The Midterms are only a few weeks away and it's time to make sure you and your friends and family have a plan to vote. Here are some key dates to remember:

- October 17-30, 2026 - Early Voting Period
- October 24, 2026 - Last Day to Register to Vote
- October 27, 2026 - Vote by Mail Application Deadline
- October 27, 2026 - Absentee Ballot Deadline
- November 3, 2026 - Massachusetts State Election (Midterms)

And hopefully you've been following our weekly **Weekly Action: Midterms (or WAM!)** updates! They include practical tips to inform and empower voters and defend democracy. They are sent out every Tuesday, with actions you can report back on (and we send a reminder on Fridays as well - just in case!). Please do take the time to let us know if you've completed the actions, it helps us track our collective impact!

Week Four: Offices & Candidates (Oct 6th)

There are 12 offices on November 3rd's ballot and many have multiple candidates running. Get to know what and who is on the ballot for elected office and start researching to select your candidate.

Report your actions here: ✅ DONE!

- **Action 1:** Learn where candidates stand on issues. Visit the League's Vote411.org and enter your residential address to learn about the candidates that will appear on your ballot.
- **Action 2:** Take a few minutes to jot down the candidates who interest you.
- **Action 3:** Connect with 2 - 3 friends to share this information. Note that Vote411.org is national, so think about sharing beyond MA
- **Bonus:** Print a few Voter Checklists and keep them handy to share

Weeks One,Two, Three and available through the link above..

Please read on for more info on League and community activities!

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturdays, October 17, 24, and 31,** 11 am - noon in front of Winthrop Elementary, Bay Road. And on **Saturday, October 17th** for our **80th Standout,** we will

join the **No Kings** movement to promote voter participation in the Midterms. Early voting starts that day, so join us and then GO VOTE!

NOVEMBER

- **Election Day!! Tuesday, November 3rd 7 am to 8 pm -** Wenham votes at Town Hall and the Wenham Museum. Hamilton votes at the Rec Center Gym (adjacent to the Library). See you there!
- **Stand Out for Democracy please note:** We are very grateful to all the members and friends who have joined us for our weekly Standouts. At the moment we are planning to pause the Standouts after the Midterms and re-assess how we want to proceed. Please stay tuned

WHAT'S NEWS?

Did you know you can Track the Status of Your Mail-In Ballot?

Are you voting by mail for the Midterms? Track your mail-in ballot HERE. This tool on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website shows you when your mail-in ballot was mailed out by your local election office and it also tracks when your completed ballot was received by the office if you already mailed it back.

Good News! National Voter Registration Day Announces 550,000 New or Updated Registrations.

Stand Out for Democracy

October 3rd, 2026 - An Octet of Outstanding Citizens! A beautiful day, with a special bonus, our SC members had a table with plenty of swag and voting information. With the election so close, we will try to have the table out for the next 3 Saturdays!



LWVMA News

- **Ballot Questions November 2026** Information on the record-tying NINE Massachusetts ballot questions and League positions (where applicable).
- **Burlington ICE Action** **Bearing Witness** stands in solidarity outside the ICE Operations Office in Burlington, MA, every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Justice 4 All standouts also happen every Thursday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, same location and instructions as Wednesday. The League is not an official sponsor of these events, but encourages attendance. Information here.

LWVUS News

- **LWV in the News**
  - With Midterms Weeks Away, League of Women Voters Launches New Nationwide Push to Protect the Vote Throughout October Guidance from Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics (CREW) on Supreme Court Decision in *DHS v. League of Women Voters*
  - Immigration Appropriations Sign-on Letter LWVUS joined a letter to Congress opposing additional funding for ICE and Border Patrol and urging that a DHS appropriations bill have immigration enforcement restraints and accountability.
  - LWV, ACLU, Broad Coalition Urge Supreme Court to Reject Novel Reading of "Election Day" Statutes that would Disenfranchise Mail Voters "This RNC is asking the Court to radically

rewrite federal law in a way that would dismantle more than a century of election administration and silence eligible voters through no fault of their own," said LWV CEO Celina Stewart.

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!

