

81st Annual Meeting Workbook

Saturday, May 4, 2019 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Edgemere 8523 Thackery Street Dallas, Texas

League of Women Voters of Dallas 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Executive Committee Officers	Name and Expiration of Term
President	Cecilia McKay (19)
President-Elect	Open
Advocacy Vice President & Susan B. Anthony Co-Chair	Rebecca Acuña (20)
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Membership Vice President	Open
Organization Vice President	Open
Program Vice President	Diane Tasian (19)
Voter Outreach Vice President	Elizabeth Walley (20)
Secretary	Linda Wassenich (19)
Treasurer	Philip Courtney Hogan (19)
Directors	
Voter Registration	Karen Bassett (19)
Director	Becky Brakke (18)
Long Range Plan/Voters Guide/ VOTE411/ Finance Chair	Dorie Cranshaw (19)
Director	Brittney Farr (20)
Director	Katherine Savers McGovern (19)
Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Co-Chair	Lisa Sherrod (20)
Nominating Committee 2019	
Chair	Eileen Rosenblum (Appointed)
Member	Nia MacKay (Elected)
Member	Cecilia McKay (Appointed)
Member	Linda Wassenich (Appointed)

Meeting Officials 2019:

Parliamentarian - Sally Branch Time Keeper - Courtney Hogan

Secretary - Linda Wassenich Teller - Patricia Muñoz-Elizondo

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81th Annual Meeting Order of Business

Registration, Breakfast and Networking	9:00 a.m.
Call to Order and Announcements	9:30 a.m.
Credentials Report	9:35 a.m.
Order of Business & Adoption of Rules	
Minutes of the May 12, 2018 Annual Meeting	9:40 a.m.
Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2018-2019	9:45 a.m.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Bylaws Proposed Changes - Discussion & Vote	10:00 a.m.
Budget Proposed for 2019-2020 - Discussion & Vote	10:10 a.m.
Development Report	10:20 a.m.
Finance Report	10:25 a.m.
Pat Vaughan Legacy Fund Proposal	10:35 a.m.
Periodic Program Review - Recommendations & Vote	10:45 a.m.
Program Planning - Recommendations, Adoption of Program	
Support Positions & Vote	10:50 a.m.
League of Women Voters of Dallas Accomplishments	11:00 a.m.
Program	
Voter Outreach	
Nominating Committee - Election of Officers, Directors	11:10 a.m.
Presentation of Awards	11:25 a.m.
50-Year Members	
President's Meritorious Service Award	
Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award	
Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award	
Recognition of Outgoing Board Members	11:40 a.m.
"I Wish the League Would"	11:45 a.m.
Adjournment	11:55 a.m.

"Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four hour days."- Zig Ziglar

Proposed Rules for the Annual Meeting

Composition: Admission to the Annual Meeting is open to members and non-members. Only members may vote.

Quorum: Ten percent of the paid membership shall constitute a quorum.

Debate: Only members have the privilege of the floor. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had opportunity to do so. Debate shall be limited to 1 minute per speaker, plus time required completing a sentence. All speakers shall identify themselves by name and the unit they attend, if any.

Voting Procedure: The order of voting at the Annual Meeting shall be to vote first on local proposed program items as recommended by the board; then on the not-recommended subjects in the order in which they were presented and adopted for consideration.

Proposed Program: Following presentation of the proposed program, questions for clarification may be asked. Debate on the items in the proposed Program will not be held until all other items to be considered have been presented.

Rules for Adoption of Program

Not-Recommended Items: Members wishing to move consideration of not-recommended items should notify VP Program before presentation of proposed program in order that time can be divided fairly among all items. Two copies of motion shall be given to the secretary. The motion should include a focus and an outline for work. Immediately after presentation of the proposed program, **members may move consideration** of not-recommended subjects for program. The member moving consideration of a subject is allowed five minutes in which to state supporting reasons. Only subjects previously proposed to the board may be presented. Questions for clarification may then be asked.

The **vote to consider will follow immediately**; a majority vote will place a not-recommended item before the annual meeting without a further motion. Items receiving a majority vote will be allotted time in the hour set aside for debate.

Debate: Debate on program items will be held in the order in which they have been presented. Debate is limited to the item under consideration.

Closing Debate: If a member feels that debate has gone on too long, he or she may say, "I move the previous question." This motion, which must be seconded, **is not debatable** and will be put to an immediate vote. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is necessary to adopt this motion. If adopted, debate is immediately ended and the motion under debate is voted upon.

Amendments: During debate on each item, amendments to the wording may be made. These amendments may be made for the purpose of clarification, emphasis, or editorial change, but may not enlarge the scope or change the meaning of the item. Substantive amendments to the proposed program must be submitted in the form of not-recommended items, the procedure for which is described above.

Voting on Program: Voting on program will take place immediately after debate on program. Unless a motion to the contrary, voting will take place in the order of presentation of the items. A majority vote is necessary for adoption of items in the proposed program. A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt a not-recommended item. You may vote for as many items as you wish to have on the program.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters of Dallas Minutes of the 80th Annual Meeting May 12, 2018 The Edgemere Auditorium, 8523 Thackery Street, Dallas, TX

<u>Board Members present:</u> Rebecca Acuña, Karen Bassett, Becky Brakke, Dorie Cranshaw, Katherine McGovern, Cecilia McKay, Lisa Sherrod, Diane Tasian, Sandy Thornton, Elizabeth Walley, Linda Wassenich

Board Members absent: Courtney Hogan and Eileen Rosenblum

<u>Call to order and introductions:</u> President McKay called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. She recognized past presidents who were present: Julie Lowenberg, Barbara Materka, and Linda Wassenich. Genie Fritz was recognized later after she came in.

Also recognized were: LWV-TX treasurer: Miriam Foshay Newly elected LWV-TX Vice President: Eileen Rosenblum Past LWV-TX president: Julie Lowenberg Past LWVUS Board Member: Linda Wassenich Elected Officials present: The Honorable Theresa Daniel, County Commissioner for District 1; the Honorable Toni Rose, State Representative, District 110; and the Honorable Monica McCoy Purdy, Judge, State Civil District Courts. 50-year Members: Three 50-year members, Terry Brown, Helene Greenwald, and Anne Tabb, passed away this year.

Meeting officials were announced: Parliamentarian: Julie Lowenberg Time Keeper: Rose Harp

Secretary: Linda Wassenich Teller: Nancy Lubar

Others recognized were Genie Fritz for making arrangements for the LWVD to hold its annual meeting at the Edgemere, Fran Morris for her administrative support in planning the meeting and putting the workbook together, Becky Brakke and Katherine McGovern for helping at registration, and Becky Brakke for serving as the photographer. Becky will also serve as a reviewer of the minutes as they are prepared by Linda Wassenich.

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting: The minutes were approved as presented in the Annual Meeting workbook.

<u>Development Report:</u> Linda Wassenich reported on funds raised from various activities. The grand total was \$78,176, slightly more than was reported in the Annual Meeting Workbook which had an earlier cut-off date. Linda noted that these figures don't match exactly with the treasurer's report because of the way contributions are coded.

<u>Bylaws:</u> On behalf of the Bylaws Committee and the Board, Linda Wassenich moved adoption of the proposed amendment to Article VI. Financial Administration, Section 4, of the bylaws that described the Budget Committee. Motion passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Former Treasurer Sandy Thornton presented the treasurer's report on behalf of Courtney Hogan. Katherine McGovern moved to accept the report, seconded by Theresa Daniel; motion passed.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting (Continued)

Credentials Report: Katherine McGovern reported that a quorum was present.

<u>2018-19 Budget:</u> Miriam Foshay, Budget Chair, presented the proposed budget, which was predicated on a dues increase from \$60 to \$70 per year. She moved on behalf of the Committee and the board's recommendation to increase the dues to \$70 per year. She noted that Houston, San Antonio, and Tarrant County Leagues all have dues of \$70 and that LWVD dues have not gone up in a number of years. Lynda Ender moved and Theresa Daniel seconded to amend the Budget Committee motion to raise dues to \$75 a year and \$112.50 for household members. Motion passed unanimously. The proposed budget as amended with the dues increase was approved with two dissenting votes.

<u>Strategic Plan:</u> Dorie Cranshaw presented the report from the Strategic Plan committee. The sections on Advocacy, Membership, and Voters Services were reviewed and accepted. The recommendation of no changes in the portfolio allocation as reported in the section in Finance and Fundraising was approved. The board had not approved the Finance Committee's recommendation to cut the staff position to half time; so, there was no vote on the recommendations on page 9 of the report.

<u>Periodic Program Review:</u> Diane Tasian reported for the Periodic Program Review Committee that the Committee recommends re-adoption of two positions under Local Government: Section A. Appointed Boards and Commissions and Section B. City Government. Motion passed. Diane reported that the Committee reviewed Section D. Economic Conversion and recommends that this section be deleted as it is no longer relevant. Motion passed.

<u>Program Planning:</u> Diane reported for the Program Planning Committee that no new studies were recommended for LWV at the state or national levels. The committee recommended and the board approved extending the local study on housing for another year. Attention was called to the expanded Scope as presented in the workbook. Motion to continue the local housing study passed.

<u>Nominating Committee Report:</u> Leigh Bailey presented the report from the Nominating Committee. Cecilia called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the slate was elected unanimously and sworn in by the Hon. Theresa Daniel.

Presentation of Awards:

50-year member: Barbara Materka was recognized as the new 50-year member of the LWVD and given the 50-year pin and a certificate.

<u>President's Meritorious Service Award: C</u>ecilia presented the President's Award to Chris Guldi who has served as the LWVD's webmaster for several years and had the added responsibility of converting our website to the new one, My League Online, offered by LWV-California.

Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award: Elizabeth Walley presented the Bulkley Award to Sandy Thornton.

Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award: The Hon. Theresa Daniel presented the Macdonald Award to the Hon. Toni Rose.

<u>North Texas Giving Day:</u> Katherine McGovern, chair of the 2018 North Texas Giving Campaign, spoke about plans for the campaign which will occur on September 20 and encouraged everyone to participate.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting (Continued)

<u>Other reports:</u> Cecilia called attention to the State of the League reports in the Annual Meeting Workbook.

"I Wish the League Would": Rebecca Acuña and Lisa Sherrod read the suggestions that had been submitted on the cards provided for this purpose. They and Cecilia responded to the suggestions with updates.

Adjournment: Upon a motion from Miriam Foshay, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda P. Wassenich Secretary

Treasurer's Report

	Jun 2018 to
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions	
In Kind Donations	239.99
Member	9,232.84
Non-member	1,536.00
Scholarship Contributions	362.00
Special Programs Donations	6,317.80
Total Contributions	17,688.63
Fundraising	
Fundraising - Other	175.00
SBA Ads	
Full page	1,000.00
Half page	1,350.00
Quarter page	500.00
Total SBA Ads	2,850.00
SBA Donations	
SBA Member Donations	2,865.00
SBA Non-member Donations	600.00
Total SBA Donations	3,465.00
SBA Raffle	2,427.68
SBA Silent Auction	8,108.00
SBA sponsor	24,625.00

SBA tickets	
Member Tickets	5,800.00
Non-member Tickets	3,625.00
Total SBA tickets	9,425.00
Total Fundraising	51,075.68
Grants	5,000.00
Membership Dues	
Benefactor	500.00
Household	1,560.00
Member	8,377.23
New Member	3,000.27
Patron	2,550.00
Student	200.00
Total Membership Dues	16,187.50
SBA Expenses	
Awards	-220.83 -
Banking & Paypal Fees	572.97
Catering	-9,338.37
Centerpieces	-750.00
Miscellaneous	-39.99
Office Supplies	-226.93
Printing	-1,459.70
Silent Auction Expenses	-693.77 -
Stationery	195.64
Total SBA Expenses	-13,498.20
Total Income	76,453.61
Gross Profit	76,453.61
Expense	
General Operating Expenses	
Annual Meeting	20.00
Banking Fees	360.00
Insurance	
D & O Insurance	900.00
Workers Compensation	228.00
Total Insurance	1,128.00

Mileage	300.44
Miscellaneous	89.00
Office Supplies	2,259.02
PayPal Fees	201.74
Postage	1,792.85
Printing	486.58
Rent	8,726.21
Salary	0,720.21
Payroll Tax Escrow	169.98
Payroll Taxes	4,856.74
Vacation Pay	2,218.44
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Salary - Other	41,199.96
Total Salary	48,445.12
Stationary	552.98
Voter	575.91
Web Site	400.00
Total General Operating Expenses	65,337.85
Meetings & studies	308.90
Member Services	
General Meeting	374.86
Publications	180.00
Total Member Services	554.86
PMPs	
National PMPs	8,576.00
State PMPs	5,961.50
Total PMPs	14,537.50
Publications & Voter Service	
Forums	450.00
Vote 411	800.00
Voters Guide	9,882.93
Total Publications & Voter Service	11,132.93
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-655.77
Reimbursements	-280.00
suspense	-1,990.73
Total Expense	88,945.54
Net Ordinary Income	-12,491.93
Other Income/Expense	,
Interest Income	2.99
Total Other Income	2.99
Net Other Income	2.99
Net Income	\$-12,488.94
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Miriam Foshay-Chair, Courtney Hogan and Cecilia McKay		
Income Contributions	\$15,545	
Fundraising		
North Texas Giving Day	\$ 5,000	
Events (net)	\$49,016	а
Total Fundraising	\$54,016	
Membership Dues	\$20,588	b
Total Income	\$90,149	
Expenses		
General Operating Expenses	\$49,129	С
Member Services	\$ 5,830	d
PMP		
National	\$ 8,672	
State	\$ 5,962	
PMP Total	\$14,634	
Publication and Voter Service	\$20,556	е
Total Expense	\$90,149	
Net Income	\$0	

Assumptions:

- a. Two events: Susan B. Anthony Luncheon plus a 100th anniversary event.
- b. Dues remain the same. Numbers are based on the January 31 tally.
- c. Includes reduced employee hours, new software/equipment, and added marketing expenses.
- d. Includes 3 General Meetings, the Annual Meeting, the VOTER, and printing of membership brochures.
- e. Includes candidate forums, 1-2 Voters Guides, translation of VOTE411 into Spanish, voting signs and printing of voter handouts.

Linda Wassenich-Chair, Julie Lowenberg, Cecilia McKay, Pat Sabin, Eileen Rosenblum and Elaine Wiant

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Article IV, Section 2

Sec. 2. NUMBER, MANNER OF SELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE - The board consists of nine elected officers of the League, no more than eight elected directors, and no more than eight appointed directors. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected at each annual meeting. In the event that additional officers are elected, the number of officers shall increase accordingly.

Term of office for an officer or director shall be two years or until a successor has been qualified and elected, with eligibility for reelection or reappointment to two additional two-year terms. After an officer or director completes three consecutive two-year terms, such board member shall not be eligible for reelection to the same position for a period of two years, or one term. If an officer or director assumes the presidency in his/her final term, his/her board term may be extended in order to complete two terms as president.

Explanation: Change is offered to provide more flexibility for board members to continue to serve on the board, although not in the same position.

Article IV, Sec. 5

Sec. 5. MEETINGS - There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the board annually to be held at such date, time, place and method as the board may determine. The president together with a majority of the officers, may call special meetings of the board and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board with a minimum of four days notice. The board may take action between meetings by <u>electronic means email ballot</u>, when necessary, provided that notice of the proposed actions set forth, provides the opportunity to specify approval or disapproval of the proposal, and a reasonable time in which to return the ballot is allowed. Notice, quorum and other requirements for the conduct of the meetings shall apply. Ballots shall be filed with a report of the action and shall be part of the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors.

Explanation: Authorizes the president to call a special board meeting without having to get a majority of officers to join in calling for the meeting.

Wording is changed to reflect the variety of methods of communication that are available electronically.

Article IV, Sec. 10

Sec.10. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS - Any director may be removed by the Board of Directors of LWVD, with or without cause.

In executing the duties of their office, board members are expected to carry out applicable laws and regulations as well as League bylaws, mission, policies, principles, positions, standards, and procedures. Board members who do not shall be counseled. If violations persist, they may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors. A board member may resign at any time by providing written notice to LWVD.

Explanation: This change provides more specificity to the provision for the removal of directors.

Bylaws Committee Report (Continued)

Article V. Sec. 2.

The President. Sentence added at the end of Section 2. ... The president may not serve as the secretary of LWV-D.

Explanation: Connie Born, chair of the LWVTX Governance committee, advised LWV-D that we need to add this sentence to Article V, Section 2, which describes the duties of the president

Article VI, Sec. 2. a.

Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of the anniversary month of a member's joining LWVD. The amount of the dues shall be determined by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at the annual meeting. **Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after dues become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.** When two members reside at the same address in a common household, the dues payment determined at the annual meeting shall be made for the first member; a payment equal to one half the amount of the dues shall be paid for the additional member. After eight months, the additional membership will be subject to renewal on the full member's anniversary date.

Explanation: The matter of when to remove a lapsed member from the rolls belongs in the policies. The last sentence is obsolete.

Article VI, Sec. 5

Section 5. Dissolution - In the event of the dissolution of the LWVD all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the LWVD shall be paid to the member organization of the League of Women Voters Texas **education fund** organization that is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the Board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

Explanation: "Education Fund" needs to be deleted because LWV-TX has completed the conversion to a 501(c)(3) organization.

Article VII, Sec. 4

Sec. 4. QUORUM - Ten percent of the Voting members present shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the membership. Those who choose on the dues renewal form to 'support the League financially but participate minimally shall not be counted when determining quorums for membership meetings.

Explanation: The practice outlined in the bylaws has not been followed because it is not practical. It is acceptable to have the quorum set as the number of members present and voting.

Article IX, Sec. 3

Sec. 3. PROGRAM SELECTION - The annual meeting shall select local program using the following procedures:

Bylaws Committee Report (Continued)

- a. Voting members may make recommendations to the board at least two months before the annual meeting. The board shall consider these recommendations when it formulates a proposed program. The proposed program shall be sent to the membership not less than 21 days before the annual meeting along with the non-recommended items. A majority vote of those voting members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program.
- b. Any program item submitted by voting members two months before the annual meeting but not recommended by the board may be adopted at the annual meeting provided that he annual meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting. The annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting, and voting, and

Note: Paragraph a. under Section 3 is a reformatted statement of Section 3, a-c, without any changes to the wording.

Explanation: Paragraph b under Section 3 is a reformatted statement of Section 3, d, with certain words eliminated for the following reason. At state and national conventions, the practice of voting to consider a non-board recommended item for study and voting to adopt a non-recommended study occurs on different days in order to give delegates time to consider the item. Since local annual meetings occur in one day, it is not necessary to hold a vote to consider a non-recommended item. However, a non-recommended item still requires a two-thirds vote to be adopted.

Article IX, Sec. 4

Sec. 4. EMERGENCY PROGRAM PROCEDURES - Additions to the program necessitated by altered conditions may be made by the board, provided notice of any proposed changes and explanations has been sent to the membership at least **one month** twenty-one days in advance of the decision by the board. A two-thirds vote by the board shall be required to adopt any changes.

