



Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

MAY 2021

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Join us for the LWV Clackamas Annual Meeting – Saturday, May 29th, 10:00 a.m.!

Dear Members of LWV Clackamas County,

Every year in May our organization comes together to do the necessary and required business of electing officers, passing a budget and a program. This [Annual Meeting workbook](#) gives you the necessary information to participate in preparing our local League for the coming program year.

You may participate in several ways including attending via Zoom on May 29, or voting by email, phone, or postal mail. In any case, we hope you will take time to at least read the reports submitted by your board of directors on the work we have accomplished this program year. We were able to do so because you retained your membership and many of you donated generously, allowing us to greatly improve our communication tools and voter service work.

Paper copies of the Annual Meeting workbook are being mailed to those who are receiving Clacksons in the mail. If you would like a printed copy, you may request a copy be sent to you (we are happy to oblige) by contacting Sonja Kollias, vskollias@aol.com.

We wish you a more social springtime than last year at this time. We hope to see you at our virtual Annual Meeting, May 29.





Always Nonpartisan

Spring Elections are now! An informed voter is a powerful voter!

VOTE411 is a powerful tool to help voters find all the election information they need. Create your personalized Voters' Guide. How? See our fun, 1 minute video: [Get to Know VOTE411](#)

Elections this spring are for Clackamas County Special Districts including: School, Fire, Water and Other such as Parks & Recreation. It's more important than ever to elect the best candidates for the office. Clackamas County is lucky to have 161 candidates running in our races. Check out VOTE411.org - in addition to candidate profiles, you can also verify your voter registration, find Candidate Forums, Ballot Drop boxes and more. Defend democracy, be an informed voter!

Many thanks to our VOTE411 candidate call team, Emma Burke, Hilly Alexander, Maureen Mader, Linda Rinnan, Marge Easley, Nancy Murray and Robina Ingram-Rich who have been contacting candidates to encourage participation.

Voter Service Clackamas is continuing our test social media campaign to get important election information out to county voters. Follow us on Instagram & Twitter: **@VSClackamas**. Tell your friends and neighbors too. The more followers we have, the easier it will be for voters to find our information. We are updating voters with nonpartisan information on candidate forums, deadline reminders and other election news. We also worked with Washington County LWV to place an ad in Pamplin Media. See it on the Pamplin Media local newspapers' websites.

Please support our efforts:

- **Take action:** Ads and even social media are not free. Please consider supporting the League's important work for democracy – [Make a tax-deductible donation](#) to the LWV Education Fund today
- **Take action** – Help improve the visibility of the LWVClackamas work by following us on social media. Twitter & Instagram: **@VSClackamas** Tell your friends and neighbors too.
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Follow us- Be informed & Support your League!

- **Take action:** Volunteer - If you would like to help us with any Voter Service efforts, please contact us: VoterService@LWVClackamas.org. We need help with candidate follow up and neighborhood outreach among many other things. How much time you commit is up to you!

Important Election Dates:

Ballots were mailed – April 28th, didn't receive one? Go to [Track my Ballot](#)
Spring Election – May 18th



League of Women Voters of Oregon 2021 Convention

The 2021 State Convention will be held Monday-Sunday, May 10-16, 2021, via Zoom. This year, as a virtual convention, events will be scheduled over the whole week, with only 2-4 hours of events each day. Caucuses will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, with a short time slot available Friday afternoon.

Our Clackamas Co. League will be represented by delegates Marge Easley and Nancy Murray, with Libby Medley as observer. We can have one more delegate and unlimited number of observers. If you are interested in only one caucus on a topic of interest to you, sign up as an observer. No cost to LWV or to you. Contact Nancy Murray (n.murray.01@hotmail.com) who will sign you up.

Here is the schedule. Please join us.

