

# Happy Independence Day! July 4, 2024

#### Letter from the President

Happy Fourth of July!

FANTASTIC NEWS! On Monday Citizens Not Politicians delivered 731,306 signatures to Frank LaRose, Ohio's Secretary of State, to get the amendment on the ballot Nov. 5, 2024. Thanks to Barbara Bos, Lorann Murphy and Inge Orendt who took part in the rally in Columbus along with members of Akron's LWV. Please see story and more pics on our <u>website</u>. To get a taste for the rally, watch this 30 second fun <u>video</u>.



Speaking of Ohio's Secretary of State, Frank LaRose, did you know he plans to remove more than 150,000 Ohio voters from the statewide voter registration database? This means they would be purged from voter rolls and be unable to vote. Ohio is literally spending money to bar voters from voting! Read the <u>Ohio Capitols Journal's article</u>.

There is no time when organizing, educating and registering voters has been this important. Fortunately, that is what LWV does best. Please consider joining the postcard writing party on August 1st. If you are not trained in registering voters please contact me. We will discuss our voter engagement at the Member Social August 8th.

Democracy includes all of us all the time!

Follow up: Our last newsletter urged everyone to contact your legislators to stop or vote no on Senate Bill 83, an anti-teacher, anti-free speech, anti-LGBTQ+ bill that also hurts Ohio's economy. And the legislator's went off on their summer break without taking a vote, so that's great...for now.

#### Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 1, 2024 7pm - Postcard Writing Partyat Hillary Sullivan's home to encourage people to register to vote and encourage their friends to vote.

Aug. 5, 2024 7pm - Board Meetingat Tracey's home. All are welcome.

Please RSVP by sending Tracey an email.

Aug. 8, 2024 6:30pm - Annual Member Socialat 5230 Knollshire Drive (Car pool if possible and park on the same side of the street please.). The agenda includes socializing and getting to know one another, learning what brought us all to LWV, and making a plan to engage, register and inform voters. This year we are requesting a \$25 contribution from members with your RSVP. (No charge for guests.) Details to follow closer to the event date.

Aug. 15, 2024 7pm - LWV Book Club. See below for more info.

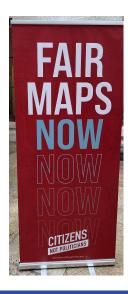
Sept. 12, 2024 6pm - Public Event on CNP Hudson Historical & Library LWVH will invite the public to join us as we present the facts of Citizens Not Politicians (CNP) to end gerrymandering in Ohio, which will most likely be on the ballot.

See you soon!

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### **Citizens Not Politicians Signatures**







## Let's Get the John Lewis Voting Rights Act Passed!

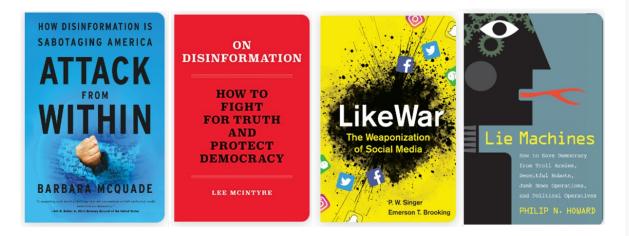


It will only take 1 minute to do your part to help get this Voting bill passed. Simply click <u>HERE</u> and send your senator an email.

Every day, the freedom to vote is under attack. Since the 2012 Supreme Court decision in Shelby County, at least 29 states have passed 94 laws that make it harder to vote, with the burden falling mostly on voters of color. We need to

fully restore VRA to defend our democracy and protect the freedom to vote. That is why LWV is proud to support the reintroduction of HR14 and S4, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, which is vital legislation that is needed to fully restore and modernize the VRA and ensure that discriminatory voting policies are stopped in their tracks.

# Next Book for LWVH Book Club Is Your Choice



#### LWV Hudson Book Club August 15, 7pm Kathy Battaglia's Home

At our last book club meeting we decided that for August's meeting we would have everyone choose their own book to read and tell the rest of the club about it. The topic is "disinformation" and there are many books on this topic. For example:

- Attack from Within, Barbara McQuade
- Disinformation, Richard Miniter
- Evil Geniuses, The Unmaking of America, by Kurt Anderson
- The Great Deception, The Triumph of Dollars and Politics Over Science and Why You Should Care, by Guy Mitchell

• Lie Machines: How to Save Democracy from Troll Armies, Deceitful Robots, Junk News Operatives and Political Operatives, by Philip Howard.

So, attend our LWV Hudson Book Club and tell us about your book. Bring a friend! Non-members are welcome. Please <u>RSVP.</u>

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