

CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY December 1 | 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference by invitation



DEI "ZOOM" MEETING

MONDAY December 7 | 6:30-8 p.m.
"Understanding how racism is experienced on Cape Cod"

LWVMA's 100th

Virtual Birthday Gala

December 13th | 1:00 p.m.



KWANZAA

December 26th-Jan 1st



HANNUKAH

December 10th – 18th



CHRISTMAS

December 25th

UPCOMING

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY January 5 | 9:30 a.m.
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LWVCCA PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Hello Members,

It's been a "nail biting" past two weeks. While the election is technically over, the fallout does not seem to be. The possible turmoil and disruption to our supposed peaceful transfer of office may be daunting. It is unfortunate that we find ourselves in this position. There is a haunting feeling of other worldliness. We have seen this type of chaotic uncertainty in other countries, but it doesn't seem to fit here in America. At this point League members need to keep their feet on the ground and their minds clearly focused on the task of making sure the democratic process moves forward as designed.

While the Democratic candidate has won the election, it is incredibly clear that millions of citizens voted for the Republican candidate. Clearly there is a lot of dialogue that needs to take place. I am not sure yet how to approach this process, but one thing the Board did discuss was brainstorming ways to begin to bridge the divide. I feel it is imperative that we as individuals start on a local level. My suggestion is that we each try to engage with a friend or relative whom we know is in a different political arena from ourselves and see if we can begin to understand. What was it about the previous administration that you think was well done? What policies do you think worked for the people or the country? What was not done well? What ideologies draw you to the party that you voted for and are there compromises that can be made that will allow you to move toward the middle? What suggestions do you have for the new administration going forward? How can we begin to heal the divide that has opened between different factions in our country?

For some of us, this type of engagement will be difficult. It is extremely difficult to listen openly, without judgement, in order to gather useful information. I, for one, have been in situations such as this and find myself biting my tongue. Regardless

of your internal reaction to some of the things you may hear, please try to listen. Take notes. And then, hope that your “dialogue partner” will be willing to listen to you. Nothing will be settled in one session. Remember, destroying is often much faster than the repair process. One-to-one conversations can be expanded over time into larger group interactions. As a wise person once said, “a long journey begins with one step.” Let’s find a way to take that first step. The Board and I will welcome any suggestions that you can share.

For now, think peaceful transition.

With Hope,
Suzanne Brock

NOVEMBER 3 BOARD MEETING :

- Minutes of the October 6 Board meeting were approved.
- The Board has begun discussion of Program Planning for the coming year
- Possible events include:
 - January: Environment
 - February: Program Planning
 - March: Health
 - County Government: no date yet
 - Post Election issues: no date yet
 - Additional DEI programs: no date yet

MEMBERS; HANDBOOK and DIRECTORY

As of this printing, some new members had not gotten their handbooks. We’ve now sent out additional copies, but if you still haven’t gotten yours, let me know at LWVCCA@gmail.com. We still have a few!



VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Activities included:

- Maureen Grandmont and Jen Dames-Coppe held 2 Voter Registration and Information events at St. Joseph’s, a center for the homeless in Hyannis.
- Cynthia Cole and Maureen Grandmont worked on getting voter information out to senior residences on the Cape.
- Currently, each MA county creates their own procedures for voting by eligible incarcerated individuals in county jails; the procedures and the promulgation of voting materials vary widely, to the extent that some eligible inmates are effectively disenfranchised. In September, a state-wide coalition headed by Common Cause (including LWVMA and LWVCCA) sent a letter to MA Secretary of State Galvin asking that he issue guidelines for all the jails state wide. In October, Sec. Galvin sent a memo to all correctional facilities on November 6 clarifying what is expected. Anecdotally, some members of the coalition heard from the correctional facilities that there were more requests for ballots by inmates than usual ...but more work is needed on the legislative front to insure that procedures are actually implemented.
- Many Voter Service volunteers worked on League approved and non-League postcard and letter campaigns and phone banks.

Over the next couple of months we will be gathering data on this year’s Get Out the Vote campaign – what worked, what didn’t work, and lessons learned – so that we can be more effective in the 2022 election season.

A huge Thank You to all LWVCCA members who participated in ANY way to Get Out the Vote - every vote counts!!

Submitted by Rosemary Shields and Anita Rogers, Co-Chairs for the Voter Service Committee.



