



February 24, 2025

## THE HUDSON VOTER

Hello LWWH!

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, **LWVUS** sent a letter to **Congress** urging them to stand against the "dismantling of our sacred democracy...the outcry from Americans speaking out against the impact of these executive orders should be all that is needed for Congress to stand in its authority and restore stability to our system of government." (Read letter [here.](#)) It's shocking that League has to write a letter to Congress asking that they do their jobs but here we are.



Someone who IS doing his job is Casey Weinstein! A small contingent of LWWH members recently had dinner with State Senator Weinstein. He sits on five committees and is ranking member of two. He shared the realities of being in the statehouse right now. Casey encouraged League to continually reach out to their representatives -- meet in person, call or email. He said do them all and keep "layering it on!"

Many of us *have* sent emails and called. Though, in the case of Bernie

Morano and Jon Husted, reaching them has become so problematic for voters that the Columbus Dispatch created a link for voters to send comments to these senators. [Try it.](#)

I recently downloaded an easy to use tool to stay informed and contact my representatives. It's the [5 Calls app](#). It provides a link to descriptions of the issues and a script to use when calling your Reps.

Don't forget: NO shopping on Friday, Feb. 28 which is [Economic Blackout Day](#). This boycott is targeting major retailers (Target, Amazon, Walmart, etc.) Don't buy anything--gas, fast food, on line items. It's important to remind major retailers of our collective economic power. LWVUS supports this boycott. If you must shop, buy from local businesses.

[Are you looking to get more involved in League?](#) Here are some ideas: consider joining the [Board of Directors](#). The next board meeting is March 3, 7pm at my home. There are board positions opening up soon.

There is a LOT going on in [Ohio Education](#) right now. We could use members to join the [Advocacy committee](#) to specifically track the changes happening in Ohio and communicate the facts so we can be well informed.

We also need assistance with [social media](#), event planning, a [member survey](#), the [website](#), and [observer corp](#).

[Jump in!](#)

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### [Calendar of Events](#)

[February 26, Observer Corps Meeting, 12 noon](#)for lunch at Maura McCaughey's home, 5347 Wilshire Park Drive. The meeting will start at 12:30pm for those who can only make it on zoom.

[NOTE: Climate Sustainability Meeting \(2/27\) is being RESCHEDULED](#)

[March 3, 7pm, Board Meeting, 5230 Knollshire Dr.](#)

[March 13, 6:30-7:30pm, Sunshine Meeting](#) Hudson Library. Test your knowledge of Sunshine laws. We expect a lively discussion of what government should or should not do.

[March 18, 7:30pm, Attend Hudson City Council Meeting](#) at Town Hall to observe governance in action.

[March 16-22 is Sunshine Week](#). Sunshine Week is a nonpartisan collaboration among groups in journalism, civic, education, government, and private sectors with the goal to shed light on the importance of public records and open government.

[March 20, 7pm, Book Club](#) at Kathy Battiglia's home.

**March 27, 7pm, Trivia Night with United SHE Stands & Friends at HiHO**  
Brewing in Cuyahoga Falls. See below for more info.

**April 19, Hudson's Earth Day.** Details to follow.

**May 15, 6-8pm, Annual Meeting,** Hudson Library. We need a quorum for this meeting. Please plan to attend.

**May 16-18, State Convention in Aurora, OH.** All are welcome. Register below!



## Advocacy Corner

LWV Ohio's Lobby Corps is urging our Leagues to get to know our government officials on a more personal level through an informal social meeting, e.g. a coffee or dinner. So, last week we had our first "social dinner" with State Senator Casey Weinstein. We learned:

- Casey finds the Senate much different than the House. He sits next to members of the GOP and interacts with them frequently.
- Casey thought his bill regarding children's hearing aids would be a "slam dunk," but it took three attempts, an enormous amount of effort and the dedicated group of parents of children with hearing difficulties who testified before Congress.
- There will be openings on city council this year. Casey urged League members to consider running for office. He was previously on Hudson's city council and would be happy to have coffee with anyone to answer questions.

The League plans to have additional socials in the future. Possible guests include: Derrick Hall, Ohio State Rep. for OH-34, Emilia Sykes; US Rep. for OH-13; Steve DiMauro, President or Dana Addis, Superintendent of Hudson City Schools; Leslie Polott, Executive Director of Hudson Library and Historical Society.

## Black History Month

### Frannie Lou Hamer Townsend (1917-1977)

Fannie Lou Hamer Townsend was an American voting and women's rights activist. She was the vice-chair of the Freedom Democratic Party, which she represented at the 1964 Democratic National Convention. Hamer also helped organize Mississippi's Freedom Summer and was a co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus.

In 1962, when she tried to register to vote, she was harassed, threatened, shot at, and assaulted by racists, including the police.

She later helped and encouraged thousands of African Americans in Mississippi to become registered voters and helped hundreds of disenfranchised people through a variety of work programs.

She ran for the U.S. Senate in 1964, and the Mississippi State Senate in 1971. Hamer died in 1977, at the age of 59, in Mississippi.



US Ambassador to the United Nations, Andrew Young, delivered the eulogy at her memorial service.

She was posthumously inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. On Jan, 4, 2025, President Joe Biden awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, posthumously.

## Let's Kill It at Trivia on March 27



**MARCH 27, 2025, 7PM**  
**HiHO Brewing Co.**  
**1707 Front St**  
**Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221**

Join us for a night out at HiHO Brewing Co. United SHE Stands will be hosting a fun trivia night with topics focused on **civics and democracy!** A number of local political groups will be there along with the Akron LWV, Rank the Vote Ohio, and many others. We GOT THIS category, right? See you there. [Sign up!](#)

## Give to the LWV US to Defend Democracy

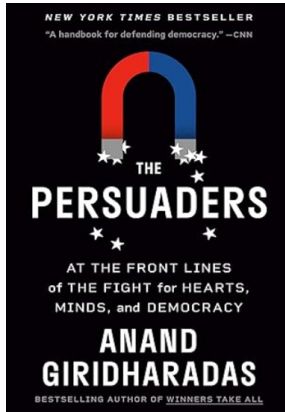
In the wake of the election, LWV US needs your help to increase civic participation and trust in the democratic process. Mis- and disinformation and anti-voter laws remain a threat to our democracy. Your [donation](#) will help the League's ongoing legal efforts



addressing voting rights, fair redistricting, and more. Please donate before March 15. Every gift strengthens the fight for a free and fair democracy.



## Book Club's Next Book



### The Persuaders: At the Front Lines of the Fight for Hearts, Minds and Democracy

by Anand Giridharadas

March 20, 2025, 7pm  
at Kathy Battaglia's home

Join our discussion about *The Persuaders*, a book about movements for justice. The book grapples with how to "call out" threats and injustices while "calling in" those who don't agree with them -- but just might one day-- and point a way to healing and changing a broken country.

You do not have to be a member to join our meeting. Bring a friend!  
Please be sure to [RSVP](#).

## Next State Convention for LWV Ohio

You are invited to attend

**LWVO's 66th State Convention**

**May 16-18, 2025**

Bertram Inn and Convention Center,  
600 North Aurora Road  
Aurora, Ohio 44202



Early Bird Registration Fees (until March 12, 2025)

Whole Weekend – \$300 Saturday Only – \$235

Sunday Only – \$70 Student Rate (Whole Weekend) – \$115

We're wondering if LWWH should **reserve a table for 8 at the Gala** (fundraising and keynote speaker ) on Saturday May 17. The cost for early purchase of a single Gala ticket is \$125. If we reserve a table, it would be **\$100 per person**. Let Tracey know!

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