

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

Board of Directors Meeting
Electronic Meeting - LWVNMSEP07
September 8-16, 2007

President Campbell arranged and moderated the electronic Board meeting that began on September 8, and was completed on September 16, 2007. A roll call was completed as members subscribed to the listserv. A telephone conference call was not necessary to complete Board business.

Members present: Johnnie Aldrich, Bonnie Burn, Katherine Campbell, Christine Chandler, Jane Gaziano, Diane Goldfarb, Cheryl Haaker, Jody Larson, Lora Lucero, Richard Mason, and Linda Moscarella.

Off Board: Barbara Calef, Dee Watkins

Absent: Diane Albert, Cathy Mathews

Guest: Vicki Simons

Approval of Agenda –The Coalition Policy was added to the agenda under #7. Review additional board procedures. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Linda Moscarella and passed.

Announcements:

1. Shelly Shepard resigned from the Board as chair of Children, Youth and Families’ portfolio. This creates a vacancy. The Board is now composed of four officers, four local presidents, and five additional portfolios held by Mason, Gaziano, Haaker, Aldrich and Lucero. A quorum is seven board members.
2. Saturday, September 15, 2007, 2:00-4:30 p.m., University of New Mexico Law School, Room 2401 (1117 Stanford NE) Panel Discussion with three members of Governor Richardson’s Ethic Task Force, as well as state legislators. Invited Speakers: State Senator Dede Feldman, State Senator Michael Sanchez; State Representative Mimi Stewart, Chief Deputy Attorney General Stuart Bluestone, and Matt Brix, Policy Director, Center for Civic Policy. Moderator: Patricio Larragoite
For information: Mary Sue Gutierrez at 899-4642 or Zora Hesse at 265-3031.
3. The LWVNM Action & Health Care Committee will meet on Monday, September 24th at 1pm. LWVABC will meet at the office. Other leagues check with your locals to see where the your local will get together. If you want to be added to the Action email list send an email to Dick Mason at polirich@aol.com.
4. The Fair Representation Study Group will hold its next meeting Tuesday, September 25 at 1:30pm, at 5701 Klondike St NE, Albuquerque. A teleconference to make it easier for remote members to participate will be set up. Contact Cheryl Haaker for more information: 505-298-7415, cheryl@haaker.org.
5. Calendar dates:
 - Saturday, November 17, 2007 – 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. – LWVNM Board Meeting , New Mexico Institute of Technology, Skeen Library, Don Trip Conference Room, Socorro.
 - December 8, 2007 (Saturday) - LWVABC is planning a lobbyist training workshop (**need location**).
 - January 22, 2008 – 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – League Day at the Legislature, Round House and State Land Office Building. Format similar to 2007.

Approval of July 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the July 14 meeting will be filed as amended by Lora Lucero and Linda Moscarella.

Treasurer's Report: Report deferred to November 17th Board Meeting. Treasurer's computer crashed. Two items pending were setting up Quick Books and changing the accounts to Wells Fargo Bank in Albuquerque.

Unfinished Business (9/10)

Strategic Planning Process Continued:

Goal: To Increase League Visibility: Objectives remained the same; strategies had several modification, and some Board members volunteered as person(s) responsible: Linda Moscarella suggested #13 Strategy, Share revenue with local Leagues to further this strategy be clarified to read give local League revenue sharing to increase League visibility.

- Strategy #1: Form communications committee - Johnnie Aldrich volunteered and suggested the La Palabra editor might be a committee member. Linda Moscarella also volunteered to work on this item.
- Strategy #4: Combine efforts with local Leagues on voter education - Jody Larson volunteered
- Strategy #10: Write letters to the editor – Aldrich encouraged state and local Leagues to do more letter writing.
- Strategy #12: Strength advocacy – Jody Larson volunteered.
- Strategy #15 – Promote or expand the LWVABC Speaker's Bureau – suggested by Kathy Campbell

Goal: To be key leader on election process: formally incomplete, several recommendations were made and are listed below:

Objectives: Linda Moscarella suggested (1) empower voters in government processes and (2) empower the League in connecting voters and government.

