



## **League in Action**

November 17, 2021

### **President's Message**

**Invite your friends and family to our new and prospective member meeting! Dec 12 – 4 – 5 PM. Please post this information to your listservs and Nextdoor.**

"Come" to our virtual meeting to learn about the work of the League of Women Voters and our motto to "educate voters and protect Democracy." For 102 years, the League has registered, fought for and informed Americans." Our work continues to be vital to our Democracy.

New members and prospective members are invited to learn more about our work and events including the "Women Power Democracy" initiative. Veterans are welcome if they want to brush up on the League and find out what we are up to next year.

Remind them about our Women Power Democracy Program-

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-women-voters-launches-women-power-democracy>

And all of the work we did in 2020 to protect the vote -

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/20-ways-lwv-empowered-voters-and-protected-democracy-2020>

RSVP <https://lwvarlalexnewmember.eventbrite.com>

Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving,  
Joan

## **Thank you and congratulations to our newest chairs.**

I am so excited to announced that we have three new chair people stepping up to take on the work of the League.

Advocacy Chair - **Nancy Brown**

Program Chair - **Janet Ladd**

Candidate Forum Chair - **Kristen Shattuck**

You can help Nancy, by becoming a member of Observer Corp and attending meetings of the relevant County and City governments - most of which are still virtual -- so that we know what is happening on the issues the League follows. Contact me for more information

Thank you all.

Joan

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### **Join Outreach Circle**

The League is utilizing Outreach Circle for advocacy purposes. This helps us not only reach members but easily record their responses. **To join** go to <https://outreachcircle.com/SWX266> and click on "view actions" to sign up.

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## What was new in 2021 - LWV adopts new programming focus

Fresh focus for the League - four programs under the 'Women Power Democracy' banner

- **Democracy Truth Project:** Countering mis- and disinformation in our government and advancing better public understanding of the democratic and electoral process.
- **Expand the Franchise:** Increasing voter participation through our VOTE411.org platform and voter registration, education, and mobilization programs, with a focus on underrepresented populations and low-propensity voters.
- **Democracy Defense Fund:** Protecting voting rights and advancing a more equitable democracy through advocacy and voter protection efforts.
- **People Powered Fair Maps™:** Leading with advocacy, public education, and organizing to create fair, transparent, people-powered electoral map-drawing processes and eliminate partisan and racial gerrymandering during 2021 redistricting.

[Revisit the July press release here](#)



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### **The New Arlington DEI Committee**

We are happy to announce the formation of the Arlington DEI Committee! Our goal is to assure that Arlington does all of its work through a DEI lens. Our first step is to develop what that DEI lens is!

**We can use your ideas and dedication** to full Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for our League.

**Meetings are the second Mondays of the month at 11:00 AM.** Email [LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com) for more information or to join!!

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## **EVENTS**

Nov 17 **TODAY**

## **NO MORE EXCUSES RALLY FOR VOTING RIGHTS**

**On the morning of November 17th, the League of Women Voters of the US will once again make our presence loud and clear in front of the White House to demand that this Administration stops making excuses, and prioritizes our voting rights NOW!**

[For more information and to sign up click here](#)



Going where voting rights activists including the League have gone before

**Dec 1**

## **LWV Virginia Pre-Session**

9 AM–2 PM



Join the League and our partners for a **preview of our legislative program** for the upcoming General Assembly session.

Confirmed speakers include:

Virginia Commissioner of Finance, **K Joseph Flores**

Virginia Commissioner of Elections, **Christopher Piper**

LWV Virginia Advocacy Chair, **Denise Harrington**

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth and Director of African American Outreach, **Traci J. DeShazor**

Campaign Legal Center, **Austin Graham**

NAACP Virginia, **Da'Quan Love**

Reflect US, **Amanda Pohl**

Sierra Club ,**Connor Kish**  
Voter Registrars Association of Virginia, **Brenda Cabrera**  
Virginia Housing Alliance, **Brian Koziol**  
Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, **Lori Haas**  
National Popular Vote, **Eileen Reavey**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness Virginia, **Kathy Harkey**  
Justice Forward Virginia, **Brad Haywood**  
One Virginia 2021, **Liz White**  
Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence , **Jonathan Yglesias**  
Virginia Promise Partnership, **Krysta Jones**  
Coalition of Small and Rural Schools, **Dr. Peter Gretz**

[RSVP here](#)

**Dec 12**

**LWV Arlington and Alexandria City  
NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBER MEETING**

Dec 12 - 4 PM

If you are new to the League or just want to brush up on League, join us for this virtual get together.

[RSVP here](#)

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Invitation from League of Women Voters Fairfax -

## **How Recent Voting Rights Reforms in Virginia have Affected Voter Involvement**

speaker Scott Konopasek, Fairfax Registrar

November 21 - 2 PM

Online

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax invites us to join them for a presentation by **Scott Konopasek**, Director of the Fairfax County Office of Elections and General Registrar who will speak at the Fairfax League of Women Voters general meeting November 21 at 2 PM via Zoom. This is an opportunity to meet Mr. Konopasek, who was appointed to the position in March 2021. He is to address the topic *How Recent Voting Rights Reforms in Virginia have Affected Voter Involvement*.

[RSVP here](#)

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## **Affordable Housing Committee meets with Arlington County Housing Director**





Meeting with Arlington Housing Director **Anthony Fusarelli** Nov 5

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## News from National

### **LWVNC Asks to Intervene in North Carolina Voter Purge Case**

11/15/2021

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina (LWVNC), along with partners, asked to intervene in a lawsuit designed to purge eligible voters from the voter rolls in 40 North Carolina counties.

[Read the news release here](#)

## **Senate Fails to Move John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act**

11/3/2021

League of Women Voters of the US Board President **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner** issued the following statement in response to the Senate's first floor vote on the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

[Read the statement here](#)

## **Voting Rights Activists Arrested at White House After Fourth Direct Action Calling on Biden to Help to Protect Freedom to Vote**

11/3/2021



Voting rights activists escalated demands for the White House to act on voting rights today, in an action that resulted in the arrests of 59 participants, including leading youth activist **Yolanda King**, the 13-year-old granddaughter of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

[Read the news release here](#)

## **LWV Condemns FEC decision to Allow Foreign Contributions to Ballot Campaigns**

11/2/2021

Voters have the right to know exactly who is trying to influence their votes. Ballot initiatives often align with candidate campaigns and for that reason should be subject to the same restrictions when it comes to outside spending.

[Read the statement here](#)

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## Redistricting News

### **SCoVA Rejects 1 Republican Nominee for Special Master, Seeks More Names**

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

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## Meetings

**Alexandria members invited to join our meetings!**

Nov 18 - 7 PM - **Civics**

Contact Joan [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

Nov 21 - 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](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

Nov 22 - 7 PM - **Affordable Housing**

contact [lvarlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:lvarlingtonva@gmail.com)

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**Look for next newsletter December 1**

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