



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA

An Inter-League Organization of the San Francisco Bay Area



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Dear Ted,

The Board of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area sends you our thanks for your outstanding service to the Bay Area since July 2004.

Your service with the then, newly-created Joint Policy Committee has moved our regional smart growth progress forward on many fronts, as well as making considerable progress in the joint voice and joint policy action of the existing regional agencies. This was no small task.

The LWVBA has been involved in these issues for more than 50 years, and we know the challenges. Nevertheless, we do feel that progress has been made in the smart growth vision (TOD, FOCUS, etc), Climate Protection Initiative, and Sustainable Communities Strategy. All of these have benefitted from a regional discussion involving both elected officials on the Committee as well as the much closer working relationship of the regional agency staffs. You characterize it as a mixed success, yet we know the difficulties which had to be overcome to get this far.

We especially appreciate your personal efforts, with minimal or no staff support. In particular:

- Great graphical presentations (carrot and stick, etc.) and posting of many materials on the Web site
- Agendas and packets ALWAYS posted on line a week before the meeting, with e-mail notification
- Availability to any and all who wanted to talk, perhaps lobby, about issues
- Willingness to speak to groups and individuals about issues and the process.
- and your wry sense of humor.

We genuinely appreciate all of your efforts to move the Bay Area towards a positive future. We wish you the best for your own future.

With our sincere thanks,

Marion Taylor

Marion Taylor, President

Linda Craig

Linda Craig, former President