Strategies: Linda Moscarella suggested (1) increase usefulness, visibility and circulation of Voters Key and (2) publicize Fair Representation Study, forums and informational materials to public.

Additional objectives and strategies were suggested by Kathy Campbell:

Objectives: (1) Empower New Mexican voters, (2) Empower the League to connect citizens and government, and (3) Reduce the influence of private money in New Mexican elections and government.

Strategies:

- (1) Become a source of good information for the public, legislators and election officials on improving election processes in New Mexico.
 - Understand and promote efficient manual audits
 - Help with recruitment of poll workers
 - Interpret the League's SARA principle in the context of current NM process
- (2) Provide strong and visible support for the current reform efforts in NM
 - Support public financing for campaigns for state-wide offices, as currently proposed by the Governor's Ethics Task Force
 - Support public financing for legislative campaigns in NM
 - Support legislative remuneration to reduce dependency of legislators on corporate financing.
 - Seek coalition partners to support these in the upcoming legislative sessions
- (3) Support transparency initiatives proposed by the Governor's Ethics task force
 - Open conference committees (*to state legislators and the public?*)
 - Lobbyist identification

This item will be taken up at the November Meeting. Board members should come prepared to volunteer or have someone from their local League available to help.

Identify coalitions of which LWVNM is or should become a member

No further coalitions were suggested or adopted. LWVNM will continue membership in Health Action New Mexico (Dick Mason, liaison) and Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign (Vicki Simons liaison). Membership in the Coalition for Clean Affordable Energy was dropped in part because much of their work seemed to be in areas that LWVNM felt they could not join and in part because we lost our liaison person.

SCHIP letter to President Bush: Motion to approve LWVNM sign this letter was made by Mason and was defeated. Two major concerns were the “bipartisan” wording of the letter which did not reflect the “nonpartisanship” of the League and SCHIP is a national issue more appropriately handled by LWVUS. A copy of the letter is attached should League members wish to respond on an individual basis.

New Business (9/12)

Review Additional Board procedures

- Coalition Guidelines: There was agreement to update the mission statement to match that adopted at the LWVUS Convention, 2006. A number of other modifications were proposed but no motion for adoption of these was put forward. Coalition Guidelines with recommended changes will be considered at November 17 Board meeting.
- Study Process: Adopted as presented.
- Internet Policy: tabled indefinitely. The initial version of this policy seems to be directed to “a start up” web site. Recommendation was made to revise or write a policy that reflects current circumstance for publishing on the web site.
- Fundraising Policy: Adopted as written but underlying issues were raised that require discussion at some future date (e.g., a concern was raised about LWVNM approaching businesses in communities where local Leagues were also fund raising because this affects the ability of raising funds at the local level. Secondly, there was a sentiment expressed by some LWV members that we should not be doing fundraising at the state level at all since the locals provide support for the state organization. Both of these issues merit discussion at some time.)

Water Study Group (Barbara Calef):

The State Water Study Committee requested and received approval to revise the scope and objectives of the study. The study objectives continue to be: to educate the League and the general public about these important issues, and to use the positions to advocate for legislation that will improve the system of water distribution in the state. After reading numerous papers, the committee agreed to investigate five areas of interest:

1. The Rio Grande drainage, including gauges, recharge rates, offsets, and the San Juan-Chama project.
2. Conservation methods: what works and what doesn't.
3. Values to help in decision-making
4. Linking land use to water supply by studying the jurisdictional, regulatory, and planning disconnects; drafting an interim report describing them; and by making recommendations to eliminate the disconnects. The Committee will seek to make the recommendations part of a new position.

5. Legislative issues.

Portfolio Development

Kathy Campbell matched up the Kalamazoo and LWVN Board portfolio descriptions and came up with the list below:

President

VP for organization

VP for program

The numerous tasks in these three portfolios need to be shared between the president and vice-president of LWVNM or placed elsewhere

Secretary: Bonnie Burn

Treasurer: Diane Albert

Membership director: Johnnie Aldrich

Action director: Dick Mason, Barbara Calef

Newsletter editor:

This description does not correspond to LWVNM practice, although practice probably depends a lot on the relationship between the president, editor, and board

Nominating committee chair: Marnie Leverett

Program chair: Dick Mason, Jane Gaziano, Cheryl Haaker, Barbara Calef, Lora Lucero, study committee chairs

Public relations director: See Strategic Planning goal #1.

