## **Voter Services Report – July 2024**

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Election season is upon us, and the Voter Services Committee is BUSY! Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the next Voter Services meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **July 2**, **at the Brown County East Branch Library** starting at 6:00 p.m. Both the *day* and *location* are a change from our regular routine, so please make a note. We have a very full agenda; plan on the meeting going until at least 7:30. Jill Fermanich will be speaking to the group about the National Popular Vote, so any interested League members should definitely plan to attend— we'll have Jill first on our agenda!

## **Upcoming Voter Services Events**

- July 11 Voter Registration Education Session with advocates at Golden House
- July 18 Voter Registration Event at House of Hope
- **July 29** *Redrawing Democracy: How Fair Maps Impact Future Elections* Presentation by Carlene Bechen from the Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition in collaboration with the YWCA
- August 13 ELECTION DAY
- **September 12** *Securing Our Votes: Election Integrity Explained* Presentation by Green Bay City Clerk, Celestine Jeffreys, in collaboration with the YWCA

We will be serving refreshments for the two events at the YWCA, so if you're a baker (or you shop a bakery) and you're willing to bring a snack or dessert to either event, please let Dawn Smith known by emailing <a href="mailto:dawnmariest@gmail.com">dawnmariest@gmail.com</a>.

We're also working on several other activities with dates pending. Currently we're collaborating with the Appleton and Door County LWV regarding a potential candidate forum for the Eighth Congressional seat. We'll also be attending an Arts & Democracy class at St. Norbert College, teaching the students how to register voters and helping them to organize their own voter registration event. And we've had a request from Literacy Green Bay to hold a voting simulation — we're still working out the details.

## **Upcoming Elections**

Regarding the upcoming August election, there will be two Constitutional Amendment questions on the ballot. **The LWV is recommending a NO vote on both questions**. To get more information on the amendments and the League's recommendation, please check out the <u>resources on the State League's</u> website.

If you live in the Eighth Congressional District, be sure to go to <a href="MyVote.WI.gov">MyVote.WI.gov</a> and check out your ballot before you head to the polls in August. With Mike Gallagher leaving office early, there's going to be a **special election** to fill his seat from November 2024 to January 2025, which means in August and November <a href="you'll have to vote twice">you'll have to vote twice</a> for which ever candidate you want. You can learn more about the special election at Ballotpedia. MyVote has sample ballots available to view.