Explanation: The time between sending members information on an emergency program item and the board vote has been reduced from one month to 21 days to be consistent with other items that require advance notice to the membership. In addition, it is thought that the procedure to adopt an emergency program item should be more expeditious but still give members time to provide input.

Article IX, Sec. 5 Sec. 5. MEMBER ACTION - Members may act in the name of LWVD only when authorized to do so by the board the President.

Explanation: The president is the one who authorizes a member to speak for the League.

Article IX, Sec. 7, a. and b. Sec. 7. CONCURRENCE, AN ALTERNATE FORM OF MEMBER AGREEMENT

a. To update or enlarge an existing local program position, the Program Review Committee or a board appointed committee shall review the issue and present its recommendations, along with the pros and cons, for board approval. The approved recommendations and the pros and cons shall then be presented to the membership through a general meeting and/or a unit meeting not less than 21 days before the annual meeting in order to be considered for their concurrence and adoption. Two-thirds vote is required for concurrence.

Bylaws Committee Report (Continued)

b. To concur with a consensus reached by another local League, a committee shall be appointed by the board to consider the other League's Facts and Issues, pros and cons, and then present those findings to the membership through a general meeting and/or a unit meeting for their concurrence. <u>Two-thirds vote is required for concurrence.</u>

Explanation: The vote required to approve a concurrence is stated and is consistent with LWV-TX bylaws.

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND STATE COUNCIL STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

Sec. 3. STATEWIDE CONFERENCE - The voting members or the board, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVTX office, shall select delegates to the state council of LWVTX in the number allotted LWVD under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVTX.

Explanation: "State Council" is changed to reflect the current name, "Statewide Conference."

ARTICLE XII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Board of Directors of the LWVD shall sign a Conflict of Interest statement **annually** and, if necessary, disclose any conflicts of interest that he or she may have.

Explanation: This change is necessary to comply with the law and IRS rules.

"I always say that it's about breaking the rules. But the secret of breaking rules in a way that works is understanding what the rules are in the first place." Rick Wakeman

Linda Wassenich-Chair, Katherine McGovern and Cecilia McKay

LWVD is fortunate to have a number of leaders and members who are generous with their donations, time and expertise to support the valuable and important civic work of the League. Special thanks go to Katherine McGovern for leading the charge on North Texas Giving Day, to Lisa Sherrod and Rebecca Acuña for co-chairing the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon, to Becky Brakke for being the lead person for the silent auction, and to Cecilia MacKay for supporting, encouraging, and keeping us all going forward.

During North Texas Giving Day, sponsored by the Communities Foundation of Texas, 48 people donated to the League which resulted in \$4,838.91 revenue to the League for Making Democracy Work.

Special gifts included a grant from Cecilia and Garrett Boone. The creation of the Pat Vaughan Legacy Society was planned and will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

The Susan B. Anthony Luncheon, which honored Susybelle Gosslee and also recognized Will Toler as the Champion Volunteer, and the concurrent silent auction and raffle raised approximately \$49,675. Special thanks go to Lisa Sherrod, Rebecca Acuña, and Becky Brakke along with Cecilia McKay for their work on this event.

Contributions are summarized below:

General contributions	\$4,156
Scholarships	562
Honor and Memorial gifts	3,639
13 Individual and Household Patron members*	2,000
1 Benefactor Member*	500
North Texas Giving Day	4,839
Grants	5,000
SBA Luncheon and Auction (gross)	49,675
Other	1,606
Total	\$71,977

*Look for the special recognition nametags for Benefactor and Patron members at the Annual Meeting.

"Have riches' beyond comparison and you still won't have everything, have a generous heart and your wealth would be unimaginable." ~ Anonymous

Finance Committee Report

Dorie Cranshaw-Chair, Courtney Hogan, Cecilia McKay, Michelle Manners, Sandy Thornton and Linda Wassenich

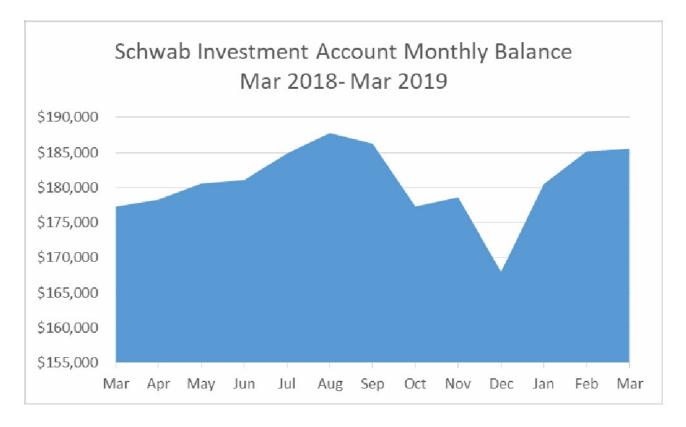
The Finance Committee has met several times over the course of the year to review our investments. In the fall adjustments to holdings were made to increase the yield of our bond portion of the portfolio while still maintaining the 50/50 stock and bond allocation approved at the last annual meeting. All dividends and capital gains continue to accumulate as cash in the account.

No new deposits or withdrawals were made from the account in the past 12 months.

As of 3/31/19, the allocation of the account was:

Stocks	50.80%
Bonds	43.96%
Cash	5.24%

The overall monthly balance has fluctuated somewhat with the market and hike in interest rates. Our balance in March of 2018 was \$177,298 and at the end of March 2019 was \$185,553.



A recap of our holdings is as follows:

Positions for LWVD Schwab Acct	XXXX-4480 as of 03/31/2019				
Description	Acct %	Yield	Mkt Value	Cost Basis	Gain/Loss \$
BLACKROCK MULTI SECTOR I	24.52%	8.44%	\$45,494	\$46,022	(\$528)
CBRE CLARION GLOBAL REAL	4.56%	8.03%	\$8,462	\$8,565	(\$103)
EATON VANCE FLOATING RATE	14.89%	6.32%	\$27,620	\$28,473	(\$853)
SPDR S&P DIVIDEND ETF	6.50%	2.41%	\$12,060	\$6,249	\$5,811
VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MKT ETF	30.05%	1.91%	\$55,762	\$29,278	\$26,484
DREYFUS SM CAP STOCK INDEX INV	3.87%	- \$7,190	\$5,526	\$1,664	
SCHWAB INTL INDEX FUND	10.37%	-	\$19,241	\$20,623	(\$1,382)
CASH & MONEY MKT	5.24%		\$9,724	-	
ACCOUNT TOTAL	-		\$185,553	-	

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

The Finance Committee recommends no changes to the investment strategy of the account.

"Investing time in yourself is the only safe investment that will give you maximum return throughout life." Lyrikal

Pat Vaughan Legacy Fund Committee Report

Sandy Thornton-Chair, Dorie Cranshaw, Courtney Hogan, Michelle Manners, Cecilia McKay, and Linda Wassenich



Pat Vaughan Legacy Fund Proposal

Patricia Vaughan, past president of the League of Women Voters of Dallas, was a long-time supporter of the League with her time and strong financial support. She believed deeply that our primary mission was to increase voter education, registration and turnout.

Prior to her untimely passing, a Legacy Fund in her name was proposed to Pat. The purpose of the fund would be to fund Voter Guides and Voter Registration activities for the League. Pat endorsed this plan and was honored to be its namesake.

The Pat Vaughan Legacy Fund committee is recommending the following:

A fund be set up at Charles Schwab to be named Pat Vaughan

Legacy Fund. The proceeds from this fund be restricted to funding the

Voters Guides, Voter Registration and other Voter Services activities.

It will initially be funded with the transfer of \$ 40,000 from the Long-term Reserve Fund at Schwab. The Pat Vaughan Estate has contributed \$10,000 to this fund.

The Finance Committee will oversee the investment strategy for this fund as well as the Long-term Reserve Fund. Disbursement from the fund will be authorized by a vote of the Board.

The League's Investment Policy will also cover the Legacy Fund. This fund will be defined separately on our website with an option to donate.

The Pat Vaughan Legacy Fund is an endowment for the restricted purpose of Voter Services. We feel that many will donate to this fund because it is restricted and goes to the heart of our mission.

Periodic Program Review Committee Recommendations Diane Tasian - Chair

The LWVD Periodic Program Review (PPR) Committee did not meet this year. As existing positions are pertinent and sufficient, I recommend these local positions be readopted in accordance with the Rules for Adoption of Program.

Program Planning Report

LWVD Local Program Planning Committee Recommendations for 2019-2020 Diane Tasian - Chair, and Joan Ridley

The LWVD Local Program Planning Committee recommends:

- 1. That no new studies, updates, or reviews with the objective of developing or modifying local League positions be undertaken during 2019-2020. The local positions can be found in the LWVD Handbook under the tab "About LWV of Dallas" at https://my.lwv.org/texas/dallas/.
- 2. That the current update study, "Low-Income and Affordable Housing and the Effects of Gentrification" continue for another year.
- 3. That study recommendations be sent to National on the subject of net neutrality and digital privacy.