Voters' Guide editor: Currently vacant; might be able to get Andrea to update this

Candidate forum coordinator: N/A?

Finance drive chair: N/A for now?

Action: Board members are asked to develop draft job descriptions and send to Bonnie Burn by November 8 to be considered at the November 17 Board Meeting. Dick Mason, Jane Gaziano, Cheryl Haaker, and Lora Lucero might get together to develop a single draft of a Program Chair job description. Co-chairs of the Action Committee need to collaborate. Contact with past holders of positions is encouraged.

La Palabra

The Board considered having only three issues during the 2007-2008 League year. It has been difficult to find an editor. The issues for 2007-2008 would be Winter in advance of the legislative session; Spring in advance of the May convention or council; and sometime during Summer, 2008. Concern was raised about the availability of *La Palabra* to educate members about Fair Representation and Water studies. Fair Representation group advised that a couple of large articles in a combined issue would allow them extra time to prepare, and members would have a thick newsletter to read during the Christmas holidays.

A suggestion to have *La Palabra* transmitted electronically was made. Concern was raised that our senior members who may not be ready to receive information on line. There is difficulty in maintaining two address lists—electronic and postal mailings. It was suggested that those connected to the editorial/publishing process for *La Palabra* will work up an estimate on savings per member of not mailing *La Palabra*. We can then see how significant it is, and possibly discuss what kind of discount might be reasonable. There was a suggestion that printer version be available.

It was generally agreed that three issues of *La Palabra* would be satisfactory.

As far as content for *La Palabra* is concerned it is anticipated that reports and/or white papers from both state study committees in November will be forthcoming, as well as lots of information about League Day and advocacy. Additional story items will come up.

[Holt Bill \(HR-811\) – Election Reform](#)

This legislative action alert was brought to the Board's attention by President Campbell, and approval was given to send the letter to the other NM Representatives on LWVNM stationery. (Copy of LWV of Los Alamos is attached, as is the FAX'd copy of LWVNM letter to U.S. Representatives Pearce and Wilson on 9/17/2007).

[Local League Reports:](#)

Since the new deadline for *La Palabra* articles is November 17th, local League presidents and program chairs will be expected to submit reports at that time that cover the period from July 17th through November 17th.

[November 17 Agenda](#)

- Adoption of Policies: Coalition Guidelines and Fundraising Policy
- Review of interim activities
- Lobbying positions for 2008 short session
- Preliminary planning for League Day.
- Strategic Planning – Volunteers Needed for strategies
- Job Descriptions – Drafts
- Revenue Sharing

November 19 – La Palabra deadline

Attachment:

1. Coalition Guidelines, Adopted September 15, 2007.
2. Process for State Studies, Adopted September 15, 2007
3. Fund Raising Policy, Adopted September 15, 2007.
4. Letter: SCHIP to President Bush
5. Letter: LWV of Los Alamos to U.S. Representative Udall, Re: Election Reform (HR-811)
6. Letter: LWVNM to U.S. Representatives Pearce and Wilson, Re: Election Reform (HR-811)

League of Women Voters of New Mexico

Membership Report, September 2007*Johnnie R. Aldrich, Membership Director*

I know that the Las Cruces League is continuing to add new members. In almost every issue of the GLC VOTER over the summer, Membership Director Bonnie Burn reported one or more new members. The same is happening in Albuquerque. Reading the ABC VOTER new member list last month, I noticed that Membership Director JoAnne Ramponi and her committee have brought one of our Members-at-Large into the ABC fold. That's as it should be! Good work!

As far as I know, only Las Cruces has closed its annual membership drive; the other units are still working on that important project, so by the November meeting, I should have a few more concrete numbers to report.

