



DEMOCRACY in Bloom! 🌸

Welcome SPRING! Let's get down to the business of democracy!

Both towns have our Annual Town Meetings TOMORROW, Saturday, April 5th. More details below. Please get out and vote at both Town Meetings and Town Elections (held next Thursday, April 10, at the usual locations.

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL:

- **Annual Town Meetings** Saturday, April 5
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 PM, Wenham COA, 10 School St., Wenham
- **Annual Town Elections** Thursday, April 10
- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, April 12, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, near Senior Center/Winthrop School
 - Also **April 19** and **26!**

MAY:

- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 PM, Wenham COA, 10 School St., Wenham
- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, May 3, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, near Senior Center/Winthrop School
 - Also **May 10, 17, 24** and **31!**

WHAT'S NEWS

👏 [VOTE! Make your voice count at Town Meeting and Town Elections](#)

Hamilton Town Meeting begins at 9 AM TOMORROW at HWRHS. Check in starts at 8:15 and turnout is expected to be HEAVY, so arrive early! Get more information here:

- [Hamilton Essential Information for 2025 ATM](#)
- [Roles and Procedures to KNOW before you go](#)

Wenham Town Meeting begins at 1 PM TOMORROW at The Buker School. Details are here:

- [Wenham Town Meeting Information](#)

Looking for some background on what Town Meeting is and why we govern ourselves this way? Take a deeper look with the Secretary of the Commonwealth's [Guide to Town Meetings](#)

Elections will be held on Thursday, April 10th. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM. Wenham votes at Wenham Town Hall and Hamilton votes at the H-W Recreation Center.

Sample ballots are available from the Town Clerks (links below) and you can watch our own [LWVHW Candidates Night video](#) featuring all the contested races on our website at your convenience. An informed voter is an empowered voter!!

- Hamilton Town Clerk - [Election Information Page](#)
- Wenham Town Clerk - [Election Information Page](#)

[👥 STAND OUT for DEMOCRACY with LWVHW and other local folks!](#)

Join us Saturdays from 11 AM to 12 PM in Hamilton WEEKLY starting April 12th to bring visibility to the current threats to our democracy. More information to follow.

We will be shortening the business portion of our regular Steering Committee Meeting on **Tuesday, April 8, at 6:00 PM at the Wenham COA** to make signs and share messaging ideas. Come join us then and again on the 12th!

 Take ACTION on the SAVE Act

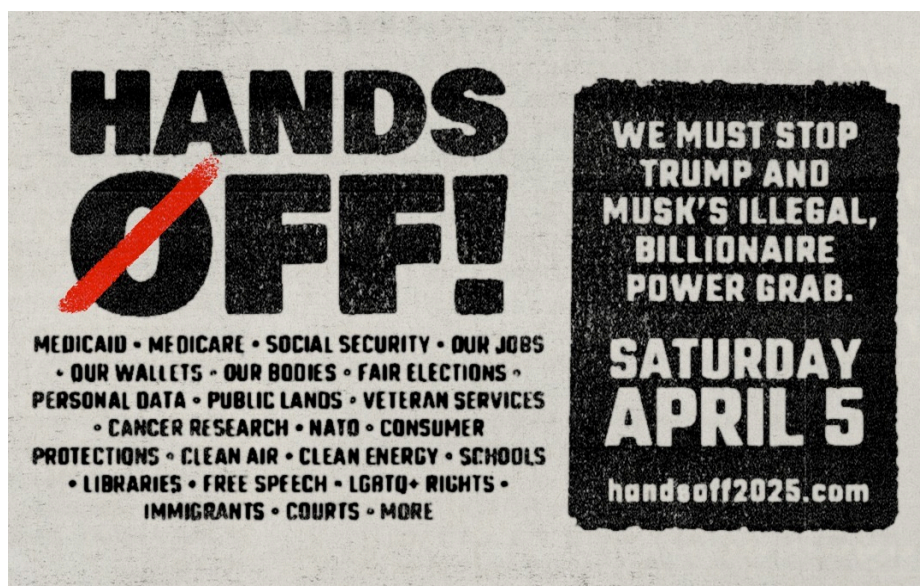


According to LWVUS “69 MILLION American women will be deprived of their voice in democracy by the SAVE Act. Married women who’ve changed their names will be forced to fight for the right to vote. This is a shameful attack on women’s rights.”

Call your member of Congress today and urge them to vote NO on this voter suppression bill. **Switchboard number is (202) 224-3121** and can connect you to any Rep’s office, so share widely!