LWVMA TO CELEBRATE: "CHEERS TO 100 YEARS"

CELEBRATING OUR PAST - SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Please join us December 13th at 1:00 PM for LWVMA's 100th Virtual Birthday Gala and a fireside chat featuring Dr. Danielle Allen, James Bryant Conant University Professor at Harvard who is widely known for her work on justice and citizenship. Danielle will discuss, "Massachusetts Post-Pandemic: A New Social Compact?" Event registration and ticket purchase information can be found on the LWVMA website.

As part of the celebration, LWVMA has asked each local League to honor one member who has made significant contributions to our local League, the community, and the state League. Each of these remarkable members will be recognized via a slideshow of brief highlights during the centennial celebration. The LWVCCA Board is recognizing Florence Seldin for her leadership, mentorship, and many contributions to our work.



A TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE SELDIN

Sent to LWVMA

- Florence has been a member of the League for 55 years.

- She served as President of LWVCCA from 1997 – 2000 and President of our Helen S. Aaron Education Trust for the LWVCCA
- Florence served on the LWVMA Board, on the Legislative Action Committee and served on 3 state nominating committees, chairing one of them.
- She served on the LWVMA study committee for the constitution and has been on the planning committee for the 100th anniversary activities.
- In the community, Florence has been on the Board of Selectman for Chatham, including serving as Chair, and also served on the Finance Committee.
- She has served on multiple community organizations to improve government, housing, the social safety net and the environment.
- For many years Florence has been a masterful moderator for candidate forums and this year she mastered the art of moderating debates via Zoom!
- LWVCCA thanks Florence for her continuing leadership and mentorship.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Cheryl Kyle joins the LWVCCA as she continues her long term commitment to international community service and travel.

"I have strong opinions about present-day politics. In order to make change you need action. The League is a good place to start."

She and her late husband led safaris in East Africa until his death. They also lived in Honduras for three years. Cheryl still travels on safaris. Her most recent safari was in 2018. Her planned trip to Africa for October 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. The coronavirus, however, has not stopped her from working with international humanitarian efforts. She is currently working from her home on a project in Tanzania: The construction of a primary school in an undeveloped region of Tanzania. She usually makes two trips annually to Tanzania.

In 1976 Cheryl Kyle purchased a cottage in Brewster which was demolished and replaced by a larger cottage in 2011. She is originally from California and has spent many summers (May through October) on Cape Cod. She has three adult children and seven grandchildren. Among her hobbies are painting, tennis, and biking. Welcome Cheryl!

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You've seen **Karen McPherson** – at The Academy of Performing Arts...Cape Cod Theatre Company/Harwich Junior Theatre...Barnstable Comedy Club...Cotuit Center for the Arts – in the Cape's most respected theatre productions and on our most beloved stages. Perhaps best known for her several appearances as Miss Daisy in *Driving Miss Daisy*, Karen has also played a cabin boy in *Moby Dick*, in *Sherlock Holmes* and as the nurse in *Romeo and Juliet*. ("I was too old to play Juliet!" she explains.)

All this and more have been "retirement" for a woman who was born in Honolulu, came north to attend Boston University (BA, MA), worked at HEW in Washington on school desegregation, sailed the Caribbean for a year, moved on to Boise State, this time for an MBA, then on to a 20-year career at IBM, a new husband, and, in 1989, a new daughter, now 31 and working in D.C.

"I've thought about joining the League of Women Voters for a long time. I see Florence Seldin on her daily walks around our neighborhood, I know how much she does...and feel I should be part of it. Another great influence in my life has been knowing Juliet Bernstein and realizing how powerful she has been -- 107 years and still urging us to exercise our hard-won right, and duty, to vote. So at last, I'm finding my voice!"*
 (Ed. Note: Juliet Bernstein led LWVCCA 1975-1978)

Karen has already been hard at work staffing registration tables in both Hyannis and Chatham before the election. We are fortunate to have her energy and enthusiasm at work for LWVCCA. Welcome Karen!

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Several of the LWVCCA's 2020 new members bring with them years of experience in dedicated, high caliber service with the League of Women Voters. **Debbie Winnick** fits this description perfectly.

"I joined the Needham League of Women Voters because they were the smartest people around. They were immediately making a difference. I wanted to get to know them. My children were in elementary school and it was a great way to connect with my local community."