In every one of the weekly electronic newsletters from LWVUS, "Leaders' Update," Membership Recruitment is a focal point. And the message is always the same: the most effective way to increase membership is a one-on-one effort. Each member, not just the membership director or the president or the board members – repeat – each member invites a friend or an acquaintance, not only to participate in the numerous League activities but also to JOIN us.

LWVUS is conducting a Membership Emphasis movement from 2006-2007. Our leaders at the National level have recommended that we direct our efforts to the recruitment of "younger" members, ages 25-40. However, a recent study among "boomers" has found that they are the group most interested in volunteer work and most committed to it once they begin. So don't ignore potential members just because they have a few wrinkles or graying hair; these can become our most valuable members. These are people who often have well developed organizational or "people" skills and time to use them! (Anyone who'd like details about that study should be call or e-mail me.)

League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County
Report to LWVNM September 10, 2007
Jody Larson, President

Also for publication in La Palabra:

Santa Fe County League members have enjoyed several activities over the late summer, and we are now settling into our regular schedule of unit and general meetings. At a July picnic, we received an update on municipal trails, and in August we attended Breakfast with a Leader with our police chief. Also in August, our Membership Committee held an elegant member recruitment reception at the Governor's Mansion, where Kathy Campbell provided an overview of LWVNM programs and priorities.

LWV-SFC has been in the local papers lately, with a commentary on Women's Equality Day (which we prepared by editing a press release from LWVUS), and another on our support of the current Santa Fe Community College Bond election. We hope the visibility will support our membership drive, now underway. Action issues include proposed amendments to our Home Rule Charter. We are preparing to submit comments and proposed revisions to the amendment package to the Council, having already testified before a subcommittee.

September units are on DWI, from both a health and a law enforcement perspective. The general meeting will focus on recent changes, actual and attempted, to state and national election laws and voters' (and voter registration agents') rights. In October and November we will address national and local immigration studies, and participate in the LWVUS immigration consensus process.



League of Women Voters of New Mexico

COALITION GUIDELINES

(Draft September 15, 2007)

Mission: The League of Women Voters of New Mexico (LWVNM), a nonpartisan organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. *As a membership organization, collaborating and sharing power to effect change is part of the foundation of what makes our vision of democracy work.* In that spirit, the LWVNM shall seek to join and to participate actively in coalitions. So long as any advocacy or coalition partnerships are consistent with League principles, positions, and policies, the LWVNM shall consider its full participation in coalition-related activities according to the following guidelines.

Guidelines

1. Joining or withdrawing from a coalition shall be the decision of the LWVNM Board of Directors;
2. Participation is a temporary alliance that brings together organizations towards a limited and defined goal. Goal may be long- or short-term;
3. LWVNM shall join only coalitions that are nonpartisan;
4. *The aims of any coalition LWVNM joins must be to educate the public, to share, power, and to give input and to hold decision makers accountable*
5. The League shall join and participate in coalitions that are strictly limited to issue-related advocacy, education of the public, and/or facilitation;
6. An LWVNM member shall be approved by the full board as a designated representative to any coalition after the board has fully consented to join or participate in that coalition;
7. A board-designated coalition representative may serve in a leadership position in the coalition to which they have been approved;
8. The Board shall vote, with the explicit consent of the President, that the coalition designate be allowed to publicly speak only to the League-approved positions on the issue represented by coalition participation, and
9. To ensure the full effectiveness of LWVNM participation in any coalition, the coalition representative must be available to do the required work within a coalition, to report monthly to the Board on coalition activity and actively to engage LWVNM membership in that coalition-related activity.



