

DEMOCRACY MATTERS



**HANDS-ON CIVICS LEARNING ACTIVITIES
TOOLS TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY**

League of Women Voters of Solano County





DEMOCRACY
A GOVERNMENT
OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE



League of Women Voters

Solano County

**Democracy
Matters:**

**A Civics
Education Program**

Raises awareness
+ facilitates
Good Citizenship
& Informed
Engagement in
the Local
Political Process



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TO FORGE DEMOCRACY MATTERS PARTNERSHIPS

Add

Agencies, Groups, Institutions

THAT RESPECT THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF ALL; VALUE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION; SUPPORT CITIZEN INPUT AND INVOLVMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MISSION STATEMENT

ESTABLISHED IN 1920 TO ENCOURAGE INFORMED AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT, WORKS TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF MAJOR POLITICAL POLICY ISSUES AND INFLUENCES PUBLIC POLICY THROUGH EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY.

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A STRONG DEMOCRACY THROUGH EMPOWERED VOTERS





**The LWVSC DEMOCRACY MATTERS CIVICS EDUCATION PROGRAM
RAISES STUDENT AWARENESS AND FACILITATES GOOD CITIZENSHIP/
INFORMED ENGAGEMENT IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL PROCESS**

- Created to develop:

- **Critical Thinking Skills,**
- **Communication Skills, and**
- **A Community Mindset**

BY:

- **Providing These Hands-On, Civics-Learning Opportunities to Solano Students:**
- **Observer Corp Training (Why and how to participate in local government and board meeting)**
- **Forum Training (How to Plan, Organize and Conduct Information and Candidates Forums)**
- **Voter Registration Training (How to Register Voters and How to Cast a Vote)**
- **Poll Worker Training (How to Assist Voting and Voters on Election Day)**





Observer Corps Training

A Democracy Matters Service-Learning Project

Where students participate in in a Mock City Council meeting for hands-on experience on how to observe and participate in local government and board meetings in a League inspired civil, thereby, productive manner.

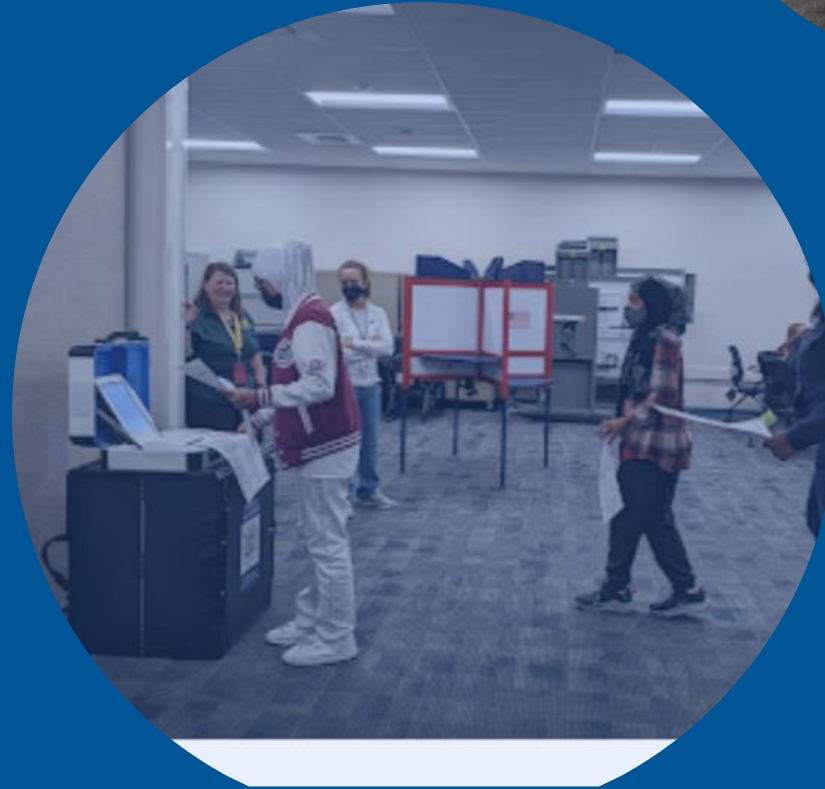
How to Plan, Organize and Conduct A Forum



- **Student-Led Forum on Education in Solano County**
- Students determine topic, format and rules of engagement
- Select question committee to formulate and screen questions
- Selected panelists, created invitation letter and maintained communication throughout organizing process
- Selected volunteers-moderator, timekeepers, tech support, hosts
- Performed all logistical aspects of producing a League inspired forum including venue set-up, participant supplies, etc.



HOW TO
REGISTER
AND
HOW TO
VOTE
A HANDS-ON
LESSON



Democracy Matters Videos That Show, Not Tell, The Impact of Civics Education

LWV Solano County YouTube Channel @lwvsolanocounty4219



[Democracy Matters Short Fun Clip](#)

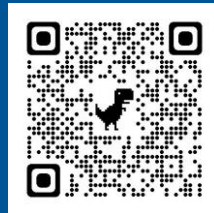
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[League of Women Voters Solano Education Forum 2023](#)

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