Debbie was an active member of the Needham League of Women Voters for thirty years. She served on the executive board for twenty years. She was active with Voter Service and has experience as a moderator for the League. She is knowledgeable regarding organizing candidates' forums. It is certain that Debbie's many years of service in the Needham League of Women Voters will be a tremendous asset to LWVCCA now that she is a member.

Debbie worked with the Needham Community Council, a non-profit organization that covers social services, food pantry, adult ESL programs, etc., She has experience as Director of Fundraising in the Needham community.

Debbie Winnick grew up in New Jersey. She is a graduate of Skidmore College. Debbie is an artist who specializes in pottery and clay design. She is married to a retired physician who was a practicing orthopedist for thirty-five years in the Boston area. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Welcome Debbie!

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We also welcome new members Cynthia Cole, Mary O'Connor, Patricia Underwood, Nancy Skinner, and Eileen Elias, and. We hope to tell you more about them in coming issues of the *Voter*.



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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
NOVEMBER 2020

BARNSTABLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Until the LWVCCA can find someone to cover the Barnstable County Government, Renate Sands has agreed to write up reports that have been either called to her attention or she has seen in the newspaper.

Recall Provision

S2928 An Act Amending the Charter for the Regional Government of Barnstable County was filed by state Sen Julian Cyr and supported by all Cape state legislators. If passed, the bill will add a recall provision to the Barnstable County government charter and allow any member of the Board of Regional Commissioners to be removed from office by voters.

The recall ordinance does not apply to the Assembly of Delegates. Their term of office is only

two years whereas the term of office for a Commissioner is 4 years. A recall cannot be submitted until the Commissioner has served one year.

Please advocate for this bill as an individual from your town and not as a member of the LWVCCA. The bill has not been approved by LWVMA and there is not enough time to go through the process.

Barnstable County Commissioners

The two candidates who won were Mark Forest (D) and Sheila Lyons (D).

Assembly of Delegates

Barnstable	Patrick Princi (20.9%)	Reelected
Bourne	George Slade (9.15%)	
Brewster	Mary Chaffee (4.55%)	Reelected
Chatham	Randi Potash, (2.84%)	Reelected
Dennis	John Ohman (6.58%)	Reelected
Eastham	J. Terence Gallagher (2.30%)	Reelected
Falmouth	Douglas Brown (14.61%)	
Harwich	Elizabeth Harder (5.67%)	Reelected
Mashpee	Thomas O'Hara (6.49%)	Reelected
Orleans	David Dunford (2.73%)	
Provincetown	Brian O'Malley (1.36%)	Reelected
Sandwich	James Killion (9.58%)	Reelected
Truro	(0.93%)	No candidate ran
Wellfleet	Lilli Ann Green (1.27%)	Reelected
Yarmouth	Susan Warner (11.02%)	

MEETING WITH POLICE CHIEF FREDERICKSON

Chief Frederickson has agreed to meet with the Legislative Committee the first week in December. We are still working on an exact date and time.

LEGISLATION

The following legislation was listed for advocacy in the **Mass League Action Newsletter**. Information on how and what to do is in the November newsletter. You can subscribe here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Mass-League-Action-Newsletter>

Housing – H1288/S775 now **H4887/S2842** – to provide a framework that can address the statewide crisis in modestly priced housing units

- Letter to send to Conference Committee in MA League Action Newsletter
- Sen Cyr and Rep Peake are both advocates for affordable housing. If they are your legislators, please contact them and let them know the LWVCCA supports the bill.

Climate Legislation **H.3983** – to create a 2050 roadmap to a clean and thriving Commonwealth

- Testimony and action alert info is in the Mass League Action Newsletter
- Contact your state representative and senator

Racial Justice and Police Reform **H4860/S2820**

- Letter to Speaker DeLeo is attached in the Mass League Action Newsletter
- Ask your state legislators to contact the Conference Committee

ROE Act - **S1209/H3320**

- League Testimony is attached in the Mass League Action Newsletter
- Contact you state legislators

Many bills, including the Safe Communities Act and funding for higher education, have not been resolved and await final action from the legislature.

PILGRIM RELATED BILLS

The following information is from Diane Turco. Our League did apply to the LWVMA Legislative Action Committee and received permission to advocate for the Pilgrim bills using the LWVCCA name.

Now that elections are over, we need to step up and call for action on Pilgrim public health and safety bills. Due to Covid-19, the MA legislature has moved the deadline to act on bills up until the end of the year. This means we still can advocate for legislation to protect community health and

safety. Bills in Senate or House Ways and Means need much public support to be moved out of committee for a full floor vote this legislative session.