League of Women Voters of New Mexico

Process for Conducting State Studies (Adopted September 15, 2007)

- 1) A local League board votes to propose a study for LWVNM.
- 2) The local League provides a short description of the scope and objectives of the proposed study for the March issue of La Palabra prior to the state convention. They also send the article to the members of the state board.
- 3) At the March state board meeting a member of the local League presents the proposal to the board. It is reviewed with the following questions in mind:
 - Are there people (drawn from many local Leagues) available to work on the issue?
 - Is the problem one that can be addressed by governmental (as opposed to private) action?
 - Is the issue one in which the League is likely to make a difference in the outcome?The board votes on whether to recommend the study for adoption at convention.
- 4) Studies recommended by the board require a simple majority for adoption. If the study is not recommended by the board, a majority vote on the first day of Convention is required for the study to be placed on the agenda during the program planning session on the second day. In this case, a 2/3 vote is required to adopt the study.
- 5) If the study is adopted, the local League must name a leader to form a Resource Committee. All LWVNM members shall be invited to join the committee. As a rule at least one member of each local League should become a member of the committee.
- 6) The Resource Committee is responsible for:
 - framing questions to guide the study
 - presenting the questions and a discussion of the intended process to the state board for approval at the July board meeting
 - providing resource materials to be posted on the LWVNM web site for distribution to the local Leagues
 - compiling a study guide including pro and con perspectives.
 - contacting the local Leagues to schedule meetings with the units
- 7) For a two-year study, the goal of the first year is usually to educate the members generally about the issues and in some cases to reach consensus on whether or not a new or updated League position is needed. For the second year of a two-year study, or the first year of a one-year study, the Resource Committee will frame and present to the state board a set of specific consensus questions that will be used to help formulate the position.

- 8) A round of unit meetings should be scheduled for each year of the study. A recorder must be chosen at each unit meeting to report on areas of agreement, areas where there is no agreement, level of member participation, etc. When specific consensus questions are available, the consensus, or lack thereof, about each question must be recorded.
- 9) Following the second round, the Resource Committee will use the reports from the recorders to formulate the position. The state board must review and vote on the proposed position. Once approved by the state board, the interim position can be announced to the members and the public and used as a basis for action. The interim position must be presented at the next state convention for adoption.



League of Women Voters of New Mexico

A FUNDRAISING POLICY FOR LWVNM

(adopted 9/15/2007)

The intent of this policy is to maximize the fundraising capabilities of all the Leagues in New Mexico.

The LWVNM's policy on soliciting contributions is as follows:

Local Leagues should solicit funding from individuals, businesses, corporations, civic and other groups who give financial support within their geographic boundaries. If any League feels there is an overriding need to go beyond their geographic boundaries, please inform the state Board and adhere to the relevant parts of the following policy:

1. All fundraising on behalf of LWVNM should be authorized by the Board of Directors.
2. If any League is soliciting funds of \$2,500 or more from ANY foundation or corporate program located in New Mexico, report your plans to the President of the LWVNM.
3. LWVNM will report to the local Leagues on fundraising solicitations made of New Mexico corporations and foundations.
4. Collaboration and cooperation among Leagues is encouraged. When planning major fundraising efforts, the local League and the state League should consider joint approached to foundations or corporate giving programs.

Before LWVNM approaches a corporate/business, civic, or other group located where there is a local League chapter, the local League president will be consulted.

PLEASE EMAIL SIGN-ONS to SHADIH@FIRSTFOCUS.NET

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

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September __, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As representatives of bipartisan organizations committed to improving health care for all children, we are writing to urge your support for the bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) that is currently being negotiated on Capitol Hill. Since 1997, SCHIP has been a vital program for low-income children in working families whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but too little to purchase private health insurance. With only weeks to go before the program expires, we urge you to work with Congress and to approve the final agreement that is sent to your desk. Literally, millions of uninsured children are relying on you to sign SCHIP reauthorization into law so that they are able to keep their health coverage.

As you know, SCHIP has strong bipartisan roots – it was enacted by a Republican-led Congress and signed into law by a Democratic President – and that tradition of bipartisanship continues today. The legislation approved in both the House and the Senate has strong support from Senators and Representatives and Governors on both sides of the aisle and from an overwhelming majority of the public, who, in poll after poll, strongly support SCHIP reauthorization.

We understand that there are a broad range of perspectives on how best to assure that our nation's children are able to get the health care and coverage they need. However, by all measures, SCHIP has been extremely successful in reducing the number of uninsured children in America. Since 1997, SCHIP has helped to reduce the number of uninsured children by one-third. Nevertheless, there are still 9 million uninsured children in our nation and a shocking 6 million of those uninsured kids are already eligible under current law for SCHIP or Medicaid.