Caucuses and Workshops

Monday, May 10

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Pre-Convention Training Workshop with Alice Bartelt

11:00 am - Healthcare - Caucus

12:00 am - Forest - Caucus (Resources: [LWVWA Position on Forests](#); [Proposed Concurrence](#))

Tuesday, May 11

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Childcare - Caucus (Resources: [1988 Childcare Study](#); [Proposed Update](#))

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Elections Methods - Caucus (Resources: [Proposed Update](#))

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - How to organize for an LWVUS National study/Resolution - Caucus

Wednesday, May 12

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Budget Workshop

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - LWVOR Advocacy Workshop

Thursday, May 13

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Workshop - LWVOR administration help (Zoom, Web, etc)

Friday, May 14

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Workshop - LWVUS Advocacy

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Workshop - Volunteerism

12:00 pm - Panel: Forests, Fire, and Sustainability

If you missed the “Rethinking Civics Education” program. . .

Marge Easley

It was great to see over 30 League and AAUW members at our April 20th Zoom program that focused on the current status of civics education in Oregon and national efforts to reframe civics curriculum. Special thanks go to Chris Vogel, LWVOR Education Chair, and Trish Garner, AAUW Public Policy Chair, who shared their perspectives on civics-related bills under consideration this session. If you couldn't make it to the program or would like to share it with others, here's the link to the recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ewKvriOw5LQATMQUGLEsuUy4alFK8vA1jKkbDIfrb7TLxpIEvvUPS458YFG-K Yk.WOo9J1P 3ms3bfDz?startTime=1618961675000>

Technical difficulties during the program prevented me from showing a clip from a speech by Amit Kobrowski, K-12 Social Sciences Specialist for the Oregon Department of Education. To better understand some of the challenges that social studies teachers face when teaching civics in today's world, I urge you to take the time to watch the 12-minute video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtTrCM3kuhU>

2022 Initiative Petition Announcements

Two recent press releases may be of special interest to League members, given League positions on the issues of redistricting and gun safety. Here are edited excerpts:

Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission

On April 19, People Not Politicians, a broad and diverse coalition of Oregon voters and organizations, filed [Initiative Petition 16](#) for the November 2022 General Election ballot to reform Oregon's redistricting process through the creation of an independent citizens' redistricting commission.

“An overwhelming majority of Oregonians support the creation of an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw Oregon's state and congressional maps and put people, not politicians, in charge of this process,” said Norman Turrill, chair of People Not Politicians and Chief Petitioner of the new initiative petition. “If the legislature fails to act this session, we are prepared with an initiative petition to bring forth the fair and transparent reform Oregonians want for our state.”

At its simplest, [IP16](#) would introduce mid-decade redistricting reform to change the way Oregon's voting districts are drawn by creating an independent citizen's redistricting commission comprised of Oregon voters, rather than politicians. The commission process would begin immediately following the 2022 general election for a complete redistricting of the state legislative and congressional districts in time for elections in 2024.

The People Not Politicians coalition includes a full spectrum of Oregon's voices for an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission: Common Cause Oregon, the League of Women Voters, the Independent Party of Oregon, the NAACP, the Taxpayers Association of Oregon, the Oregon Farm Bureau and others. (Continued on page 5.)

Initiatives (Continued)

Gun Safety Initiatives

On April 29, Lift Every Voice Oregon announced the filing of two initiative petitions for the November 2022 General Election. The first is "The Reduction of Harm from Weapons Act," which will ban the sale and transfer of semi-automatic assault firearms in Oregon and restrict the use and registration of those already in circulation.

The second IP would ban the sale of large capacity magazines; call for a permit-to-purchase qualification, good for five years, with a thorough background check, training, and testing; and call for complete background checks at the time of purchase from any dealer of any gun before transfer, thus closing the "Charleston Loophole."

Once the Secretary of State approves templates for the first 1000 signatures for both IPs, there will be a signing weekend May 14-16 at sites around the state to be posted on the Lift Every Voice [webpage](#). At that time organizers hope to gather 1500 signatures for each IP, using a "drive-through" model to protect everyone's health and safety. A training session for site coordinators will take place Thursday, May 6, at 6:30 pm. If your faith community or other organization wants to host a signature gathering site, please [SIGN UP HERE](#).



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- I am renewing my membership.
- This is a gift membership. (Please provide the recipient's contact information above.)
- I am interested in volunteering for the League. Please contact me.

Annual dues: \$70 Individual. \$105 Household. Full-time student attending an accredited institution or adult under age 25 free! Membership grants are available. Pay online (<https://my.lww.org/oregon/clackamas>) or mail this form.

Total Enclosed

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Clackamas County.