



# Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

SUMMER 2022

## IP 17 Makes the Ballot!

*Marge Easley*

We did it! Many thanks to those who gathered signatures for IP 17, the Reduction of Gun Violence Act. League members from across the state were an important part of the largely volunteer effort, spearheaded by Lift Every Voice Oregon, to successfully put this initiative on the November ballot. Our deepest appreciation goes to members like Mary Bartholomew for outstanding dedication to the cause. The measure needed 112,020 signatures to qualify. 160,498 signatures were submitted, and 131,671 signatures were ultimately accepted following verification.

Although the League traditionally does not take a stand before an initiative makes the ballot, in this instance the LWVOR Board chose to support this grassroots effort to strengthen Oregon's gun safety laws. The initiative is now labelled Ballot Measure 114, and its three main provisions include a ban on ammunition magazines of more than 10 rounds, a permit requirement for firearm purchases, and the reporting of permitting data.

Further information on the measure can be found at

[https://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web\\_irr\\_search.record\\_detail?p\\_reference=20220017..LSCYYY](https://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web_irr_search.record_detail?p_reference=20220017..LSCYYY)  
and <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/follow-initiative-petition-process.aspx>.

## Voter Service Update

*Maureen Mader, Voter Service Chair*

Heading into the November 8, 2022 general election will be busy for Voter Service. Our goal is to provide voter education to as many of the city, county, state and federal elections as possible along with the ballot measures.

We are planning to do candidate forums for the Federal Congressional District #5 race (hopefully in person) and Clackamas County Commissioner races (2) and Clackamas County Clerk (via zoom). All candidates will have the opportunity to have a candidate interview to be broadcast on TVCTV and available on their candidate profile on Vote 411. Ballot measure presentation requests are already coming in and we will be providing those to retirement and community groups as requested. Voter Guides will be distributed to libraries, retirement homes, schools and other locations throughout Clackamas County.

Volunteers will be needed to help with candidate interviews, ballot presentations, question vetting, distribution of printed voter guides, contacting and scheduling candidates for interviews or forums. There is a lot of work to be done but many hands will make the work lighter. Please consider volunteering some of your valuable time in helping us accomplish our goals as outlined above. Contact me at [momader@comcast.net](mailto:momader@comcast.net) if you have any questions or are interested in being a volunteer. You will be making a difference!

## LWVCC Leaders

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Maureen Mader

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### Unit Leaders:

**Monday:** Betty Barber  
**Wednesday:** Mary O'Reilly  
**Thursday:** Katie Lu  
**Friday:** Lea Wells

<https://my.lwv.org/oregon/clackamas-county>

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to seven new League of Women Voters of Clackamas County Members who joined in the spring and summer after the May Clackson went to print. Their email and contact information can be found in the Members Only section of our website at [www.lwvclackamas.org](http://www.lwvclackamas.org)

Karen Orlandini  
Jenny Crow  
Carol O'Connell  
Laura Cox  
Judy Fulton  
Laurie Davis  
Jean Dupere

We are so glad you are here and look forward to seeing you at some of the programs or events this year! Please contact [LWVCCmembership@gmail.com](mailto:LWVCCmembership@gmail.com) for any questions or further information in your areas of interest.

## LWV of Oregon and Local Leagues Youth Outreach

The League of Women Voters of Oregon has worked very hard at grant writing and has received several grants to support some exciting Youth Outreach all over the state for Local League involvement in

- Civics Education and Mock Elections
- Youth Election Observer Training
- Youth Voter Service Questions for candidate and ballot measure events
- Youth Council and Youth Member involvement in Local Leagues
- Girl Scout partnership with a Civics Ed badge

If you would like to learn and/or participate in these endeavors, email Diana DeMaria, Membership Chair, [LWVCCmembership@gmail.com](mailto:LWVCCmembership@gmail.com). This will be a team effort, starting in late August. No experience is necessary and can fit into your schedule.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS 2022 CONVENTION REPORT

*Diane De Maria*

The LWVUS 2022 Convention kicked off on June 23 in Denver, Colorado. Diane DeMaria attended, representing our Clackamas County League.

The afternoon featured two speakers: Cliff Albright, co-founder of Black Votes Matter, on “Leaning into Conflict Training” and the keynote address from Valerie Jensen, VP of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Planned Parenthood North Central States. That evening a ‘Women Power Democracy’ panel featuring female leaders in the voting rights movement opened the convention.

<https://youtu.be/wfotLPwQMJM>

**Supreme Court Decision:** Convention work began the next day with 300 in-person delegates and 600 virtual delegates representing all 50 states. We woke up to the news that Roe v Wade had been overturned. It was an emotional day at the convention with the 20th President of LWVUS, Dr. Deborah Turner, JD (a former Gynecological Oncologist and Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of North Central States), addressing the convention at the Plenary session. <https://youtu.be/z61BsWbLPj0>

During the national anthem the camera for virtual attendees panned the room as women around the room took a knee. There was not a dry eye in the house! Later that day the entire convention marched to the Denver capitol building to join thousands of Coloradans in protest of the SCOTUS decision.

**Concurrences adopted:** Delegates proposed five non-recommended concurrences for consideration. The two concurrences proposed by the Oregon delegation to address Business and Social Media Cybersecurity failed to receive a majority vote for further consideration. Two other state concurrences - Voting Rights and Digital Equity - were voted for possible adoption.

Ultimately, three concurrences were adopted:

- LWV of New York’s Health Care Update
- LWV of California’s Criminal Justice Position
- LWV of Connecticut’s position on Digital Equity

Adopted Bylaws amendments included elimination of the “Per Member Payment” to the LWVUS, updating the apportionment of delegates for Member-At-Large units, adding the CEO as an ex-officio member of the nominating committee, and allowing more flexibility to how LWVUS board meetings can be held.

### Calendar

August 2022: LWV Civic Health Month	September 2022: Voter Service and Program
<p><b>6</b> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act</p> <p><b>7</b> 16 Years of VOTE411!</p> <p><b>16</b> Help America Vote Day</p> <p><b>18</b> 102-Year Anniversary of 19th Amendment</p> <p><b>23</b> Board Meeting 10 am</p>	<p><b>1</b> Poll Worker Recruitment Day</p> <p><b>4</b> Labor Day</p> <p><b>20</b> National Voter Registration Day</p> <p><b>27</b> Board Meeting 10am</p> <p><b>TBD</b> Fall Kickoff with Speaker</p> <p><b>TBD</b> New Member Orientation</p>



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## Join the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a new member!
- 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. Please make checks payable to LWVCC, PO Box 411, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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