General or Unit Meeting Topics suggested for 2019-2020:

Representative Government:

- □ Voter engagement
- Ranked choice voting method
- Online voting
- □ Vote Centers
- Impeachment
- Citizen Right to Know:
 - Digital privacy
 - □ Net neutrality
- Privatization of schools, prisons, Child Protective Services, Fair Park

Program Planning Committee Report (continued)

Social Policy and Human Resources:

- Racial issues in Dallas
- Healthcare Medicaid in Texas
- □ Education property tax reform and school finance reform
- □ Civics education in Texas school curriculum
- Guns on campus
- □ Superintendent Forum
- □ Housing update
- □ Immigration Administrative rule changes

Natural Resources: □ Fair

Park update

- Trinity River Corridor Reimagine Our River is taking input now and there will be a design reveal in April. Construction begins December 2020
- TCEQ and Air quality in North Texas

Adoption of Program Support Positions

All local positions, with no changes, will be presented together at the Annual Meeting and be voted on at one time. Positions with recommended changes will be voted on individually. If a member requests an editorial change at the Annual Meeting, that change will be referred to the Program Planning or Periodic Program Review Committee of the following year for proper study, discussion and vote by membership.

"Program planning is a valuable League tool for identifying issues for focus and for insuring that League resources, human and financial, from our grassroots volunteers to our professional staff, are engaged where they have the most impact. This process is appropriate for all three levels of League. State Leagues undertake program planning before state conventions where a program of education and advocacy for the state League is adopted for the following biennium. Local Leagues do program planning before their annual meetings where local program is adopted for the following year."

Source: LWV.org Guide to Program Planning 2016-2018

Eileen Rosenblum (Chair), Nia MacKay, Cecilia McKay and Linda Wassenich

LWVD Bylaws Article IV, Section 2 - Number, manner of selection and Term of Office: The Board Consists of nine elected officers, no more than eight elected directors and not more than eight appointed directors.

POSITION	NOMINEES	TERM	YEARS
PROPOSED OFFICERS			
President	Diane Tasian	2 Years	2019-2021
President-Elect	Open		
VP Advocacy	Brittney Farr	1 Year*	2019-2020
VP Organization	Nia MacKay	1 Year*	2019-2020
VP Membership	Shannon FitzGerald	2 Years	2019-2021
VP Program	Joan Ridley	2 Years	2019-2021
VP Voter Outreach	Karen Bassett	1 Year*	2019-2020
Secretary	Linda Wassenich	2 Years	2019-2021
Treasurer	Philip Courtney Hogan	1 Year	2019-2020
PROPOSED	ELECTED DIRECTORS		
Director #1	Rebecca Acuña	1 Year*	2019-2020
Director #2	Lisa Sherrod	1 Year*	2019-2020
Director #3	Becky Brakke	1 Year*	2019-2020
Director #4	Barbara Larkin	2 Years	2019-2021
Director #5	Jessica Montoya Coggins	2 Years	2019-2021
Director #6	Patricia Muñoz-Elizondo	2 Years	2019-2021
Director #7	Jean Conway	1 Year	2019-2020
Communications			
Director #8	Open	2 Year	2019-2021

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Completing second year of a two-year term.

Chair	Cecilia McKay	1 Year	2019-2020
Member	Eileen Rosenblum	1 Year	2019-2020
Member	Elizabeth Walley	1 Year	2019-2020

Profiles of the Board Nominees

OFFICERS

Diane Tasian - President 2019-2021

Diane Tasian has served as a volunteer for most of her adult life. Before going to work she was on the Boards of the C.G. Jung Society of North Texas and Our Friends Place. While working, she maintained a connection with Our Friends Place as a member of the Advisory Committee and on the Property Committee. She also became active with Hearts & Hammers as a team captain.

After retiring, Diane returned to the Board of Our Friends Place to serve as Chair of the Property Committee. In 2012 she returned to Hearts & Hammers to serve on the Council as a "techie". A long-time League member, in 2015 she began contributing time and talent to LWVD, first helping deliver Voters Guides, and in 2016 serving on the Fair Park study group. In 2017 she attended the Austin Advocacy days and served as a Voters Guide wrangler. She is also active with the Faculty Women's Club (U.T. Southwestern Medical Center) serving on the Directory Committee. Diane has served on the Board of LWVD since 2017.

Diane holds a BFA degree from the University of Houston and an M Arch degree from UT Arlington. She was a licensed architect in Texas and a credentialed USGBC LEED AP BD+C. Her specialty was healthcare architecture. She retired in 2010.

Diane and her husband live in Dallas. They have two daughters and sons-in-law and four granddaughters. Her hobbies are reading (primarily historical, mystery and fantasy), needlepoint, a ndyoga.

Brittney Farr - VP Advocacy 2019-2020

Brittney has served as Local and Regional Relations Manager for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) since 2013. As the liaison between the elected officials and staff members, Brittney works to ensure the needs of DART customers are met by providing solutions and responding to constituent issues in the DART Service Area and beyond. An active member of the DART Human Trafficking Task Force, Brittney helps to coordinate all of DART's ongoing human trafficking prevention activities, including training over 3,000 DART employees in how to spot and report signs of human trafficking.

Brittney received her Juris Doctorate from Boston College Law School and her Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. She is active in her community as a mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, a pro bono attorney for the Dallas Bar Association, and foster representative for Dallas Pets Alive!

Brittney currently serves as a member of the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Recognitions Director for the Dallas Fort Worth Chapter of Women in Transportation.

Nia MacKay - VP Organization 2019-2020

Originally from Indonesia-where she got her BS, she earned her MS (1990) and PhD (1993) degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayettevile, Arkansas. She was Research Specialist at this university before she and her husband moved to Dallas, TX in 1996. Here she worked at an independent laboratory and was an adjunct professor at Eastfield College.

Dr. MacKay has held various leadership positions in her community, was a Director at Peacemakers Incorporated from 2006 to 2014 and elected as president in 2009, during which the Castleberry Peace Institute being adopted by UNT as part of its Peace Studies Program.

Nia was the spokesperson for the North Texas Islamic Council (NTIC), and Executive Committee Co-Chair for the DFW International Community Alliance. She was 2010 FBI Citizen's Academy graduate, a Life Member for the FBI Dallas Citizen Academy Alumni Association, and a member of its affiliated organization, the Infragard. Dr. MacKay is member of several nonprofits organizations, including the Oak Cliff Lions Club and District 2-X1 Lions Club.

Shannon Fitzgerald - VP Membership 2019-2021

Shannon FitzGerald was born in Dallas and grew up in Greenville, Texas. She completed a BA in Psychology from the University of Notre Dame, an MS in Kinesiology from the University of North Texas and a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh. She worked off and on for 25 years at the Cooper Institute doing physical activity research. She's been married to her husband Rob for almost 27 years and has a daughter and twin sons. When not working on Signup Genius for voter registration, she enjoys running and traveling with her family.

Joan Ridley - VP Program 2019-2021

Joan writes and speaks on voting issues, especially the impact of Gerrymandering, money in politics, redistricting and how other states have designed their independent redistricting commissions. She leads discussion groups about the various options and how Texas could design an independent redistricting commission. Joan actively campaigned during the primaries and general elections in 2008, 2016 and 2018, is a Deputy Voter Registrar and worked at the polls during early voting and on election day in November, 2018. She is an active member of League of Women Voters, having served on the Program and Voter's Guide Committees. She is also an active member of Independent Texas Redistricting, Common Cause, American Promise and WOW Dems.

Previously, she was a business consultant to small and lower mid-market businesses for 15 years, and, prior to that, she was a Certified Financial Planner® and an Independent Registered Investment Advisor for 20 years. Joan is a published author and co-author of several books and hundreds of articles. Joan was a member of the Editorial Review Board of the *Journal of Financial Planning*

She has appeared on radio: a National Public Radio guest on Talk of the Nation with live listener callin; KAAM-weekly host and producer; KRLD; OASIS; and KERA. She was a regular guest on Channel 8 WFAA-ABC "Good Morning Texas" with live viewer call-in.

Joan was the founder and President of the North Texas Chapter of the Exit Planning Institute and was a recipient of the Institute's Volunteer of the Year Award. She was Program Chair of the North Texas Chapter, and, hosted and produced a monthly one-hour webinar for over four years for the Institute which had an international audience.

Joan holds a BA in Psychology and Philosophy from the University of Dayton. She is a native of New Jersey and lived in Washington, DC for 20 years before moving to Dallas in 1990.

Her hobbies include physical fitness, cooking, and reading English and American history; political science and governance; and historical fiction. Joan and her husband, Paul, who is a retired commercial litigator, travel extensively in the U.S. and Europe.

Karen Bassett - VP Voter Outreach 2019-2020

Karen Herrick Bassett is a Missouri native by way of the University of Missouri who worked in consumer research at Frito Lay for 12 years. In 2000 Karen left Frito Lay to start an online business aimed towards selling engaging science toys for kids called Science and Fun.

After becoming more involved in charitable organizations in the DFW area, Karen received her Master's in Public Policy with emphasis in program evaluation at University of Texas at Dallas. She worked with the Federal Drug Administration in Washington, D.C. while finishing her fellowship at the Archer Center.

She has participated in Dallas Area Interfaith and Jericho Road. Karen works with the League of Women Voters to register high school students and others to vote.

Karen has raised two beautiful daughters as well as three very intelligent dogs. In her spare time Karen likes to hike and raft in New Mexico with her husband Eric.

Linda Wassenich - Secretary 2019-2021

A member of the LWV since 1970, Linda Wassenich has served on the boards of LWV Dallas, LWVTX, and LWVUS in a number of different positions for 30 of her 49 years of membership. She was President of LWVD from 1995-99, Vice President of Public Relations for LWVTX from 2001-10, and Director of Development on the LWVUS board from 2012-16. She is currently on the LWVD board as Secretary.