While the bills passed by the House and Senate have differences, both pieces of legislation achieve the mutual goals of Congress, the Governors, and your Administration – targeting resources where they are most needed and ensuring that the children of low-income working parents – most of whom are hourly wage earners who are not offered employer-sponsored health coverage – do not slip through the cracks. As passed, both bills would make major strides in reducing the numbers of uninsured children by providing coverage to well over three million children, most of whom are currently eligible but unenrolled in SCHIP or Medicaid. We expect

that any agreement reached by conferees would similarly improve coverage for these vulnerable children.

In an effort to address some of the concerns voiced by lawmakers throughout the floor debate, it is important to note that neither of the bills approved in the House or the Senate raises the poverty level at which children can become eligible for SCHIP. And, the vast majority of children in SCHIP receive coverage through private sector health plans, just as senior citizens do in Medicare Advantage and Medicare prescription drug plan, which your Administration wholeheartedly supports, and just as you receive through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP).

We appreciate your previous support for and recognition of the importance of improving SCHIP enrollment. We were heartened by the campaign pledge you made at the Republican National Convention in 2004: “America's children must also have a healthy start in life. In a new term, we will lead an aggressive effort to enroll millions of poor children who are eligible but not signed up for the government's health insurance programs. We will not allow a lack of attention, or information, to stand between these children and the health care they need.” At this critical time, and with the interests of the children in mind, we urge you keep your campaign promise to make progress toward reducing the number of children who are eligible for coverage but not currently enrolled in SCHIP or Medicaid.

Public opinion is nearly unanimous that no child in America should go without medical care because they lack access to coverage. A recent national poll commissioned by First Focus and performed by GOP strategist and pollster Frank Luntz, found that 90 percent of Americans believe that every child in America has a right to basic healthcare, with 83 percent of Americans who support renewing SCHIP before the legislation expires in September. In addition, by a ratio of 66 -17 percent, American voters say they are less likely to reelect their Senator or Congressman in the next election if they fail to support legislation aimed specifically at reducing the number of uninsured children in America.

We know you agree that our children are our nation's most precious resource and that investments in health care for kids reap benefits that last a lifetime. We urge you to stand with our children and to put their interests ahead of the partisan rhetoric that is threatening a timely SCHIP reauthorization. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you and to work with you on this and other initiatives to be sure that all of our nation's children have access to the health care services and coverage they need.

Sincerely,

First Focus
Alexandria, VA

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Washington, DC	American Academy of Family Physicians Washington, DC	American Academy of Pediatrics, Rhode Island Chapter, Cranston, RI
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Washington, DC	American Dental Education Association Washington, DC	American Dental Hygienists' Education Association Washington, DC
American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) Alexandria, VA	American Nurses Association Silver Spring, MD	American Public Health Association Washington, DC.
Anchorage's Promise Anchorage, AK	Carol Comeau, Superintendent, Anchorage School District, Anchorage, AK.	Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness Phoenix, AZ
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU) Tysons Corner, VA	Association of Utah Community Health Salt Lake City, UT	Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), Washington, DC
Boys and Girls Clubs Alaska Anchorage, AK	Centene Corporation St. Louis, MO	Center for Civil Justice Saginaw, MI
Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc. Washington, DC	Child Care, Inc New York, NY	Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) Arlington, VA
Children North Carolina Raleigh, NC	Children Now Oakland, CA	Children's Alliance Seattle, WA
Children's Defense Fund Washington, DC	Children's Dental Health Project Washington, DC	Children's Service Society of Utah Salt Lake city, UT
Coalition of Religious Communities Salt Lake City, UT	Coalition on Human Needs Washington, DC	Community Action New Mexico Albuquerque, NM
Disability Rights Wisconsin Milwaukee, WI	Easter Seals Washington, DC	Family Voices Albuquerque, NM
Foster Care Alumni of America Alexandria, VA	Fourth Street Clinic/Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc. Salt Lake City, UT	Health Care for all Massachusetts Boston, MA
Healthy Teen Network Washington, DC	Illinois Action for Children Chicago, IL	Intermountain Pediatric Society, Utah Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Salt Lake city, UT
International Hearing Society Livonia, MI	Iowa/Nebraska Primary Care Association Urbandale, Iowa	JoAnn B. Seghini, Midvale City Mayor Midvale, UT
Kalamazoo County Poverty Reduction Initiative Kalamazoo, MI	Kansas Action for Children Topeka, KS	Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake Salt Lake City, UT
Maine Equal Justice Partners Augusta, ME	Medicaid Health Plans of America Washington, DC	Mental Health Association in South Carolina (MHASC)