 HANDS OFF! Rally - Boston Common, Saturday, April 5th

Unfortunately, Town Meetings conflict with this event, but maybe you know folks who are interested and could use this information.



LWVMA and other Local Leagues will be standing at the step off point for the march, close to the Park Street T station exit. Look for the LWV sign on a long stick.

TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS: To march, get dropped off near the Common on Charles Street or Tremont Street, gather at 11:00, start marching at 11:30. For City Hall Plaza, drop off on Cambridge Street or Congress Street, for the first speaker at 12:30. Your bus drivers will know where they have to go to park.

FIND US: Text me at 978-621-6021 or reply here to be put on our text list. I will try to let everyone know where we are in case you would like to march together.

SIGN SUGGESTION: In view of LWVUS' lawsuit against the president, we might want to say, "WE WON'T TAKE ILLEGAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS".

League Information & Recordings of Presentations

LWVUS and LWVMA have presented some great information lately and we thought it might be useful to highlight some of the recordings for you!

- **[The One Person One Vote Campaign](#)** Five times in American history, the will of the people was overridden, as the presidential candidate with the most votes did *not* win the presidency. Five times, millions of votes were silenced. Find out more about why the League is advocating elimination of the Electoral College.

In case you missed it, LWVMA hosted a "One Person, One Vote" virtual briefing on Zoom. You can view the event recording [HERE](#) and find the slides [HERE](#).

- **[Grassroots Activism: How You Can Take Action](#)** As we witness a barrage of assaults on our democratic processes, institutions, and values, it's not surprising that many people feel overwhelmed and even frightened. When we collectively rise up and challenge those in power, we make a difference. This blog explores grassroots activist tactics.

 **[LWV Press Release \(April 1, 2025\)](#)** (Find the latest in the [LWV Newsroom](#))

Voting Rights Groups Challenge Trump's Recent Anti-Voter Executive Order

Washington, DC — A coalition of voting rights organizations filed a [lawsuit](#) in the US District Court for the District of Columbia to challenge President Trump's unlawful executive order on voting. The order attempts to seize the power to set voter registration rules from Congress and the states, and doing so in a way that would violate federal law and the Constitution if carried out by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC). Key provisions of Trump's order could disenfranchise millions of eligible voters, particularly voters of color, women voters, naturalized citizens, voters with disabilities, voters with low incomes, and first-time voters.

The Constitution specifies that Congress and the states can set the rules for our elections, not the President. On March 27, several of the above voting rights organizations sent a [letter](#) to the EAC urging them not to take action in response to key provisions in the executive order, as doing so would violate federal law.

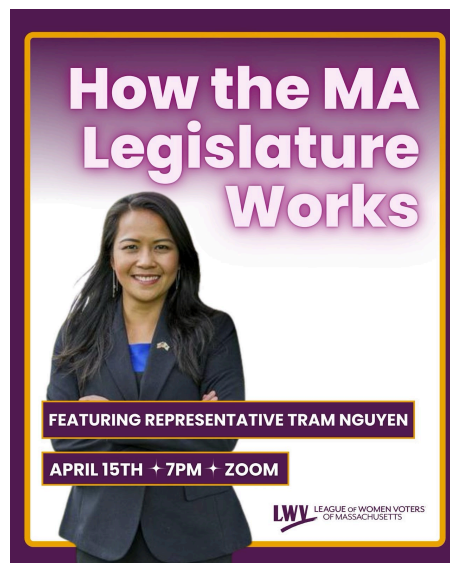
The text of the lawsuit is a good read if you are interested: [LWVUS \(et al\) v. Donald J. Trump](#)

LWVMA UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:

Mark your calendars for two great upcoming virtual legislative town halls this month!

Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 PM is "How the MA Legislature Works" town hall featuring MA State Rep. Tram T. Nguyen.

Register here: ["How the MA Legislature Works"](#)



Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 PM is "LWVMA Supported/Opposed Legislation 2025-2026" event. We will offer an overview of the bills we are prioritizing this session,

including those within elections and voting, good governance, health care, immigration, women's issues, and more.

Register here: ["LWVMA Supported/Opposed Legislation 2025-2026"](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

📌 **Steering Committee Meetings** (generally second Tuesdays of the month) - Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. **Our next meeting will be April 8 at 6 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging, 10 School St., Wenham.**

- [Agenda for April 8](#)
 - [Draft Minutes from March 11](#)
 - [Approved Minutes from February 11](#)
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Not a member yet?

[Join us today!](#)

If you or someone you know would like to join the League, let us know or simply have them [join online!](#) We are always happy to answer questions too!

You can also encourage folks to [sign up for our periodic email updates.](#)

Thanks for helping build our community!