In Joint Committee on Public Health

H.1847 Rep. Balsaer (D-Newton)- Currently this bill is “in study”. However, the staff at Chair Rep. Mahoney’s office suggested we also contact our local reps to lobby the committee to vote the bill out favorably to House Ways and Means. Boston Downwinders Guntram Mueller and Susan Mirsky were leads on this bill.

This bill includes 4 sections.

- 1/ Expand radiation monitoring stations from 10 miles to 20 miles.
- 2/ Expand “nuclear power plant areas” for emergency planning from 10 to 20 miles.
- 3/ Potassium Iodide pills to be stockpiled within 50 miles of a nuclear reactor.

4/ Public emergency response information to be distributed within 50 miles of a nuclear reactor.

Please call Rep. Mahoney at 617.722.2130.

Find your legislator contact here:

<https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator>

The following have been voted out of committee and are STILL ALIVE!

In House Ways and Means

H.3492 Rep. Cutler (D-Plymouth), Rep. LaMatra (D-12th Plymouth) This bills calls for full funding offsite emergency plans until spent fuel is in dry casks by the licensee (Holtec). No DTF use.

H.1970 Rep. Meschino (D-3rd Plymouth), Rep. Cutler (D-6th Plymouth)

This bill would increase funding for the Department of Public Health for radiation monitoring.

Please call Chair Aaron Michlewitz 617.722.2990 to favorably vote the bills out of committee for a full floor vote this legislative session.

In Senate Ways and Means

S.1248 Sen. DiZoglio (D-1st Essex)

This bill would notify police/fire departments of a radiological event within 20 miles of a nuclear reactor.

S.1943 Sen. Cyr (D-Barnstable)

This bill calls for keeping the 10 mile EPZ around Pilgrim as a designated "nuclear power plant area" until the waste is stored in dry casks.

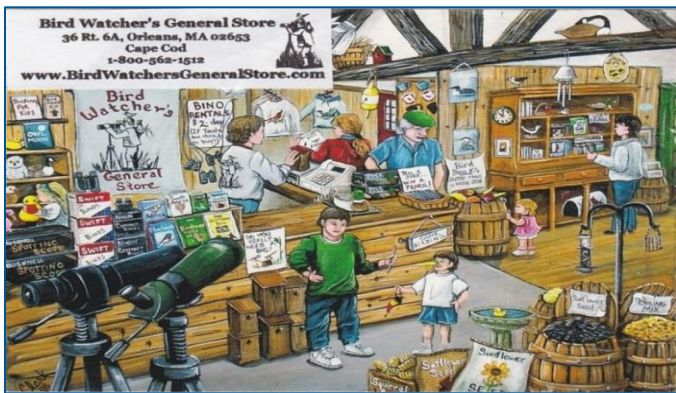
Please call Chair Michael Rodrigues at 617.722.1114 to push for a favorable vote out of committee for a full floor vote this legislative session. Also request he support S.1943 bill to include the Cape and Islands and 50 miles to be designated "nuclear power plant area" until the waste is offsite. CDW requested this as an amendment in our written testimony.

All the other Pilgrim bills were put "in study" which means they are "dead" for this legislative session.

If you would like to join the Cape Cod Downwinders legislative team for next year as we are planning now to address our legislative priorities, please contact me at turco@comcast.net. We will be setting up a Zoom meeting soon to discuss options.

Diane Turco

Submitted by Co-chairs Renate Sands and Elaine Dickinson



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: TAKE ACTION

Submitted by Committee Chair Florence Seldin.

The League of Women Voters has a long history of commitment to protection of the environment.

So, I'm sharing part of this history with the story of Barbara Fegan, a Wellfleet resident, who was president of LWVCCA from 1963-65 and president of LWVMA from 1979-81. By the way she is the only Cape League member ever to have been a state president.

After moving to Wellfleet in 1954, the white-haired ex-Army nurse worked on local and state issues as a 30-some-year member of the League of Women Voters, She was one of eight leaders recognized nationally by the U.S. League of Women Voters in 1993.

She started the coastal clean-up program Coastweeks in 1982 to educate people about the country's coastal resources and pushed for getting Stellwagen Bank declared a national marine sanctuary. The Sierra Club named her an environmental hero in 1991.

Ms. Fegan died in 2007.