Linda holds a B.A. with University Honors from Texas Christian University and an MSW from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her career focused on public policy in health care and fundraising, primarily for the Visiting Nurse Association. She served on the board of the Human Rights Initiative from 2004-10 and on the board of the Community Council of Greater Dallas from 2004-12, in which she served as Vice President, Secretary, Chair of the Development Committee, and Chair of the Advisory Council of the Dallas Area Agency on Aging. She was president of the Women's Council of Dallas County and a participant in Leadership Dallas.

Linda has been recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in Dallas as the Outstanding Fundraising Executive and by the National Association of Social Workers, Dallas, with the Social Worker of the Year and the Lifetime Achievement in Social Work awards. She received the Laurel Award from AAUW and the Women of Spirit Award from the American Jewish Congress, Southwest Division. In 2013, she was named the TCU Honors Program Alumna of the Year.

Philip Courtney Hogan - Treasurer 2018-19

Courtney Hogan has been a CPA for the last forty-five years. He previously served as secretary of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the board of directors of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, past treasurer for the North Dallas Rotary and Counselor's Toastmaster Club, and as a member of the Jesuit Alumni Board.

A long time ago he was young CPA of the Year and Outstanding Committee Member of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Courtney is also accredited in Business Valuation and certified in Financial Forensics.

DIRECTORS

Rebecca Acuña - Director, Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Co-Chair 2019-2020

Rebecca Acuña is a Director of Government Affairs for PepsiCo, responsible for state and local relations in Texas. Prior to joining PepsiCo, she was the Executive Director of the Latino Center for Leadership Development, a national leadership organization that creates a pipeline of policy-makers and thought-leaders. Ms. Acuña has also served in leadership roles in political campaigns and federal and state government in Washington, D.C. and Texas. A veteran of the Texas State capitol, Ms. Acuña served as a Chief of Staff and Communications Director for three members of the Texas House of Representatives. She was the first Latina tapped as statewide Press Secretary for a major-party gubernatorial campaign in Texas. She also served as Communications Director for a Texas Member of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Raised in Laredo, Texas, Rebecca is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She serves on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Dallas and on the Board of Directors for the Child Care Group.

Rebecca lives in Dallas and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government from the University of Texas at Austin.

Lisa Sherrod - Director, Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Co-Chair 2019-2020

Lisa Sherrod is the Director of External and Community Relations for Tenet Healthcare. She manages Tenet's national community relations efforts, supporting all of Tenet's markets and hospitals in nine states. Her role also involves lobbying in Austin and Washington with a focus on coverage reform and promoting awareness about coverage options.

In addition to her professional work, Lisa is committed to several civic organizations, including Downtown Dallas Inc., Trinity Commons Foundation and the Dallas Regional Chamber Public Policy Committee.

She is also an alumna of Leadership Dallas and Leadership Texas programs.

Lisa is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of which she is a founding member of the Chi Beta Omega Chapter (Northern Virginia). Lisa has been featured in Roll Call, Congressional Quarterly and Who's Who In Black Dallas.

Becky Brakke - Director, Silent Auction Chair 2019-20

Once Becky Brakke's daughters left home for college, she moved from PTA involvement to work with the League of Women Voters. She has served on the Board, chaired the Study on "Elections and Voter's Rights in Dallas County" and served as a Unit Leader.

Fundraising became a special interest leading to involvement with Jane Pak as co-chair of the silent auction of the SBA Luncheon. Becky introduced the idea of the European flower baskets and enjoys working with a special team to create these baskets each year. In 2017 Becky introduced a refocused silent auction with less paperwork and a focus on special hosted meals and other experiences. In 2015, Becky chaired a special benefit tea event for the League featuring Rena Pederson speaking of her book, *The Burma Spring: Aung San Suu Kyi and the New Struggle for the Soul of a Nation.*

After thirty years of seeking the perfect antique at flea markets and estate sales, Becky has recently retired from her antique business.

Barbara Larkin - Director Voter Registration 2019-2021

Barbara Larkin was born in Washington DC and grew up in Virginia, New Jersey and Texas. She was a Plan II major at UT Austin and then went on to get an MBA in finance also from UT Austin. She worked for twenty-five years, first at First National Bank of Chicago in Chicago as a lender and investment banker and then moved to Dallas where she worked in financial strategy, purchasing and supply chain for both PepsiCo and Yum Brands. In the last few years, she has been registering voters and getting out the vote of young people and new citizens. She is married to Pat Larkin and has two children, Davis and Abbi, both in college.

Jessica Montoya Coggins - Director, VOTER Editor 2019-2021

Jessica Montoya Coggins is the Founder and CEO of JMC Strategy Group, a communications and advocacy firm. At JMC Strategy Group, she oversees detailed multi-platform campaigns that are designed for maximum efficacy and influence. Previously, Jessica was the Digital Writer and Digital Director for North Carolina at the For Our Future PAC and Action Fund. For Our Future is a 501(c) (4) progressive organization that is a groundbreaking mobilization effort focused on empowering people and community-based partners through a dynamic field and digital organization plan.

Jessica has extensive experience in corporate communications. She was a Public Relations Assistant for Union Square Hospitality Group, one of the largest and most celebrated restaurant groups in the United States. As a Program Associate at HBO, she created strategies that informed and entertained viewers when planning program logs for HBO and Cinemax channels. She also researched trends for HBO original programming in documentaries and sports. Her first corporate experience was in a Mentorship Program at Univision Communications Inc., where she worked with the Brand Solutions team.

Jessica has a B.A. in English Language and Literature and a Citation in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies from Harvard University. As an undergraduate, she interned at the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

On campus, Jessica was a writer at both *The Harvard Political Review* and *The Harvard Crimson*, where she was an editor and columnist. She was active at the Institute of Politics, serving as a student liaison to Visiting Fellows Rep. Brad Carson and Rep. Martin Frost. Jessica was also elected Treasurer for Queer Students and Allies. Prior to her arrival at Harvard, she was an intern in the Credentials Department for the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

Jessica is a founding member of the Girls Inc. of New York City Junior Board and now serves as an Emeritus member.

Patricia Muñoz-Elizondo - Director, Unit Coordinator 2019-2021

Patricia Muñoz-Elizondo was born and raised in the lovely mountainous city of El Paso, Texas. She is a graduate from Texas Woman's University. She has two grown children and is very active in several community organizations, one being League of Women Voters. Patricia enjoys reading, sewing, camping and fishing and hanging out with her mother who will be turning 96 very soon.

Jean Conway - Director, Communications 2019-2020

Jean Conway began her career in education as a public middle school English teacher in Spring Branch, Texas. After adding three sons to her family, she left teaching to stay home and rear her boys. After ten years as a stay-at-home mom, Jean returned to her career in education by becoming an English professor at Brookhaven College in the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD). Jean's career in education expanded, and she moved from positions in teaching to ones in administration. Her first administrative position was as an academic dean of the World Languages, Cultures, and Communication division at Richland College in the DCCCD. Following her time as an academic dean, Jean was made Vice President of Academic Affairs also at Richland. She held this position for six years. Then an opening for the President's position at another DCCCD college, Eastfield College, occurred, and Jean was chosen to fill that role. She has recently retired after having served ten years as college president at Eastfield College.

Jean was honored during her career by being chosen Teacher of the Year at Brookhaven College in 1993, Woman of the Year in Education by the Altrusa organization in 2013, and one of the *Dallas Business Journal's* Women of the year in 2013.

Jean holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of North Texas as well as a Doctorate from Texas A & M University-Commerce. She has served in numerous professional, civic, and religious organizations including Texas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Region V (TxTESOL-V) where she served as president, the Garland Chamber of Commerce, where she was Chairwoman of the Board, Boy Scouts of America, Parent Teacher Associations officer, Plano and Rockwall Methodist churches, where she chaired various councils and committees, Friends of the Library, Rockwall Historical Association, and League for Innovation Board.

Jean is married to her high school sweetheart, Michael, a Rockwall CPA. Their three sons and daughters-in-law have provided Jean and Mike their precious eight grandchildren.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Cecilia McKay - Chair, Nominating Committee 2019-2020

Cecilia is an active community volunteer who has held leadership positions in numerous nonprofit organizations since moving to Dallas in 1988. She has been president of the Hispanic 100, the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas Dallas and State and the Women's Center of Dallas. Since joining the League in 2000, she has served in the Education Fund Advisory Board, was the Local Arrangements Committee Chair for the 2014 National Convention and has served on the Susan B. Anthony luncheon committee since 2007. Cecilia was the LWVD President-Elect 2015-2017, and served as President 2017-2019. Her volunteer efforts have been recognized by several organizations. The League recognized her contributions in 2015 when she received the Myrtle Bale Bulkley Award.

She had a long career in various corporations in the financial field. She made the transition to nonprofits when she moved to Dallas in 1988. First as a volunteer and later she served as Executive Director for the Concilio until her retirement in 2005. She enjoys her retirement with her husband Don, playing golf, gardening, and visiting their nine grandchildren in Dallas, Kankakee, Illinois and California.

Eileen Rosenblum - Member, Nominating Committee 2019-2020

Prior to opening her own grant consulting firm in 2003, Eileen Rosenblum was grant administrator for the Richardson Independent School District. Her current priority is leadership participation in the LWVTX. Eileen was just elected to the LWV Texas Board of Directors as VP Development.

She served as past president of LWV Dallas from 2015-2017. Eileen earned a PhD in policy analysis from the University of Illinois.

Elizabeth Walley - Member, Nominating Committee 2019-2020

Blessed with a good family, education and health, Elizabeth Walley gives back through volunteerism in political areas.

Her most recent stint with the League of Women Voters of Dallas was on the Board of Directors where she served as VP of Voter Outreach.

