



League in Action

January 5, 2022

President's Message

Happy New Year.

Tomorrow, January 6, is fast becoming a day of remembrance and service. Remembrance of the day when we all watched in horror as our Capitol Building was attacked by insurrectionists trying to overturn the will of the people.

The League is joining other organizations to commemorate the day with vigils and action to promote voter registration. You can find all of the events here <https://www.mobilize.us/democracyvigils/>.

Here we are postcarding unregistered people in Arlington and Alexandria City to remind them of our 2022 elections and encouraging them to register. You can pick up your packets on Jan 3,4 or 5 and mail them out on the 6th. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FA5AD28A5F49-jan6day>.

Let's start off 2022 protecting our fragile Democracy.

Thanks for all you do and have a healthy and happy New Year.

Joan

Citizen presentation to our members of the General Assembly – Jan 4

Last night Arlingtonians took turns presenting their recommendations for legislative action to their elected representatives in the General Assembly. Joan spoke on behalf of the League.

[Read Joan's remarks to the members of the General Assembly representing Arlington](#)

On WLRTs from December Virginia Voter -

Women's Legislative Roundtables

Joan Porte, LWV-VA First Vice President



Women's Legislative Roundtables (WLRTs) are weekly deep dives into our legislative priorities. The 2022 Legislative Session runs Jan. 12- March 12. WLRTs are held each Wednesday during the session. This year, you can attend in person – at the Tidewater Room of the SunTrust Center, 919 East Main Street, Richmond – or log in to view virtually! **League Day, January 26, will also be a hybrid event.**

Local League presidents will be setting up meetings with members of the General Assembly for League Day. Contact your local League president to join one of these meetings. When you RSVP you will have a choice to mark how you will attend. We hope to see you in whatever form is easiest for you but an in-person visit makes the

biggest impact!

Click [here](#) to register.

Here is our schedule of topics:

Jan 12 – Automatic Restoration of Returning Citizens Voting Rights

Jan 19 - Absentee Ballots Witness Requirement Removal

Jan 26 – League Day (Save the date!)

League Day at the General Assembly

January 26, 2022 @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Annual day to meet your delegates and senators and
lobby for LWV public policy priorities.**

Feb 2 – Vouchers and Tuition Tax Credits to Private Schools; “Portability of Funds diverted from Public Schools to Private Schools”.