The following is a 2000 interview with her from *The Coastal Society Bulletin*, reprinted in Sept. 13, 2017

TCS VISITS WITH A LEGEND: AN INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA FEGAN

The BULLETIN thanks Ms. Fegan for sharing her memories and her inspiration.

As I contemplated the meaning of Coastweeks 2000 this past summer, I found myself thinking often of how one person's idea coalesced into an event, then a national and international celebration, and now a tradition. Thoughts of those formative days of Coastweeks invariably reminded me of the enthusiastic leadership provided by a single visionary — Barbara Fegan. I caught up with her this past September as she was enjoying retirement in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, the Cape Cod community where she perfected her coastal advocacy roots. Although she is approaching her 80th birthday ("not till next year!") and she "officially" retired by choice from public life in 1994, we can rest assured that Ms. Fegan remains a visionary. To

me, she’s also a treasured friend. This interview offers glimpses of how Coastweeks evolved and where we might be headed in the coming decades, all foretold by a true coastal hero.

How did the concept of Coastweeks begin?

My idea can be traced back to 1980. That year had been designated as Year of the Coast, and there was great enthusiasm for coastal issues, I had great hope that the designation would inspire action, but the energy level wasn’t there yet. The next year brought another round of success when the Coastal Zone Management Act was reauthorized, but there was still no structure for real coastal activism. The Coastal Society’s 1982 conference in Baltimore on “Communicating Coastal Information” rejuvenated my creative juices. The Year of the Coast was fresh in our minds, the CZMA had been strengthened, and we received great news that President Reagan had just signed a law to protect coastal barriers. I was thinking about how to increase public participation along the lines of Earth Day rather than some corporate model. I wanted to be outside organizational structures, not constrained by them. With society racing faster and faster to get to the coast, I was convinced we should capture some of that energy in protecting our beaches and shores. The idea of a coastal festival intrigued me. Friends in more than 250 chapters of the League of Women Voters and Shirley Taylor with the Sierra Club in Florida offered the support network needed to launch the idea. I shared my concept as a comment from the floor at TCS8 and hoped the idea would grow.

Can you share some memories about that first Coastweek Celebration?

I remember the date – October 12, 1982. I was flying home from TCS8 with Rich Delaney, the new director of the Massachusetts coastal zone program. We talked about the Coastweek idea and what to do next. He was planning a fall conference and invited me so Coastweek could be part of the discussion. Rich also got Governor King to proclaim the first Coastweek that fall in Massachusetts. We were off and running! I operated Coastweek simply, with only volunteers. Those of us involved in the early

years met all sorts of folks, some outright crooks who thought I was a coastal heiress and wanted some of my millions but many more who shared my hopes for a better coast. Those first few months confirmed that we had an idea that could work!

Where do you think we’re headed in the next decade or so?

Coastal issues are like the tides. Issues come and go, sometimes leaving debris behind that prompts action but usually leaving nothing noticeable. There are also tides in public and political leanings. I don’t know where we’re heading because much of what I see is the same as a few years ago, but years of small changes add up over the decades to make a real difference. Sometimes it takes even longer to recognize those changes. I think that’s happening along our coasts, There are changes in social structures that will affect the mix of people and expectations for coastal management. There are also changes on the science side. The more we know, the more we realize we don’t know. We continue to make errors, only now we live longer and must face our errors personally. Some impacts are translated inland, such as storm-related damages that now affect landlocked counties and peoples. I trust the hidden genius in each of us will sense changes and prepare accordingly. I recognized a wave back in 1982 and jumped on. There are other waves now that are waiting for us. Good people will respond. If we praise their efforts they will remain engaged as citizens, small groups, and local networks. That’s how Coastweeks began and how future ideas will succeed. We just need to keep the energy level focused on the neighborhoods, supported by corporations and large groups rather than replaced by them. These changes are organic. They won’t kill us. They’ll be more successful if we focus on sources rather than fixes. Along the coast, let’s search for the reasons why something doesn’t work rather than heap solutions on a broken system. Nonpoint source pollution is one opportunity awaiting citizen action.