Elizabeth is a retired Certified Public Accountant. Elizabeth loves tame and feral cats, turtles, classical music and playing the piano. She and her husband make their home in Mesquite.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

50-Year Members

The League of Women Voters honors fifty-year members who have shared their talents with the League over the course of half a century or more. In recognition of the contributions that they have made, they are given life-time status with free membership at all levels of the League. We thank them for decades of leadership, service and dedication. Their commitment to making democracy work inspires us all.

Our newest 50-Year Members are: Terry Casey, Julie Lowenberg and Michael Lowenberg

Our 50-year Members are: Carol Brin, Eleanor Conrad, Joyce Forney, Genie Fritz, Sue Lichten, Dorothy Masterson, Barbara Materka, Eleanor Sutherland and Barbara Weinstein

In Memoriam

We are saddened to announce the passing of 50-year members - Dottie Box, Essie Reed and Ginny Whitehill. Their contributions to the League and to our Community will live on.

President's Meritorious Service Award History

The President of the League of Women Voters of Dallas may give one or more awards to deserving members at the Annual Meeting. Suggested guidelines include: a League member and volunteer who is not currently serving on the LWVD board at the time the award is presented; a League member who has demonstrated devoted service to the League that is above and beyond the norm, over a period of years; a League member who has been recommended by the members of the Board and/or the Awards Committee; a League member who has not been a recipient of other League awards, notably the Bulkley Award or the Macdonald Award.

These guidelines are only suggested and nominees do not have to meet each of them for consideration. The President will make the final choice and present that name to the Board of Directors for approval.

Former Recipients include:

Jean Cozzens & Mary Fugger 1996; Madeleine Hervey, Robin Yaklin, & Margie Haley 1997; Ann Jones & Mary Vogelson 1998; Pat Vaughan & Bessie Weed 1999; Agnes Ellsworth 2002; Nancy Todes & Jane Davis 2003; Barbara Downey 2004; Linda Wassenich 2005; Dottie Box & Ann Adams 2006; Ann Jones, Brenda Marks, & Linda Sharp 2007; Becky Brakke, Alix Mason, & Jane Pak 2008; Cecilia McKay 2009; Gayle Hurst, Cherlyn Remington & Eleanor Sutherland 2010; Patti Crumley & Ann Ross 2011; Elizabeth Walley & Miriam Foshay 2012; Rebecca Bergstresser 2013; Fran Morris 2014; Mary Overton 2015; Leigh Bailey Carrizales 2016; Ann Adams, Lea Frailey & Alice Johnson 2017 and Chris Guldi 2018.

2019 President's Meritorious Service Award Recipients

The 2019 President's Meritorious Service Award goes to:

LWVD Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Co-Chairs Rebecca Acuña and Lisa Sherrod.

The dynamic duo of Rebecca and Lisa took up the leadership of the planning of the Susan B.



Anthony Luncheon with gusto. They introduced their significant skills to bring the level of the Luncheon to new heights. They assembled a team of volunteers, new to the League, who stepped in to help. The entire Planning Committee agreed they were an excellent team and were pleased to have them leading the Luncheon effort.

For their devoted service to the League, it is my pleasure to present **Rebecca Acuña and**

Lisa Sherrod with the 2019 President's Meritorious Service Award.

Cecilia McKay

History of Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award

The Myrtle Bales Bulkley award was first presented at the Annual Meeting in 1989 and it has been given yearly ever since. The award was named in honor of Myrtle Bales Bulkley, a charter member of LWVUS, long-time member of LWVD, and mother of League member Virginia Whitehill.

Myrtle was born in 1899, in the farming community of Colo, Iowa. She attended Iowa State Teachers College just prior to the passage of the Women's Suffrage Amendment in 1920. As a student she worked with other young women who lobbied for suffrage by giving talks, writing letters, and making posters.

Myrtle Bulkley joined the League during a visit to Washington D.C. in 1920. She also was proud of having attended meetings at the home of Alice Paul, the suffragist who organized picketing of the White House in 1918, which successfully persuaded the President to support Votes for Women. The suffrage movement sparked a lifetime of activism for Myrtle. Following a year as a teacher in a one-room school house in rural Iowa, she left her position to become an advance agent on the Chautauqua circuit, booking the traveling lecturers and entertainers who brought culture and enlightenment to small towns in America. After that she left Iowa and became a sales representative for Compton's Encyclopedia in New York. She wrote the first sales manual for Compton's, an innovation at the time, which was translated into several languages.

At age 26, she married Harold Bulkley. They had two children, a daughter, Virginia, and a son, Jonathan. From her home in Pelham Manor, NY, she remained active in the League and, perhaps owing to her experience with the Chautauqua circuit, was able to get prominent people like suffragist Carrie Chapman Catt and Ralph Bunche to address the League.

Myrtle moved to Dallas in 1972. Several years later, when conservative forces tried to rescind Texas' ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, she was among the speakers defending the ERA in an address to the Texas Legislature. She told them, "I want the ERA for my daughter and grand-daughters, but I want it for myself, too." She got a standing ovation. Myrtle died in Dallas in 1990.

The award is offered to a League member in recognition and appreciation of many years of exceptional service to the League and to the community.

-Prepared by Virginia Whitehill, Myrtle's daughter

Former recipients include:

Eleanor Sutherland 1989, Pearl Wincorn 1990, Bea Sutherland 1991, Diana Clark 1992, Catherine Perrine 1993, Helen Harwig 1994, Rebecca Bergstresser 1995, Essie Reed 1996, Barbara Materka 1997, Virginia Bulkley Whitehill 1998, Barbara Weinstein 1999, Linda Wassenich 2000, Sandy Greyson 2001, Fran Faris 2002, Jo Fay Godbey 2003, Roger Kallenberg 2004, Becky Sykes 2005, Nancy Todes 2006, Pat Vaughan 2007, Susybelle Gosslee 2008, Liz Wally 2009, Barbara Downey 2010, Elaine Wiant 2011, Katherine Homan 2012, Ann Adams 2013, Becky Brakke, Patti Crumley & Jane Pak 2014, Cecilia McKay 2015, Elizabeth Walley 2016, Mildred Derrough Pope 2017 and Sandy Thornton 2018.

2019 Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award Recipient

The recipient of the 2019 Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award is Miriam Foshay.

Miriam has been an active League member since 1986, serving as treasurer and in other capacities for LWV Naperville, LWV Texas and LWV Dallas.



In Naperville, Illinois, she was the business manager of the Naperville Area Recycling Center, a LWV/AAUW project. In her third term on the LWVTX board, Foshay is the current treasurer and chairs the Fiscal Management and Administration Committee. She is a tax preparer with Enrolled Agent certification.

Miriam was instrumental in leading the Leagues across Texas in their conversion to 501(c)(3) entities. We were very fortunate to have Miriam lead us through the complexities of the conversion. She has stepped in to help the LWVD produce its budget for the last two years.

In her spare time, Miriam enjoys gardening and woodworking.

History of Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award

In 1996 the Dallas League initiated an award to honor the lasting legacy of courage and inspiring

Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award

leadership of Virginia Macdonald.

Virginia was born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1898. Developing her civic awareness early, she graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Political Science and became a social worker in her hometown. She joined the League in 1932. During World War II, Virginia joined her husband at several U. S. Marine bases around the country. After his detachment from the Corps in 1946, they chose Dallas as home base for Mr. Macdonald's insurance business.

Virginia became the Dallas Board Secretary in 1947, a position she had filled on the Minneapolis League Board. Shortly after her election as Dallas League President in 1955, she obtained co-sponsorship from SMU, of the national League project "The Freedom Agenda" a series of seminars designed to review, discuss and promote understanding of our constitutional freedoms as defined in the Bill of Rights.

A record crowd of more than 170 people attended the lectures at SMU after the project came under attack from publications and organizations of the far right. Because of warnings against the demagoguery of Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee, Virginia's steadfastness in defending the project and SMU President Dr. Willis Tate's involvement was a model of courage under fire. She even stood up to an FBI investigation of her as a possible communist!

Virginia served as Dallas League President for six years; 1955-1961. She was elected to the state board in 1962 and the national board in 1964. She was also a charter member of the Dallas United Nations Association and strongly supported such national League issues as foreign economic policy and U.S.-China relations. In Dallas, Virginia spoke out for the League on methods for achieving school integration, not a favorite topic for many Dallasites in 1960.

Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award (Continued)

After her national board service, Virginia returned to the Dallas League board and served for 15 years as secretary from 1967 to 1982. Perhaps the most outstanding memory of Virginia among several generations of Dallas League members is that of League mentor and trainer. On and off for some thirty years she taught

new board members the fundamentals of the League and how each individual portfolio contributed to what she championed: total board responsibility.

Virginia died in 1983 having been a League member for over 50 years. In addition to her service, Virginia will be remembered for her integrity, fierce loyalty to the League, courage, independence, precision, and a sense of humor "... as firm in a considered opinion as she is open to a new idea..."

The Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award is given to a League member who has exhibited courage in working for change and who inspired leadership in others.

Former recipients include:

Julie Lowenberg 1996, Dorothy Masterson 1997, Molly Van Ort 1998, Genie Fritz 1999, Mary Vogelson 2000, Lucy Polter 2001, Pat Sabin 2002, Harryette Ehrhardt 2003, Molly Rooke 2004, Joanne Hill 2005, Adlene Harrison 2006, Marsha Fogarty 2007, Linda Camin 2008, Linda Sharp 2009, Angela Hunt 2010, Beverly Tobian 2011, Fran McElvaney 2012, Carol Donovan 2013, Suzi Wills 2014, Lynda Taylor Ender 2015, Bill Betzen 2016, the Hon. Theresa Daniel 2017 and the Hon. Toni Rose 2018.

