAND  
R & T YES

# calendar

## MAY

There will be no May meeting for the Politics Committee. Members are urged to go instead to the headquarters of the candidates we are supporting and volunteer your services.

### 26 Education Committee

1946 North Vine St., 90068  
(469-4428)

Hank Springer, President, UTLA

### 27 Evening Groups

LA Police presents Self-protection Program 10748 Weyburn 90025

## JUNE

3 Health Subcommittee 1 pm  
11808 Kiowa No. 7, 90049

### 7 Steering

### 9 Education Committee

107 Foxtail Drive, 90402

### 14 Book Group

"Small is Beautiful", E. F. Schumacher, 2341 Canyon Dr., LA 90068, 463-1887.

### 17 Evening Group

10748 Weyburn 90025

### 25 General Membership Meeting

"Coming of Age in the USA", Beverly Hilton Hotel (details above left).

### 25 Politics Committee

A complete post-election report will be made at Gen. Membership Mtg.

Everyone is invited to committee meetings, which start at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted. WOMEN FOR: members are welcome as observers at Steering meetings.

### MOVEMENT WORKSHOP with ADDY BIGGS

Thursday, June 10, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Westdale Savings, Activity Room, 6245 Wilshire (Park on 6th Street). Cost: \$10 - salad bar lunch included.

An experience in increased awareness, body tension release and relaxation techniques. RESERVATIONS A MUST! 271-7588 - 657-7411 or check to WF. (Bring leotards or loose clothing and a large floor towel).

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Roz Cooperman** is serving on a State Department of Education RISE (Reorganization of Intermediate and Secondary Education) Committee.

**Jill Barad** was re-elected Chairperson of the Mayor's Valley Advisory Committee on Education, the city's only broadly-based educational support group. She was recently appointed by Mayor Bradley to serve on the L.A.U.S.D. Citizen's Advisory Committee on Student Integration.

**Marilyn Kizziah** testified in Sacramento in behalf of legislation introduced by Senator Dunlap (SB 1737) which will, if passed, implement recommendations of the RISE Commission.

Marilyn also testified at the Assembly Education Subcommittee on legislation for staff development authored by Gary Hart.

**Georgia Mercer** appointed as WOMEN FOR: representative on the L.A.U.S.D. — Citizens Advisory Committee on Pupil Integration.

**June Sattler** appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Citizens Management Review Committee — L.A.U.S.D.

In Los Angeles we are involved with:

- abolishing "junk" foods in the schools.
- making the School District responsive to smog alerts.
- working with a Coalition, coordinated by **Stella March**, to oppose Proposition C, a reorganization plan for the Los Angeles School District.
- attempting to block establishment of the military-related California Cadet Corps at local junior high schools.

In April we met with Associate Supt. of Schools Jerry Halverson, and our May meeting will feature Hank Springer, President, United Teachers of Los Angeles.

Our committee trip to Sacramento has been postponed until early 1977.

## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**Jean Trapnell** has been appointed as one of three members of the California Community College Board of Governors on the Joint Committee on Vocational Education. The other three members of the Joint Committee are appointed from the State Board of Education.

Ms. Trapnell has worked on the Community Colleges Board of Governors to try to solve the "part-time teacher" problems. At this time 40% of the community college classes in the state are taught by part-time teachers. Practically no full-time instructors are being hired, and the young teachers who can get only part-time jobs are not allowed legally to teach more than three classes. At an average pay of \$13 per hour, these instructors, with at least eighteen years of education, are earning less than \$5,000 a year. A comparison with poverty-level farm workers is not far-fetched.

Bills to correct this situation are being introduced by John Vasconcellos and Howard Berman, and Jean will be testifying for the legislation.

COORDINATOR Roslyn Cooperman . . . ASSISTANT COORDINATOR Muriel Blankfort . . . STEERING COMMITTEE Susan Adler, Mary Aidlin, Myrna Alrich, Rosalind Anderson, Arlene Appley, Betty Augerson, Jill Barad, Nettie Baum, Mickie Berg, Edythe Berman, \*Geri Branton, \*Pauline Buck, Naomi Childs, Irma Colen, Francine Diamond, Rose Marie Epstein, Millie Fine, Gita Flaum, Helen Foos, Edythe Gerner, Darcy Gelber, \*Laura Lee Gold, Nadje Gordon, Dorothy Green, Faye Haley, Marian Heller, Marcia Herman, Rose Hirshfield, \*Terry Hoffman, Grace Jacobs, LeAnn Jacobs, Phyllis Kahan, Marilyn Kizziah, Lee Klein, Ann Kotin, Lucille Lasarow, Lucy Lasher, Bernice Lewis, \*Ethel Longstreet, Stella March, \*Olga Marcus, Ida Mannes, Emily Mayer, Georgia Mercer, \*Dodo Meyer, Joyce Miller, Rose Mills, Sadie Moskowitz, Margaret Naiditch, Rose Mary Nastasia, \*Collette North, Adele Ododort, Lucille Polachek, \*Nancy Prinzmetal, May Rosenblum, Helen Rubin, June Sattler, Edith Schwartz, Beatrice Shapiro, \*Gloria Stern, Evelyn Tannenberg, Jean Trapnell, Jewell Van Winkle, Sharon Wahl, Ruth Zeitzew, Joan Zuckert . . .

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