



OBSERVER CORPS - LWV OAKLAND



Who we are:

Observer Corps are League of Women Voters of Oakland who volunteer to go to governmental meetings and report to the Action Committee of the League. They learn about issues and processes from League members. Ongoing informative lectures and trips continually expand their knowledge. To date our observers come from districts 1,3,4,5.

What do we observe:

Does the committee, commission or board organization follow the requirements of the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance?

What topics were of most concern.

Were there items of particular interest to the League?

Number of public speakers.

What happens to the Observer's Reports:

They are filled out on-line and automatically go to each member of the Action Committee. They are acknowledged, read, and if there are issues that the League should take up, goes to the board and appropriate action takes place.

Why do we observe:

Much work goes on in the city — long before action reaches the City Council. We are the extra eyes and ears of the League.

Where we currently have our observers:

Life Enrichment Committee

Oakland Planning Commission

Public Ethics Commission

Police Commission

Oakland Housing Authority

Board of Port Commissioners

Alameda County Transportation Commission

San Francisco Bay Area Transit District (BART)

Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCP)

Our relationship to the city:

We are not an adversarial group. We have been warmly welcomed in all meetings we have attended.

We want you to know what we are doing. If there are meetings that you feel would benefit from having an observer we would be glad if you would let us know.

The Observer Corps

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Observation is important

Participation is essential

The main website for the League of Women Voters of Oakland is <http://LWVoakland.org> and additional information on the Oakland Observer Corps on that site is at <http://lwvoakland.org/observers.html>