

Pro-Democracy Stand Out Saturday 9/20!

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

It really feels like fall schedules are in full swing! We are kicking off the season on Monday with our Fall Kick-Off Social at Post. Join us for light refreshments, learn from LWVMA Advocacy Chair Jennifer Muroff about 3 critical pieces of due process legislation making their way through the MA legislature, and make yourself a stand out poster if you like!

We hope to see you Saturday in front of Winthrop School for our 24th weekly Pro-Democracy Stand Out and again on Monday at Post!

Also, please note that with the new membership system launched earlier this year by LWVUS, we have seen a lot of lapsed memberships! If you have any questions about your membership status, please reach out (<u>LeagueHW@gmail.com</u>) or check the <u>Membership Portal!</u>

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES**

#### SEPTEMBER

- Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, September 20, 11 AM 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also September 27!
- Fall Kick-Off Social Monday, September 22, 6:30 PM, Post, 16 Bay Road, Hamilton. Join us and bring a friend!

#### OCTOBER

- Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, October 4, 11 AM 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, October 11, 18, and 25!
- Boston 10K for Women Saturday, October 11, 9 AM, Boston Common. See details below to join team LWVMA@105!
- Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham

# WHAT'S NEWS

#### Fall Kick-Off Social

Join us Monday, September 22 at 6:30 PM at Post (16 Bay Rd., Hamilton) for a fun evening of social connection, civic learning, and shared creativity! Light refreshments provided and cash bar available. We will have poster making supplies for those who want to create something for their next stand out. We will hear from <a href="LWV of Massachusetts Advocacy">LWV of Massachusetts Advocacy</a> Chair Jennifer Muroff about three pieces of due process-related legislation supported by the League and making their way through the MA legislature. But most of

all, we will reconnect with other leaguers and answer questions about what we do from community members who are interested in our work!



# Fall Kick-Off Social

Join us for an evening of community and civic engagement!

## Learn about MA due process legislation

from LWVMA Advocacy Chair, Jennifer Muroff

- > Create your own Stand Out poster
- > Discover how you can defend due process for all!

# September 22, 6:30 pm The Post

16 Bay Road, Hamilton
Light refreshments provided.
Cash bar available.
Please **RSVP** at LWVHW.org

When due process is denied to any group, it weakens the rule of law for all of us.

#### Stand Out - Week 23 Recap

Here's another collage of the smiling faces at our twenty-third weekly Pro-Democracy Stand Out. With the First Amendment challenges we are collectively wrestling with, especially in recent days, why not take every opportunity to exercise them and keep them strong? We hope to see lots of you there. Bring a friend, bring a sign, or just bring yourself. Be in community with folks who care deeply about the rule of law.



#### **LWVUS News**

- Read: <u>Trump administration blocks groups from voter registration at naturalization</u>
   <u>ceremonies</u> LWVUS CEO, Celina Stewart, was featured in an NPR story about the harm of USCIS'
   revised policy on organizations registering new citizens to vote at registration ceremonies. Read the
   article:.
- Watch: <u>Cultivating Champions for Democracy</u> The League of Women Voters and members from across the country discuss the importance of preserving and defending our democracy in our

current political climate. Hear from LWV's CEO, Celina Stewart, and speakers, including Sen. Alex Padilla (CA).

- **Take Action!** Use these handy links to League resources for letter writing and phone call scripts. It's an easy way to take action on issues that matter to you!
  - Tell Congress to Oppose Federal Interference in DC
  - Tell Congress to Guarantee the Right to Vote
  - Hold Congress Accountable for the One Big Beautiful Bill
  - Tell Your Senators to Oppose the SAVE Act
- Letters, Memos & Press Releases:
  - o LWV Files Amicus Brief in Support of Fair Maps in Louisiana v. Callais
  - <u>League of Women Voters Statement on USCIS Policy Restricting Voter Registration at</u>
     Naturalization Ceremonies
  - League to Governors: Protect Communities, Draw Equitable Mid-Cycle Maps
  - <u>LWV Condemns Harmful Texas Gerrymandered Maps</u>
  - LWV Statement on Mail-in Ballots and Voting Machines
- **Subscribe**: Want bi-weekly updates on LWVUS activities beyond the ones highlighted here? Subscribe to <u>League Update!</u>

#### **UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS**

- <u>Democracy in Your Hands Series</u> (various, through October 22)Our democracy is at a crossroads as the levers of power are out of balance and we are at the onset of a constitutional crisis. It's important now more than ever that League members understand the role that they play as anchors of democracy and be aware of the role that we all play, collectively in fighting for and sustaining our democracy. This webinar series will highlight five topics that are key to building an essential knowledge base on how to navigate in a changing political environment:
  - October 22, 3:30 to 5 PM: "Building Coalitions to Amplify Action"

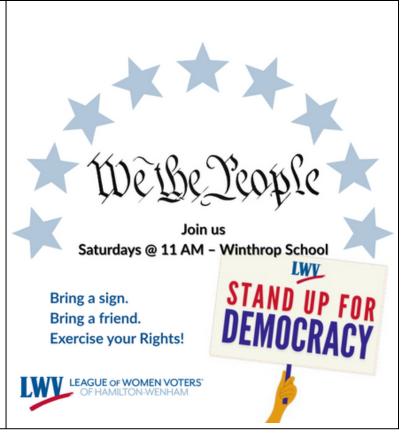
#### OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Steering Committee Meetings (generally second Tuesdays of the month) Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging (10 School St., Wenham).

- <u>Draft Meeting Minutes from September 9</u>
- Approved Minutes from August 12

# JOIN US THIS SATURDAY (and EVERY Saturday)!

We'll be in front of Winthrop School on Bay Road from 11AM to noon because **Democracy** is **NOT** a **Spectator Sport** and because it feels really good to DO **SOMETHING** in community!



**Just SHOW UP! Bring a sign** or borrow one – we often have extra signs to share!

### We appreciate you and your presence is valuable!

# 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 <u>sign up for our</u> <u>periodic email updates</u>. Thanks for helping build our community!

