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YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU

Call them and tell them your opinions. Issues like protecting the environment, who should be able to marry, and the war in Iraq are important – you have opinions. Please share them. The following is all you need to become active and involved in the big picture.

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Absentee Works For Me

Are you wondering about the efficacy of the current voting machines and methods? Are you thinking, like I am, that soon these machines will be doing all the tabulating and counting of the votes conducted at polling places? How about doing what Seattle, Washington is doing? Sign up to be an absentee ballot voter. You will be sent a ballot and a book that is exactly like the pages you turn in the voter's booth. It's easy and if you miss the mailing date, you can sign the envelope and drop it off at any polling place. If you can't make it there yourself, sign to allow someone else to drop off your ballot for you. Create your own paper trail. Protect your vote!

There is an application form available at your local election office or by downloading an application. You may also make an application by letter or note. Whichever method you choose, the application must be made in writing and signed.

Download the application at: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ELE/eifeiv/howabs.htm>

—Editor

Red Flag Days – They're here!

In our spring issue, we ran an informative Q&A on Red Flag Day. Now that summer's here, so is the possibility that each and every day may be a Red Flag Day. This means that when humidity is 15 percent or less and winds are 25mph or higher, the Los Angeles Fire Department will need you to move your car if you've parked on a narrow street (20-foot wide or less). **YOUR CAR WILL BE TOWED IF YOU DON'T MOVE IT.**

How do you know it's a Red Flag Day if you don't have a barometer? Go online: <http://www.lafd.org/redflag/> On this site, besides being instantly informed, you are invited to sign up to get an e-mail alert when it's a Red Flag Day. So, don't be left wondering – or wandering the canyon looking for your vehicle.

Be a good neighbor. When you get the email notice, tell your neighbors so they can move their cars if they are parked on the narrow streets near your home. Let's all work together to stay safe and leave our roads wide open for the emergency vehicles.

For more information, call our local Fire Department's non-emergency number, 213-485-6282.



Firefighters protect our homes. Let's keep our streets wide open.

—Editors

CITY RIDE FOR SENIORS

Whether or not you drive, regardless of your disability or condition, you can arrange for a ride from your home to your destination for very little money. Write for a brochure outlining this service:

Cityride
P.O. Box 866003
L.A. 90086

Or call 808-7433 within the 213, 310, 818, or 323 area codes. Ask them to explain the service and to send you a brochure.

This program offers four discount transportation programs for seniors 65 and older, and those of any age with disabilities.

Freedom is a more complex and delicate thing than force. It is not as simple to live under as force is.—Thomas Mann