2019 Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award Recipient

The recipient of the 2019 Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award is Diane Tasian.



In 2015 long-time League member Diane Tasian began contributing time and talent to LWVD, first helping deliver Voters Guides, and in 2016 serving on the Fair Park study group. In 2017 she attended the Austin Advocacy days and served as a Voters Guide wrangler.

Diane has served on the Board of LWVD as VP Program since 2017.

When asked to serve as VP Program, Diane was a bit reticent since she had limited exposure to the League's Program culture. Courageously, she accepted the position and vowed to give it her best. She proved herself more than capable and a fast learner. She performed her duties with grace and dedication leaving no stone unturned in her quest for learning. She inspires leadership in everyone with whom she works.

For her courage and inspiring leadership in others, Diane is a worthy recipient of the Virginia Macdonald Leadership Award.

STATE OF THE LEAGUE

Message From the President - Cecilia McKay

During my tenure as President of the League of Women Voters of Dallas I have been blessed with an amazing group of women and men who rose to the occasion whenever their significant skills were needed. Julie Lowenberg led us through our annual retreat. She took us through the intricacies of the League and serving as a Board member. I am grateful for her leadership.

Katherine McGovern led us through the process of the annual North Texas Giving Day. She successfully engaged members, friends and relatives to contribute money during the 18-hour online giving event organized by the Communities Foundation of Texas.

The League continues to forge and maintain successful collaborations on programs and forums. We sponsored the Women's Issue Network's Commemoration of Roe vs. Wade on the occasion of its 46th anniversary, with the fifth annual *Our Bodies Our Lives* event on January 24, 2019.

Under the brilliant leadership of Elizabeth Walley, *Voter Outreach* activities reached new heights. I invite you to read their many accomplishments in Elizabeth's report that follows.

The Susan B. Anthony Luncheon award was presented to our very own Susybelle Gosslee who all agree is the picture of persistence and determination in everything she has done for the League. The Champion Volunteer Award was given to Will Toler for his efforts to minimize the tax burden of the residents of the Hamilton Park community.

Many members, and hopefully many more, have stepped in to work on their vision for the 100th anniversary of LWV under the leadership of Diane Tasian. I invite all members to join this group. We must celebrate big!

As I end my term as President, I must express my gratitude to the entire Board and staff for making me look good. It has been a pleasure to lead this team!

June 13, 2018 - An advocacy statement on City of Dallas Zero Waste Plan, multi-family recycling,

Advocacy Report - Diane Tasian

and bulk and brush trash was presented to City of Dallas Council based on the LWVD position on recycling which has been held since 1973.

April 16, 2019 - An advocacy statement was presented to Dallas County Commissioners Court in support of a nonpartisan citizens redistricting commission resolution which the county commissioners adopted in a 4 to 1 vote. This effort was advanced by a coalition of Fair Maps Texas. Joan Ridley, an LWVD member, was the advocate who brought this to our attention and worked with the coalition to bring the resolution to us. The effort was also greatly supported by Stephanie Swanson, LWV TX Redistricting Issues Chair and a member of Fair Maps Texas. We received approval from Grace Chimene, LWV TX President, to represent them in the advocacy statement.

The LWV Dallas officially has 322 members. We had a very active recruitment of new members: on

Membership Report - Cecilia McKay

the other hand, members that had not renewed for a while were removed from the membership list. This resulted in a net decrease of 2 members from the last year's roster. We are the second largest League in Texas.

Individual membership dues are \$75, additional Household member is \$37.50, Student is \$25, Patron is \$150 and Benefactor is \$500.

Program Report - Diane Tasian

The 2018-2019 Program was created in response to requests from members at the December 2017 unit meeting which were presented to and adopted by the membership at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

UNIT MEETINGS

We have four units:

- The Wednesday Morning Unit meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 10 to 11:30. In the Fall they met at the Meadows Conference Center, and in the Spring they met at League members homes. Thank you to Katherine Homan and Elaine Wildman who served as ad hoc Unit leaders. The Board Liaison was Katherine McGovern.
- The Thursday Morning Unit meets on the second Thursday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30. Here's a big thank you to the Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle for your hospitality! Patti Crumley and Mary Vogelson served as ad hoc Unit leaders. Becky Brakke was Board Liaison.
- 3. The Far North Dallas Unit also gathers on the second Thursday of the month. Their meeting starts at 11:30 and they enjoy lunch at The Egg and I, near Arapaho and Montfort. Eileen Rosenblum and Barbara Weinstein served as Unit leaders. Cecilia McKay served as Board Liaison.
- 4. The Thursday Evening Unit meets on the second Thursday of the month. Their meeting begins at 6:30 at Angela's Café and usually lasts until 8:00. Arline Pitt served as the Unit leader and Linda Wassenich served as the Board Liaison.

Content of Program for the Units was as follows:

September 2018 - Misinformation and Social Media

October 2018 - Property Taxes

November 2018 - Recycling and Affordable Housing

December 2018 - Program Planning and Holiday Celebration

January 2019 - Mail-In Ballots

Units do not meet in February

March 2019 - Texas Legislative Session and Communicating With Your Elected Officials

April 2019 - Texas Legislative Session - Advocacy Focus of LWVTX

May 2019 - "Do Your Own Thing"

Units do not meet from June through August

GENERAL PROGRAMS

General programs' videos can be found on the League of Women Voters of Dallas website on the Events page. Click on **EVENTS** and then the blue **View Past Events** box. <u>https://my.lwv.org/texas/dallas/calendar-archive</u>

August - "Does Current State and Local Funding Provide for a Quality Education?" There were two presentations on the same day. The first was at lunch and the second at dinner time. The moderator was Mavis Knight, State Board of Education 2002-2014.

Program Report - Diane Tasian (Continued)

Speakers were:

- Dr. Lori Taylor, Texas A&M
- Chandra Villanueva, Center for Public Policy Priorities
- □ Rena Honea, President of Alliance/AFT
- □ Joyce Foreman, Dallas ISD Board of Trustees

Questions and Answers followed.

- October Understanding Housing in Dallas. "Can You and Your Family Afford to Live in Dallas?" There were two presentations on the same day. The first was at lunch and the second at dinner time.
 Speakers were:
 - David Noguera, Director of Housing, City of Dallas
 - Myriam Agoufe, Co-Principal Investigator and Project Manager for the North Texas Regional Housing Assessment
 - □ Sandy Rollins, Executive Director of Texas Tenants Union
 - Sherman Roberts, President and CEO of City Wide Community Development Corporation and Chairman of Dallas Housing Finance Corporation
 - □ Janet Ahmad, Founder and President of Home Owners for Better Building

Questions and Answers followed both presentations.

January - "The Census and Redistricting"

The moderator was Joan Ridley, a member of League of Women Voters of Dallas and Independent Texas Redistricting and Common Cause.

Speakers were:

- Jennifer R. Pope, Partnership Specialist, Dallas Regional Census Center
- Tracy Westen, J.D., Member of the National Governing Board of Common Cause, Adjunct Professor at UCLA Law School and Annenberg School for Communication
- Stephanie Swanson, League of Women Voters of Texas Redistricting Issue Chair and Leader of Fair Maps Texas.

A Questions and Answers session followed.

- February Education Issues Committee Chair Susybelle Gosslee created a general program on "The Impact of Charter Schools on Public Education" in coalition with several organizations. Rena Honea, President of Alliance/AFT, provided Introductions and Welcome.
 - The first panel discussion on "The Impact of Charter Schools" was by Patty Quinzi, Legislative Counsel, Texas AFT and Dr. Michael Hinojosa, Superintendent Dallas ISD.
 - The second panel discussion on "What Can We Do to Support Our Neighborhood Schools?" was between education consultant Patti Everitt, Joyce Foreman, Dallas ISD Board of Trustees, and Philip Kingston, Dallas City Council member.
 - A Questions and Answers period followed both.

Voter Outreach Report - Elizabeth Walley

Vote411/Voter Guides

Dorie Cranshaw oversaw collection of candidate information and operation of the online voters guide, Vote411.org. Elizabeth Walley oversaw publication and distribution of the print version of the *Voters Guide*. Both were assisted by dozens of volunteers.

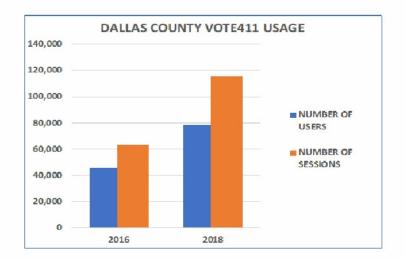
The motto of the Vote411 team is, "If it's on a ballot in Dallas County, it's in Vote411."

For the November 2018 mid-term election, of the 85 candidates who were the responsibility of LWV Dallas, 71 responded for a response rate of 84%. Other candidates on the Dallas County ballot were the responsibility of neighboring Leagues and the LWV TX.

For the May 2019 local election, the LWV Dallas team covered 103 races and 234 candidates. Overall response rate was 76%. For jurisdictions where the LWV Dallas brand is known, response rates often approached 100%.

The LWV Dallas' Vote411 is the premier information source for voters in Dallas County. A comparison of Vote411 to the *Dallas Morning News Guide*, another major voter resource, is shown on **EXHIBIT A** at the end of this report. A very important distinction is that the *Dallas Morning News Guide*, while a very good and informative guide, is behind a pay wall, meaning only subscribers can see it, while Vote411 is free and available to all via phone, tablet or computer.

