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Election Methods Update Study

LWVCC General Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
Susan Anderson's OEA office at 3229
Broadway, Units J & K, NE corner of
Broadway and Newmark in North Bend.

Do League members think that other voting methods should be considered in Oregon, such as "range" voting, or "ranked choice"? Alternatives to our current election process exist in other states and countries. Learn more and join in the discussion on possible ways for Oregonians to vote in the future.

Join LWVCC members on November 19 for a discussion on the various voting methods used in the U.S. which could be considered for adoption in Oregon.

The Executive Summary (4 pages) of the Election Methods Update Study and the full report (70 pages) are attached to this Voter. Or you may go to lwvor@lwvor.org, click on "Election Methods Study Update" for the reports and consensus questions (5 pages).

LWVCC hosted a public forum on October 20, 2016, at the Egyptian Theatre for Coos Bay Mayor and City Council candidates (*pictured next column*) and State Senate candidates, Districts 1 and 5 (*photo next page.*)

Election results:
www.results.oregonvotes.gov

Candidate Forums



Many people helped LWVCC put on these forums, some working on advance preparation and some working one or both forum nights.

Community volunteers: Our thanks to Tim Novotny, our moderator, who did his usual fabulous job for both forums. Martha Gregor, Screener; and Kat Flores, our reliable volunteer Timer, staffed the October 20 forum. Kat also kept time at the October 25 forum and Gary Sharp served as a Screener.

Student Pages from Marshfield, North Bend, and Coquille high schools volunteered their time to deliver audience questions to the Screeners. Thank you!

League volunteers: Our thanks to Judith VanDuzer Uno, of course, who chaired both forums, and Carol Ventgen who co-chaired the October 25 forum. Other League helpers: Carol Sanders, Melanie Bloom, Pam DeJong, Sue Thornton, Susan Anderson, Frances Smith, Alice Carlson, Jan Hooper, Jerry Chadwick, and Margie Marshall.

We also appreciate the candidates who participated in the forums to answer voters' questions.

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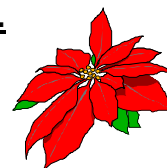
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Saturday, December 10, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK & AUCTION At Jan & Steve Hooper's home



**Full information and directions will be in your
December Voter.**



**State Senate candidates
for Districts 1 and 5
(photo at left)**



**October 25, 2016, at
Coos Bay City Hall**
LWVCC presented a
candidate forum for
Oregon State
Representative, District 1
(upper photo) and District
9 (lower photo).



Voters' Guides were distributed to Coos County libraries, senior centers, Coos County Elections office, political party stores and other locations. Thank you to Frances Smith, Anita Hale, and Karen Newmiller for their work!

ANNUAL DUES

It's time to renew your membership in League of Women Voters. Individual dues are \$62, \$90 for a family membership and \$30 for students. Please send your check to LWVCC, PO Box 1571, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Thanks!

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. Open to men and women of voting age, it neither supports nor opposes political parties or candidates.