A Lifetime of Memories

Slides, Photos, VHS, Camcorder Tapes & 8mm and 16mm Film transferred to DVD or Flash Drive



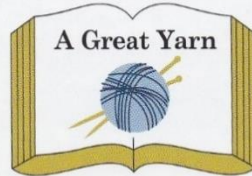
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LWVCCA DECEMBER PROGRAM

HOW IS RACISM EXPERIENCED ON CAPE COD AND WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

A Program for our Membership and Interested Community Members

DECEMBER 7, 2020

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM by Zoom

Six members of the Cape Cod Community will help us learn about the experience of racism on Cape Cod and how it affects people of color in the community. They will share their perspectives and experiences and inform us about work that is being done through their organizations to address racism. We will explore what we can do as a community to counter racism on the Cape.

Moderator:

Susan Quinones, Coordinator of the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission and LWVCCA member

Panelists:

Dr. Debra Dagwan	Barnstable Town Council and LWVCCA member
Ms. Eileen Elias	Chair of Barnstable No Place for Hate
Mr. Paul Thompson	Vice President, Cape Cod Chapter NAACP
Rev. Wesley Williams	MLK Group of the Nauset Interfaith Association
Ms. Muska Yousuf	Law Office of Muska Yousuf, Board Member of Amplify POC

REGISTRATION:

Please register via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/LWVCCA-Dec7>

Once you have registered, you will be sent an email with the necessary information to join the meeting. That link will work only for the registrant: don't share it. Anyone else who wants to join will have to register separately, using their own email

The audience will be able to submit questions through the chat function on Zoom.

Biographical statements for the panelists are on the next page.



LWVCCA DECEMBER PROGRAM

HOW IS RACISM EXPERIENCED ON CAPE COD AND WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

Biographical Statements for Panelists

Susan Quinones is the Human Rights Coordinator for the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission. In that capacity, she oversees the activities of the Advisory Commission and their committees. She also assists individuals in resolving complaints alleging human rights or civic rights violations that occur within Barnstable County. Susan has been a resident of Mashpee for 10 years, where she lives with her husband Alexander Jackson. Prior to relocating to Massachusetts in 2000, Susan was a partner with a major law firm in New York City and is currently an attorney in good standing in Massachusetts.

Dr. Debra Dagwan has served in municipal government as a member of the Barnstable School Committee and is presently a Barnstable Town Councilor in her 11th year. She has served in leadership roles as Vice Chair of the School Committee and as President of the Barnstable Town Council. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland, Boston University and Springfield College. She had a 37-year career in education, having worked in the Boston Public Schools for 10 years and in the Falmouth Public Schools for 27 years. She lives in the Village of Hyannis and has been married to her husband Ralph Dagwan for 40 years.

Ms. Eileen Elias through EELias & Company, provides consultation to disability-based organizations in the use of evidence-based practices to enhance rehabilitation for persons with a disability including traumatic brain and those with intellectual/developmental and co-occurring mental disabilities. She has more than 40 years of experience in addressing bigotry and stigma as a policy leader, educator, and volunteer. As the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Deputy Director of the Office on Disability, Ms. Elias expanded and stewarded this first Federal Office on Disability, now the Administration on Community Living. As Massachusetts Commissioner of Mental Health, she transitioned the Commonwealth to community-based systems of care in which employment, education and independent living became a national model. She is Chair of the Barnstable No Place for Hate. Ms. Elias and her husband are foster care parents.

Mr. Paul Thompson is a former teacher and social worker from Boston. He currently resides in Hyannis where he serves as Vice-President of the NAACP Cape Cod Branch, Barnstable County Human Rights Commissioner and Steering Committee Member of the Barnstable No Place For Hate. He is also active with the Martin Luther King Action Team and has been a voting official for four years. Married for fifty-two years with his wife, Nancy, they have three adult children and one adult granddaughter.

Rev. Wesley Williams is a retired pastor of the Orleans United Methodist Church and is currently serving as convener of the Martin Luther King Action Team of the Nauset Interfaith Association. Descended from a line of Methodist ministers stretching back to American slavery, Rev. Williams, like his forbears, has always sought to make social justice the core of his ministry. The MLK Action Team's mission is justice, particularly on Cape Cod, as it focuses on race relations.

Muska Yousuf is the Founder of the Law Office of Muska Yousuf which specializes in providing affordable legal services to people in the Family and Probate Court. She is also the Co-Founder of the "Race for Barnstable County Commissioner" Facebook group that successfully brought people of color on the Cape to the polls. Most recently, she joined the board of Amplify POC, an organization committed to narrowing the racial wealth gap on Cape Cod. She is committed to energizing the young people of Cape Cod to get involved in local politics and feel empowered by their local representatives.