Here is a view of Vote411 usage over time. Note the increase in usage:

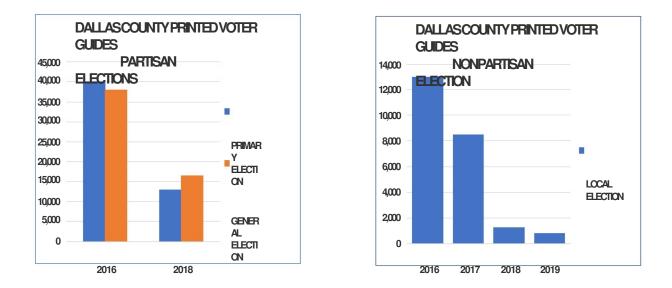


Regarding printed

Voters Guides, in

2018, instead of printing a large quantity of comprehensive guides for nonpartisan local elections, we began printing smaller quantities of jurisdiction specific guides to save money and also to make guides that are easier for users to find the candidates on their particular ballots.

Here is a view of LWV Dallas' printed *Voters Guide* quantities over time for partisan and nonpartisan elections. Note the decrease in quantities:



Reasons for the decrease in quantities are:

- Increasing preference among users for online information
- Decreasing funds available to print guides

While more users are using our online guide, demand for the decreased supplies of printed guides exceeds supply.

The area that needs upgrading is our provision of pro-cons statements for bond elections and referendums. There is little other objective information available to voters and they want to know more. We are limited in our ability to provide comprehensive pro-con statements due to the lack of objective background information and analysis.

Voter Engagement

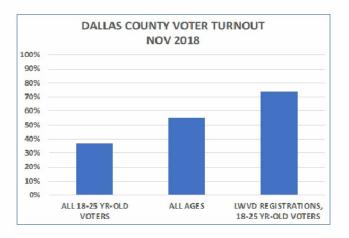
Karen Bassett assumed leadership over the voter registration/education program, which we now identify as Voter Engagement. Overall strategy is to provide consistent quality registration and education service on Community College campuses and elsewhere.

Focus remained and intensified on engagement of young voters in classrooms and on campuses.

VOTER ENGAGEMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS - FALL 2018

Total number of events worked	154
Total number of classrooms visited	102
Total number of registrations	2,123
Registrations of ages 18-25 tracked by DalCo	838
Turnout of 18-25 year-olds tracked by DalCo	74%

For perspective, see this chart of LWVD turnout compared to turnout across the county:



The exceptionally voters registered by

high turnout of the young LWVD can be attributed

to friendly and outgoing volunteers, good relationships with teachers and administrators, informative messaging, good materials creating a welcoming and positive atmosphere, and proximity to early voting sites on DCCCD campuses. The entire cost of materials (red white and blue cards, buttons, signs, posters, banners, giveaways, snacks) was borne by LWVD volunteers except for the cost of *Voters Guides* and some cost of snacks borne by a nonprofit partner, *Inspire USA*.

Education/Presentations

Be A Texas Voter

The production of a voter education series with DCCCD titled "*Be A Texas Voter*" was completed in April 2018. The series, which is designed to appeal to young people, consists of six modules. Each module includes a professional quality short video in addition to lessons and activities for the classroom. The information is Texas specific.

Presentations by LWV Dallas teams promoting *Be A Texas* Voter were made to teacher groups at Eastfield College, Cedar Valley College, Richardson ISD, Garland ISD and Mesquite ISD. The series was presented by DISD staff during teacher in-service programs in 2018. Other Leagues around the state and LWV TX have promoted the series to teacher and administrator groups. Other Leagues are using the videos during classroom voter registration events. The videos and other materials are available to anyone who searches *Be A Texas Voter*, via our website and the LWV TX website and on YouTube.

Voter Outreach Report (Continued)

Forums

The series of forums begun in 2018 with the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce continued very successfully this year and we have expanded to partner with others to present quality forums for voters. Richland College Student Media live streams the forums and makes recordings available on their website. A list of this year's forums and upcoming forums is at the end of this report on **EXHIBIT B**.

Presentations

A voter registrar deputization class was conducted in January. Presentations were also made to the Oak Cliff Lions Club, Dallas Kappa Gamma teachers group, the Anti-Poverty Coalition on legislative matters, Prestonwood Rotary Club (5/15/2019) and a press conference on *GOTV* with the North Texas Commission.

Legislative Outreach

Meetings were held with legislators to urge them to vigorously support voting and election-related reforms. We met with these legislators or their aides: Angie Chen Button, Morgan Meyer, Nathan Johnson, Victoria Neave, Terry Mesa and Rhetta Bowers.

Submitted by Elizabeth Walley, VP of Voter Service

EXHIBIT A

	Morning News - May 2	
Measurement:	League of Women Voters	Dallas Morning News
Races Covered in the Voters Guide:	 103 including <u>every</u> race in <u>every</u> city in Dallas County 	 61, excluding <u>all</u> races in Addison, Balch Springs, Highland Park ISD, Hutchins, Seagoville, Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale ISD and Wilmer and <u>no</u> uncontested races

EXHIBIT A (Continued)

LWV vs Dallas Morning News - May 2019 Voters Guides				
Measurement: L	eague of Women Voters	Dallas Morning News		
Candidates Included	• 234	• 175		
Responses Received	• 178	• 131		
Response Rate:	• 76.1%	• 74.8%		
Responses Only in That Guide:	• 27	• 4		

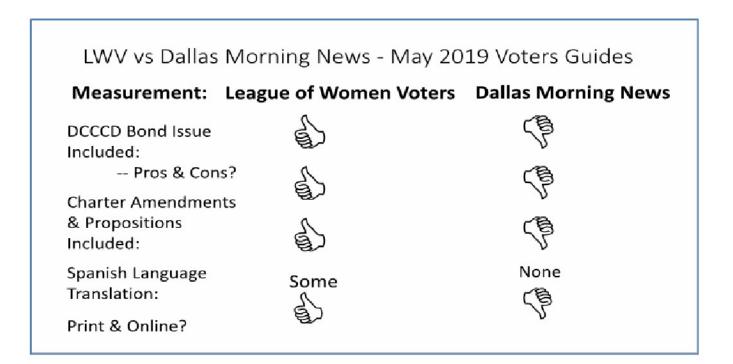


EXHIBIT B

SCHEDULE OF LWV DALLAS CO-HOSTED FORUMS, FY 2018-2019

DATE	RACE	PARTNERS
October 19, 2018 (Commissioners Court #2 and Dallas County District Attorney	North Dallas Chamber of Commerce (NDCC)
October 25, 2018	JS Representative #32	NDCC, Oak Cliff Chamber
April 3, 2019	Dallas Mayoral	NDCC, GLBT Chamber, Oak Cliff Chamber, The Dallas 40
April 11, 2019	Dallas Council District #12	NDCC
April 11, 2019	DISD District #5	Ledbetter Neighborhood & Westmoreland Heights Neighborhood Associations
April 13, 2019	DISD District #5 and Dallas Council #4	The Golden S.E.E.D.S. Foundation, 10th Street Residential Association
April 30, 2019	Dallas Mayoral	Mountain View College, Greater Dallas Anti-Poverty Coalition
May 13, 2019	Dallas Mayoral Runoff	Dallas Bar Association, The Friday Group
May 16, 2019	Dallas Mayoral Runoff	Greater Dallas Anti-Poverty Coalition
May 29, 2019	Dallas Mayoral Runoff	NDCC, Communities Foundation of Texas, GLBT Chamber, Mayor's Star Council, Teach for America
June 4, 2019	Dallas Mayoral Runoff	Crow Holdings



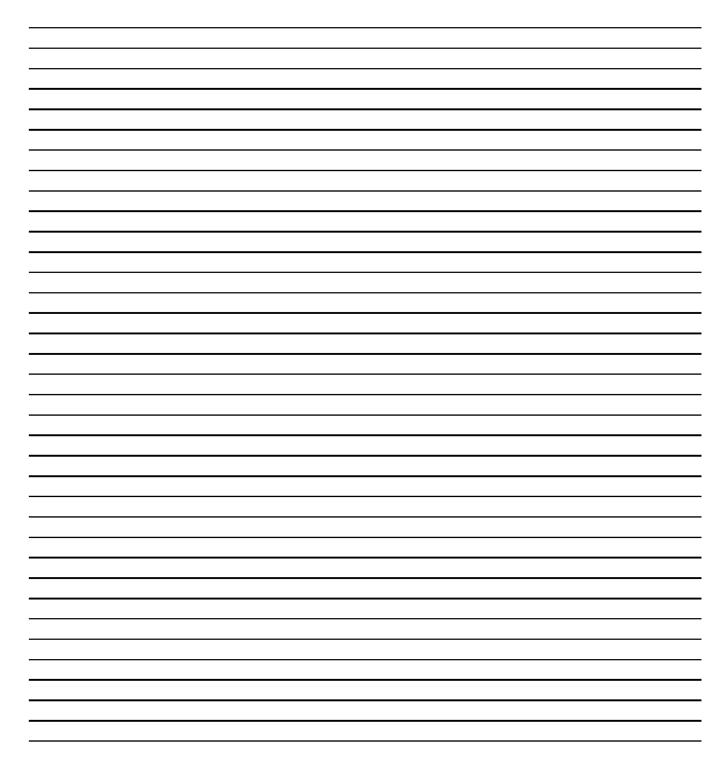


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MISSION

The League of Women Voters a nonpartisan, nonprofit, political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase awareness of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters of Dallas (LWVD), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief in, and commitment to, diversity and pluralism.

LWVD welcomes any person to participate in any activity of LWVD, regardless of gender, race, religion, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or political persuasion.

LWVD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.

LWVD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances its capability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVD affirms its commitment to reflecting diversity in its membership, board, staff and programs.