



NO Kings this Saturday (or ever...)! LWVHW Weekly Update

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

This weekend marks LWVHW's 28th weekly Stand Out for Democracy! Saturday is also the No Kings mass protest nationally (internationally, even!). The League of Women Voters is among the more than [250 organizations partnering](#) with No Kings to make a bold, impactful, and peaceful stand against authoritarianism. We hope you will exercise your first amendment rights and join a protest somewhere if you are able. Ours is happening as usual at 11 AM in front of Winthrop School in Hamilton. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, October 18, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **October 25!**
- **Rally in Support of Massachusetts Immigrants** Wednesday, October 22, 11:30 AM, Boston (State House steps).

NOVEMBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, November 1, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **November 8, 15, 22 and 29!**
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham). All members welcome!

DECEMBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, December 6, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **December 13, 20, and 27!**
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham) All members welcome!

2026...it's right around the corner!

- **LWV Night at Suffs** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 PM, Emerson Colonial Theatre (106 Boylston St., Boston). Details below.

WHAT'S NEWS

Welcome NEW League Members!

We recently welcomed new members: **Dianne M** from Topsfield and **Paula P** and **Maribeth T** from Wenham! Thanks, all, for joining our work informing and empowering voters and defending democracy. **Happy to have you here!**

If you know someone who'd like to become a member, [point them to our website.](#)

No Kings Mass Protest

LWVUS is joining [No Kings 2](#) as a national partner on Saturday, October 18. While it is not required that League members attend, LWVMA encourages Leagues and members to participate in activities

with partners on the ground in a nonpartisan manner. If representing the League and wearing LWV shirts (which is encouraged!), please use good judgement in creating signs that are nonpartisan.

We will be out in front of Winthrop School in Hamilton at 11 AM as usual and we hope for a strong showing! If you are participating in a rally further afield, share your experience with us! We'd love to hear about it and feature in our next update. [Drop us an email!](#)

The national staff offers this [Protest Safety Guidance](#) and [NoKings.org](#) and their parent organization the [50501 Movement](#) offer the following tips and slogan suggestions (download and save to zoom in!):

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LWVMA Rally in Support of MA Immigrants (Wednesday, October 22)

Massachusetts is facing an unprecedented threat from the federal administration which is committed to the mass detention and deportation of immigrants, and a federal administration that is actively stripping away existing rights and privileges. The Commonwealth must urgently intervene to prevent the deportation of immigrants who live, work, and pay taxes in Massachusetts.

Join LWVMA and the Protecting Our Immigrant Communities Campaign Coalition on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 11:30 AM on the State House steps** (24 Beacon Street, Boston) for a rally in support of our communities to urge Massachusetts elected officials to pass meaningful legislation that protects immigrant communities from inhumane and violent immigration enforcement. After the rally, meet with our elected officials and advocate in support of legislation that will help protect Massachusetts immigrants from inhumane and violent immigration enforcement.

Watch [LWVMA.org](#) for information. We will forward details as soon as we have them.

Stand Out – Weeks 26 & 27 Recap

We've had gorgeous October Saturdays so far! Here are some highlights from the 4th and the 11th. Thanks to Steering Committee member Bethany for creating some fresh new signs to share!



More than 5 million people turned out nationwide for June 14th's No Kings protests. Organizers expect Saturday's turnout to "far exceed" that number. Will you stand up and be counted?



LWVMA Night at Suffs



[More information and ticket purchase link HERE.](#)

LWVMA is thrilled to invite you to an unforgettable evening celebrating the past, present, and future of women's rights and civic engagement. On Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 7:30 PM the League will gather for a special performance of the Tony Award-winning musical, *Suffs*, at the Emerson Colonial Theatre in Boston. Join LWVMA for an evening at the theater that honors the trailblazers that came before us and the movement that we continue together.

LWVUS News

- **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!

- [Urge the Election Assistance Commission \(EAC\) not to require Documentary Proof of Citizenship](#)
- [Tell Congress to Oppose Federal Interference in DC](#)
- [Tell Your Representatives to Protect Equal Voting Rights](#)
- [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:**
 - [League Urges Speaker Johnson to Swear In Congresswoman-elect Grijalva](#)
 - [LWV, LWVVA, and LWVLA file suit against the US Department of Homeland Security, Social Security Administration, and others regarding the unlawful collection and use of Americans' personal data.](#)
 - [League of Women Voters Denounces Federal Militarization of Illinois Communities](#)
 - [Emergency Relief Sought to Protect Upcoming Elections From Trump-Vance Administration Plot to Facilitate Illegal and Inaccurate Voter Roll Purges](#)
 - [Voters, Civil Rights Groups Seek to Halt DOJ Attempts to Seize Pennsylvania Voter Data](#)
 - [LWV Files Amicus Brief in Support of Fair Maps in *Louisiana v. Callais*](#)
 - [League of Women Voters Condemns Unjustified National Guard Deployment to Portland](#)
 - [LWV Announces Collaboration with the School Superintendents Association \(AASA\) to Support Student Voters](#)
 - [Class Action Lawsuit Challenges Trump-Vance Administration's Unlawful "National Data Banks" That Consolidate Sensitive Personal Information Across Federal Agencies](#)
 - [Campaign Legal Center, the League of Women Voters and Common Cause Urge SCOTUS to Uphold Decades-Long Protections Against Big Money in Campaigns](#)
 - [League of Women Voters Statement on USCIS Policy Restricting Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremonies](#)
- **ICYMI Watch:** [Cultivating Champions for Democracy](#) Last month, the League of Women Voters and members from across the country discussed 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).
- **Subscribe:** Want weekly updates on LWVUS activities beyond the ones highlighted here? Subscribe to [League Update](#)!

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

- [What's Next After No Kings?](#) (Tuesday, October 21, 8 PM)



No Kings will be massive, powerful, and meaningful - but it won't be the end of the work. Join movement leaders and fellow local activists after the big day to come together, celebrate what we accomplished, and learn about what's next.

[Register here.](#)

- [Democracy in Your Hands Series](#) (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, November 9, at 6:30 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging** (10 School St., Wenham).

- [Approved Meeting Minutes from September 9](#)

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!

