

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT OR WHOM TO VOTE FOR?

- **PEOPLE:** Find someone you trust who knows a lot about the issues. Listen to the opinions of friends and family members. Ask people whom they're voting for, **and why**. Then make up your own mind.
- **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** (not just for women): The League's State and Local Easy Voter Guides explain the pros and cons of various measures on the ballot. The League is neutral, which means that it does not support any particular political party or candidate. However, it can take a position on ballot measures. There are also League events you can attend.
- **MAIL:** Look at who sent the mailing. Do you recognize the group? Are they from organizations that have your best interests in mind? Who are the police, teachers, youth groups, unions endorsing? Find the groups that support your interests and consider their endorsements.



- **TV:** Ads cost a lot of money. Who is paying for the ad? What is their interest? If it's an ad by candidates for themselves it might not be accurate. TV ads can be misleading and only highlight one aspect of a complex issue.
- **REGISTRAR'S VOTER HANDBOOK** comes in the mail. Read it carefully. Who has signed the arguments for and against a measure? For example, the Police Department might urge you to vote for more police and an arts organization might urge you to vote for more arts programming for kids. Consider what agendas the writers of the arguments may have and then decide which candidates or measures you want to support.
- **INTERNET:** Search for information about candidates and ballot measures. Evaluate the source of the information. At www.votersedge.org/ca you just put in your zip code and get information about both state and local elections. It will also tell you where your polling location is.
- **Remember**, you do not have to vote for everything on your ballot. You can cast your vote only for the issues and offices you choose.