Feb 9 – Child Protection

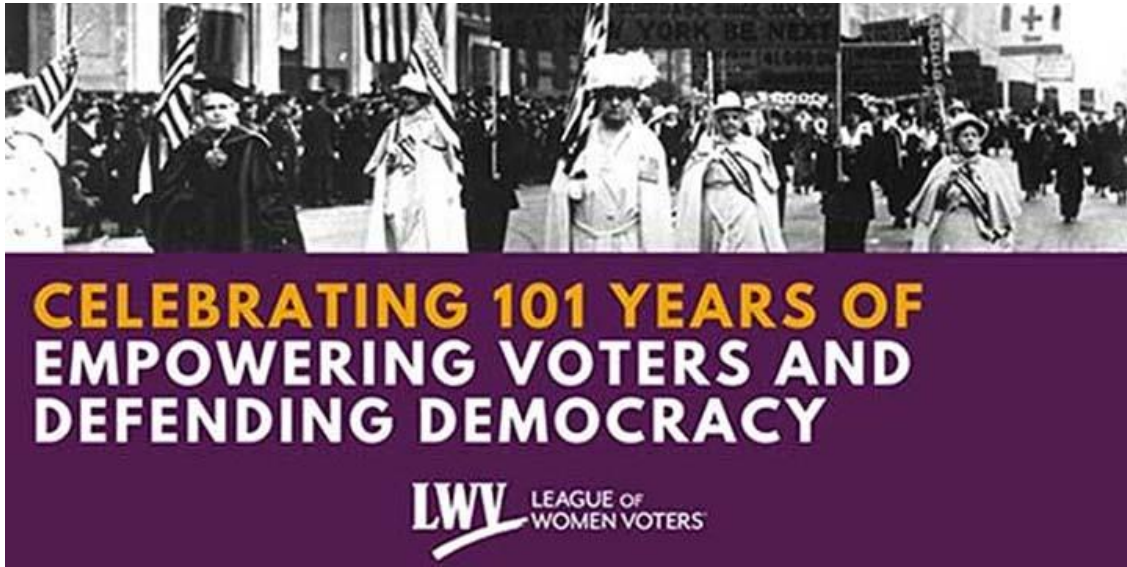
Feb 16 – Money in Politics – Reform

Feb 23 – Dark Money – Honest Ads

Mar 2 – Floods – Full Disclosure of Flood Zones

Mar 9 – Final Legislative Push

[Sign up here](#)



EVENT

Jan 18

Position Review-- The Key to Advocacy

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 7:00 PM (EST)

Join us for this virtual review of our local and national positions. **This is a vital task for every League because we must have a position before we can advocate to our elected officials.**

We will review these positions to see if they are current or discover what might be missing.

Positions can be found here: <https://my.lwv.org/node/25657/positions>

Learn what makes us tick!

[RSVP here](#)



News from National

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Files Lawsuit to Reactivate 31,854 Voters

12/22/2021

LWV of Wisconsin filed suit in federal court to reinstate more than 31,000 registered Wisconsin voters who were purged from the voter rolls in July 2021.

[Read the news release here](#)

League of Women Voters of Baltimore County, Black Voters, Baltimore County NAACP, and Common Cause Sue to Defend Voting Rights in Redistricting

12/21/2021

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore County and partners files lawsuit challenging racially gerrymandered maps in Baltimore County.

[Read the news release here](#)

LWV US 2021 Highlights

[Read the 2021 Recap here](#)

[Read Virginia Kase Soloman's blogpost on League achievements in 2021](#)

Redistricting News

Virginia Supreme Court Releases Final Redistricting Maps

by Sara Fitzgerald

The Supreme Court of Virginia on December 28 unanimously approved the final versions of the maps that will define the Commonwealth's legislative and congressional districts for the next decade. [The final maps were released and can be](#)

[reviewed here.](#)

The maps were accompanied by [a lengthy memo written by the two special masters](#) who drew the them. In it, the two masters, Bernard Grofman and Sean Trende, explained the reasoning behind their final maps and the choices they had made in revising them after two days of public hearings and a review of public comments.

[Read the full LWV-VA Redistricting Blog post here](#)

Virginia Voter, January 2022

Let the Voters Decide

Deb Wake, LWV-VA President

Wednesday, January 26 - WLRT League Day

Joan Porte, LWV-VA First Vice President

Supreme Court of Virginia Ends the Partisan Gerrymander

Brent Tarter

Environmental and Climate Justice

Karen Campblin, President and Lydia Lawrence, Environmental and Climate Justice Chair, Fairfax County NAACP

Part II – Housing Segregation and Its Legacy

Public Housing and Zoning Laws:

Segregation by Design

By the LWV-VA Affordable Housing Issues Group

The 2023 LWV-Virginia Convention:

Planning is Underway

Joan Porte, LWV-VA First Vice President

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

Important Dates in January

Jan. 12

Women's Legislative Roundtable, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

State Board of Elections meeting, 1 p.m.

Jan. 15

Inauguration Ceremony

Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Jr Day

Jan. 19

Women's Legislative Roundtable, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Jan. 26

League Day, Women's Legislative Roundtable, 8:30 a.m.

Meetings

Jan 16 - 2 PM - **Book Club**

Chief Joseph and the Flight of Nez Pierce: The Untold Story of an American Tragedy by
Kent Nerburn - Contact Joan Joan@joanporte.com

Jan 19 – 7 PM - **Election Integrity**

Jan 24 – 7 PM - **Affordable Housing**

Feb 9 - 7 PM - **Civics**

Contact Joan Joan@joanporte.com

Look for next newsletter January 19



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