

INFORMATION AND LINKS ON IMMIGRATION FROM THE ELEVATING IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY CAUCUS LWVUS CONVENTION JUNE 2022

The monarch butterfly as a symbol for the resilience and dignity of migrants:

<https://openborders.info/blog/what-do-butterflies-have-to-do-with-open-borders-migration-is-beautiful/>

Border Angels website: <https://www.borderangels.org/>

CEO Dulce Garcia spoke at caucus

GENERAL RESOURCES:

LWVUS RESOURCES:

LWVUS website on Immigration Advocacy: <https://www.lwv.org/other-issues/immigration>

INFORMATION ON ACTION IN WASHINGTON:

National Immigration Forum has a weekly [Legislative Bulletin](#) every Friday which summarizes Bills, hearings and themes in Washington during the week.

Bipartisan Policy Center, Immigration Policy (<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/policy-area/immigration/>) has excellent reports, programs and podcasts on immigration policy and strategy. Theresa Cardinal Brown is Director of Immigration and Cross-Border Policy.

COALITIONS:

Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights <https://civilrights.org/>

LWV is a member of this coalition.

Alliance for a New Immigration Consensus <https://immigrationforum.org/article/the-alliance-for-a-new-immigration-consensus/>. This is a new organization that is supporting centrist consensus on immigration. See [letter of March 2, 2022](#).

STATE LEVEL POLICY RESOURCES:

Resource on State Policies on Immigration:

National Conference of State Legislatures' database of state policies related to immigration: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/immigration/immigration-laws-database.aspx#terms>

RESOLUTIONS FOR LWV CONVENTION:

2022 PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Whereas the League of Women Voters has a long-standing immigration position since 2008 and a strong commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI);

Be it resolved that LWVUS actively advocate for Immigration Reform as a legislative priority including support for

- increased pathways to citizenship, work permits, and legal permanent status;*
- legislation to ensure DREAMers have stable documented status;*
- safe and humane treatment of all residents and those seeking asylum;*
- an efficient, expeditious, and fair system for immigrants to enter the US;*
- keeping migrant families together; and*
- a workforce sufficient to support our economy.*

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Also, be it resolved that LWVUS provide flexibility for state and local Leagues to advocate in support of long-established priorities on immigration in areas such as basic human needs.

2020 PASSED RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved the League of Women Voters reaffirms our commitment to Immigration reform: laws that provide efficient, expeditious systems for immigrants to enter the United States. The League stands in solidarity with immigrants and our partners in the immigrant rights community. Congress must take immediate action to pass common sense, fair immigration policies that end the crisis at our borders, end the separation of families, ensure their health and safety, and provide a clear path to citizenship.

BOOKS & ARTICLES ON IMMIGRATION:

Tim Kane, [The Immigrant Superpower, How Brains, Brawn and Bravery Make America Stronger](#)

A conservative economist from the Hoover Institution at Stanford argues the case that expanding US immigration is a key strategic advantage in this 2022 book.

Center for American Progress, [A New Paradigm for Effective Immigration Enforcement](#)

November 2020 in depth report by Peter L. Markowitz, professor of law at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law and co-director of the Kathryn Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic.

[Photo essay on makeshift settlements in New Mexico](#)

LINKS:

Zoom link for Plenary Planning meeting on Saturday, June 25 5:30-6pm Mountain Time

Zoom link will be sent to all who provide emails.

You can automatically join our Zoom meetings by clicking

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86251945433>

TO JOIN THE LWV IMMIGRATION GOOGLE GROUP:

Send an email to lindavote@gmail.com or meredith.machen@gmail.com requesting to join, and you will get a confirmation email approval. <https://groups.google.com/group/lwvus-immigration-discussion-group>

TO SUBSCRIBE TO LWVUS LEADERS' UPDATES:

http://participate.lwv.org/signup_page/league-update

LWVUS FEDERAL ACTION FORM: <https://www.lwv.org/federal-action-request-form>

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