



League in Action

2 August 2023

Presidents' Message

November elections will be here before you know it. We are working with our Candidate Forum Committee and League members to organize events for this fall. We will keep you posted as soon as we have the details. Additionally, we are preparing flyers and other information to distribute during voter registration and other events.

We are also beginning to gather information on local populations in our area that have historically lower voter turnout. **We could use some help on this;** if you have any information, anecdotal or data, please reach out to us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com. Any information you have on either Arlington or Alexandria City would be useful.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you for those that responded to the volunteer opportunities in the previous newsletter. Please consider these opportunities; member participation

is critical to our successful community engagement.

1. Condominium Elections: We anticipate \$6,000 cash receipts from doing condo elections in the next fiscal year. We need volunteers to help run these condo elections so we can make this a *sustainable funding source*. You'll be trained and be provided with everything you need; and, you'll be working with others. We really need folks for this; so please consider volunteering. Contact Beth Cogswell at bethcogswell@aol.com or Pam Berg at pberg16@comcast.net.

2. Legacy Gift Donation Committee: We still need volunteers to be a part of the committee developing ideas around the receipt of a very generous \$15K donation. We need people for this project to help develop ideas and a framework for implementation. This is a unique and special opportunity for engagement. Contact Pam Berg at pberg16@comcast.net.

See additional volunteers opportunities below the link to the Virginia Voter below.

Virginia Voter Registration Training

If you were unable to attend the in person training, you can still complete the voter registration training online or at a future voter registration training in person workshop by signing up here:

[Virginia Voter Registration Training \(2023-2024\)](#)

Remember: In order to register voters on behalf of the League of Women Voters, you need to have annual training.

Questions? Reach out to Pam Berg (pberg16@comcast.net) or **Connie Potter** (13cpotter@gmail.com).

August dates for voter registration at USCIS

-from a message from **Arina van Breda**, Director, Voter Registration LWVFA:

Fellow Leaguers-

We are once again in need of your wonderful volunteering spirit and volunteers to help us with the new citizen events at USCIS. They have increased the number of applicants per ceremony from 20 to 40 and **we now need 5 volunteers per shift on Fridays and 10 per shift on Saturdays**. So.... that is a lot.

Our dates are Saturday, August 12 and Friday, August 18.

We will also need help with data entry on August 14 and 21. Those shifts are on the same sign up.

Thank you all for your assistance. We clearly could not do these events without a lot of leagues pitching in.

[Sign up here. We have registered over 1000+ new citizens since January.](#)



News from National

Mississippi's New Voting Law

7/26/2023

JACKSON, Miss. — A federal court has granted a request by Disability Rights Mississippi, the League of Women Voters of Mississippi, and three Mississippi voters to block S.B. 2358 — a newly implemented state law that significantly diminishes access to the ballot for Mississippians who need assistance with voting.

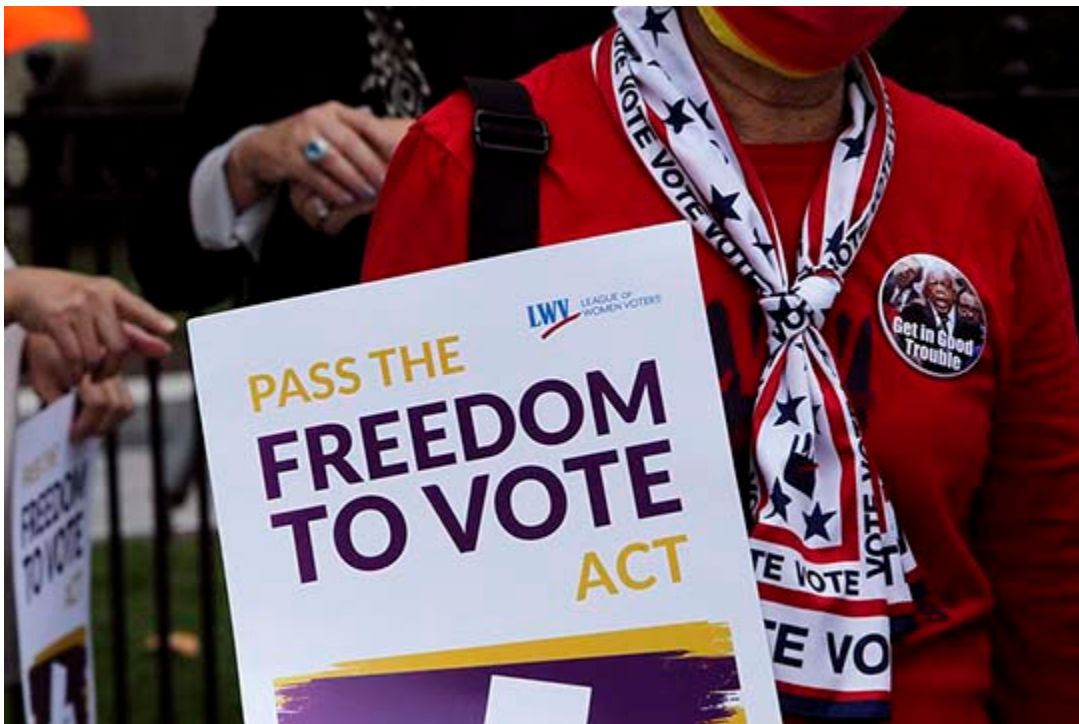
[Read the press release here](#)

LWV Responds to 2023 Introduction of the Freedom to Vote Act

7/18/2023

WASHINGTON, DC — League of Women Voters of the United States CEO Virginia Kase Solomón issued the following statement in response to the House and Senate introduction of the Freedom to Vote Act:

[Read her statement here](#)



LWV US July Highlights

[Read the Highlights here](#)

LWV-VA Virginia Voter August 2023

[Read the Voter here](#)

Additional volunteer opportunities with the State League

Our issue groups do such incredible work advocating for their issues and educating League members and the public about them. This month we feature two that can use more help to continue doing their work.

Broadband – Do you have a bit of bloodhound doggedness in you? Then this is the place for you! We know that Virginia has received \$1.5 Billion of federal money to expand broadband access throughout the Commonwealth. The money will be overseen by the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative within the Department of Housing and Community Development. What we need are people willing to follow the money to assure that this money is going where it should.

Transportation – This is a huge area of interest not only for Northern Virginia but throughout the Commonwealth. This committee needs more people from to discuss the linkages between north and south and east and west and that we are advocating for the best, clean and economical transportation for all Virginias.

[To sign up for these and other issue groups, go here.](#)

Meeting

August 20 - 2 PM - Book Group

The book is *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* by Bill Gates.

Contact **Joan** LWV Arlingtonva@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter August 16



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