

## About the League...

The League of Women Voters of the Houston Area, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League does not support any political candidate or party.

The League office is a public information center open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at 4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 213. The phone number is 713/784-2923.

## League Officers & Directors 2008-2009

President, Laura Blackburn  
Program Vice President, Jan Wilbur  
Organization Vice President, Nancy Parra  
Community Relations Vice President, Lula Blake  
Secretary, Shirley Gibson  
Treasurer, Martha Murphree  
Linda Cohn                      Betty Oertel  
Wayne Derrick                 Bee Franks-Walker  
Gwen Essinger                Lynn Walshak  
Ann Herbage                  Ann Wood  
Peggy Hill

Pat Downing, Executive Director

## Contributions to the League of Women Voters are welcome.

The League of Women Voters is a volunteer organization with two paid staff persons. Support comes from membership dues, grants and contributions from the community.

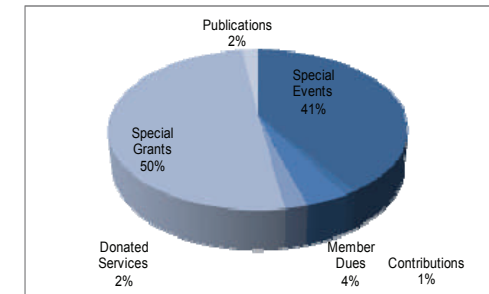
Gifts are tax deductible to the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization. Gifts to the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area, a 501(c)(4) organization, are not tax deductible except as a business expense.

Contributions may be sent to:  
League of Women Voters of the Houston Area  
4001 N. Shepherd, Suite 213  
Houston, Texas 77018.

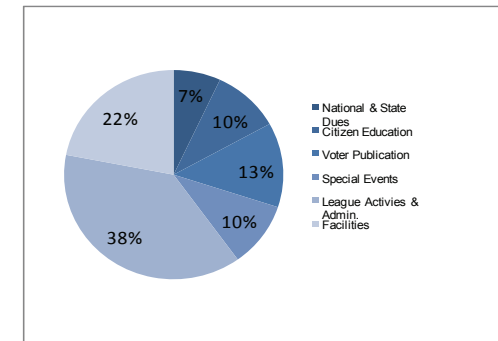
More information may be obtained on the League's website, <[www.lwvhouston.org](http://www.lwvhouston.org)> or by calling the League office at 713/784-2923.

## About the League's funding.....

### Resources



### Allocation of Resources



## The League of Women Voters of the Houston Area acknowledges with many thanks who gave support in 2008-2009.

Jacqueline Alfred  
American Express  
Andrews Kurth LLP  
Madeleine Appel  
Alice Mae Berthelsen  
Laura Blackburn  
Charlotte Bowers  
Hon. Peter Brown  
CenterPoint Energy  
Cindy Clifford  
Hon. Anne Clutterbuck  
Continental Airlines  
El Paso Corp.

Costello, Inc.  
Gwen Essinger  
ExxonMobil  
Sharon Friedman  
Fulbright & Jaworski  
Hon. Adrian Garcia  
Hon. Sylvia Garcia  
Hon. Peggy Hamric  
Ann Herbage  
Gloria Herman  
Terri Hershey/Hershey Fund  
Blaine & Judy Hollinger  
Houston Endowment, Inc.

HoustonPBS  
Hon. Pam Holm  
Houston Contractors Association  
Houston Organization of City Employees  
Alice Boone Humphries  
Bette John  
Lynne Johnson  
Patricia Joiner  
Jones and Carter  
Margaret & Paul Kolodzie  
Hon. El Franco Lee  
KPRC-Channel 2  
Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc

Hon. Sue Lovell  
Marathon Oil Company  
LWV Houston Board  
Martha Murphree  
Hon. Melissa Noriega  
Marge O'Connell  
Hon. Annise Parker  
Nancy Parra  
Plumbers Local Union #68  
Hon. Vince Ryan  
Janet Spencer  
Hon. Gracie Saenz  
Silver Eagle Distributing

Marty Stein  
Barb Swartz  
The Point Group  
Turbo Components  
Jeanet te Vanderwater  
Hon. Leo Vasquez  
Hon. Hubert Vo  
Hon. Bill and Andrea White  
Jan Wilbur  
Winstead PC

## 2008-2009 Achievements

- Compiled and distributed over 170,000 copies of the Voters Guide for the November General Election. Responses of candidates were printed in English and Spanish. The Voters Guide was also available at our web site: [www.lwvhouston.org](http://www.lwvhouston.org)
- Co-sponsored eight debates with Houston PBS for the November elections
- Answered telephones with voter information for KPRC-TV from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- Published and distributed directories of elected officials (Voters Key) for Harris County.
- Published and distributed voter information brochures at Naturalization Ceremonies. Registered over 20,000 new voters in Harris and Ft. Bend counties.
- Co-hosted State of the County luncheon.
- Hosted our popular Repast luncheon featuring a conversation with Anna Russell, City Secretary of Houston.
- Observed regular meetings of Houston City Council and Harris County Commissioners Court and reported on these meetings to the members.
- Provided speakers to the community through the League's Speakers Bureau.
- Provided a website with nonpartisan voting and election information as well as information on governmental issues.
- Celebrated and hosted a 89th Birthday party for the League of Women Voters
- Presented six public meetings on issues in the public interest
- Communicated with local, state and national elected officials on issues in the public interest.

## Study and Action

Comprehensive research and development of information, both pro and con, and consensus precede any position the League takes. This information is shared with the public through regular and special public meetings and through publications.

The League studies public issues related to:

- Government
- International relations
- Natural resources
- Social policy

Facts and Issues are clearly and concisely presented to citizens and decision makers.

Effective action results when citizens participate in government.

In 2008-2009, the League sponsored public meetings on:

- Education
- Coastal Building Codes
- Homeowner Associations
- Advocacy
- Energy

Members contributed more than 15,000 hours volunteer in 2008-2009 to fulfill the League's mission and to achieve its goals.



**League of Women Voters  
of the Houston Area**

# 2008-2009 Annual Report

4001 N. Shepherd, Ste. 213 Houston, Texas 77018  
713/784.2923 [lwv@lwvhouston.org](mailto:lwv@lwvhouston.org)  
713/784.2984 (fax) [www.lwvhouston.org](http://www.lwvhouston.org)