		Columbia, SC
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health Lansing, MI	Michigan County Social Services Association Lansing, MI	Michigan's Children Lansing, MI
Mountain Youth Services Sylva, NC	National Assembly on School-Based Health Care Washington, DC	National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions Alexandria, VA
National Association of School-Based Health Centers (NASBHC) Washington, DC	National Association for Children's Behavioral Health Washington, DC	National Council of La Raza (NCLR) Washington, DC
National Foster Parent Association Gig Harbor, WA	National Health Law Program Washington, DC	National Hispanic Medical Association Washington, DC
National Initiative for Children's Health care Quality Cambridge, MA	National Medical Association Washington, DC	National Women's Law Center Washington, DC
NM Voices for Children Albuquerque, NM	OPTIONS for Independence Auburn, NY	Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children Harrisburg, PA
Peter Corroon, Mayor Salt Lake County, UT	Pre-K Now Washington, DC	Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence Lexington, KY
Promise Community Partners Salt Lake City, UT	RESULTS – Santa Fe Santa Fe, NM	Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Washington, DC
Small Business California (SB-Cal) San Francisco, CA	Small Business Majority Sausalito, CA	Tennessee Justice Center Nashville, TN
Tennessee Primary Care Association Brentwood, TN	The AIDS Institute Washington, DC	The children's Defense Fund Washington, DC
The Children's Health Fund New York, NY	The Dove Center, a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Shelter and Program St. George, UT	The National Center for Children in Poverty New York, NY
The North Carolina Partnership for Children Raleigh, NC	Uintah Basin Association of Governments South Roosevelt, UT	University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Newark, NJ
Utah AFL/CIO Salt Lake City, UT	Utah Building Trades Council	Utah Community Action Partnership Association Salt Lake City, UT

Utah Education Association
Murray, UT

Utah Issues: The Center for
Eliminating Poverty
Salt Lake City, UT

Utah Statewide Independent Living
Council (USILC)
Salt Lake City, UT

Virginia Poverty Law Center
Richmond, VA

Voices for America's Children
Washington, DC

Voices for Michigan's Children
Lansing, MI

Voices for Ohio's Children
Cleveland, OH

Voices for Utah Children
Salt Lake City, UT

Yale-New Haven Children's
Hospital
New Haven, CT

YMCA of the USA
Washington, DC

Your Community Connection of
Ogden Northern Utah
Ogden, UT



League of Women Voters of Los Alamos

Letter to U.S. Representative Udall Regarding Election Reform Bill (HR-811)

Dear Representative Udall,

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos strongly supports H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act of 2007. This legislation would require voter-verified paper ballots that will facilitate manual audits, and requires that such audits be carried out.

As you know, New Mexico was the first state to move from a predominantly electronic voting system to one that mandated optical scan paper ballots. A recent report* documented that the system, instituted very rapidly between the 2006 legislative session and the general election in November of the same year, worked effectively with few voter problems and high poll worker confidence. Other states are now rapidly moving in the same direction.

We urge you to ensure that this legislation is considered by Congress this fall so that its reforms can be implemented for the 2008 general election.

Sincerely,

Christine Chandler, President
League of Women Voters of Los Alamos

* The New Mexico Election Administration Report: The 2006 November General Election. The principal authors include R. M. Alvarez, co- director of the Caltech/MIT Voting Technology Project, and Professor L. R. Atkeson of UNM.



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September 16, 2007

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Sincerely,

Katherine Campbell, President
League of Women Voters of New Mexico
president@lwvnm.org

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