



October 15, 2024

THE HUDSON VOTER

Hello!

I received this piece of mail the other day. It says that "Issue 1 Will Hand Ohio to the Democrats." This mailer is an attempt to scare and confuse voters. **Issue 1 intends to create fair Districts for all Ohio Voters!** Ads like this feed the "Us vs Them" rhetoric.

We are members of LWV because we are interested in factual political information and we have a higher than-the-average-citizen's interest in politics and policy. We have learned to be critical thinkers, especially when we see ads like this. It is our responsibility to educate voters and quell dis-information with facts.



I heard an easy explanation of Issue 1 the other day, it is this: **Voting YES on Issue 1 allows voters to choose their politicians.** Voting NO on Issue 1 allows politicians to choose their voters. A no vote keeps the status quo in Ohio. Ohio would remain one of the *most gerrymandered* states in the US.

[Things to know about Issue 1:](#)

- This amendment creates a commission comprised of 15 Ohioans (5 each: Republican, Democrat, and Independent).
- There is an extensive, transparent vetting process for choosing members of the commission.
- No members of the commission can be politicians or lobbyists.
- The commission will follow funding accountability rules that are currently in place.
- The commission will draw fair and impartial voting districts in an open and transparent process.
- It will be illegal to manipulate voting districts, protect incumbent politicians or favor political parties.

As champions of voter rights, LWV chooses to put the power in the hands of the voters.

And ... in their yards!!! Vote Yes on Issue 1 signs are available at **Lorann Murphy's home at 2580 Brunswick Lane**. They are in front of her garage. Just go pick one up!

Good news: **Early Voting has begun!** If you requested an absentee ballot they are being sent out starting October 8th. Keep an eye on your mail and return them quickly. (See below for Inge's postage observation.)

The LWV Akron Area and Hudson Voter Guide is up and running on the Vote411.org website. Newspaper issues have been distributed around Summit County. Speaking of Vote411.org, keep an eye open in your travels for our ad on buses! If anyone needs Voter Materials, I just received a shipment of **Voter Information cards**. Let me know!

LWVH is talking with students at **Kent State Twinsburg Academic Center on October 23 and 28**. Please sign up to volunteer to check registrations and assist students on the SignUp Genius link below.

Encourage Educated Voting!

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Mark Your Calendars:

October 23rd, 11am - 2pm, KSU in Twinsburg, 2745 Creekside Dr. Assist students checking registrations and providing voting information. Also, Inge Orendt will give a presentation at noon to students and the public on Issue 1.

October 28th, 11am - 2pm, KSU in Twinsburg, 2745 Creekside Dr. Assist students checking registrations and answer questions about voting.

To help at these two events, please volunteer: [SignupGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com)

October 28th at 7pm, November Board Meeting at 5230 Knollshire Drive.
All members are welcome.

November 14th at 7pm, The Climate Sustainability Committee will host a workshop focusing on transportation held at the Hudson High School Media Center. We will need greeters and facilitators.

December 2nd at 7pm, December Board Meeting at 5230 Knollshire Drive.
All members are welcome.

December 11th at 6:30pm (Wednesday), LWVH Holiday Dinner at D'Angelos. This is a deviation from our regular Thursday evening meeting; please mark your calendars. Menu and RSVP information to come.

P.S. In case you missed the latest issue of Hudson Life Magazine, I wrote an article summarizing last year's LWVH September presentation, "What Happens to Your Ballot." It appears on page 16: [Hudson Life online](#)

Issue 1 Update

Issue 1, Citizens Not Politicians Campaign Needs Your Help -- Now More Than Ever!

Along with the points made above in Tracey's letter, we need to clear up the confusion about Issue 1. Please talk to your friends and neighbors.

First of all, when you examine your ballot (Absentee or on Voting Day) Issue 1 is NOT labeled Citizens Not Politicians. Instead you will see: "Issue 1: To create an appointed redistricting commission not elected or subject to removal by the voters of the state." (photo below)

Then there is a 1-2 page summary of the amendment, which is NOT the amendment itself. The amendment has not changed. It is the same amendment that people saw when they signed the petition. What's on the ballot is the Ohio Ballot board's summary, which is quite biased and misleading. So much so, that it went to the Ohio Supreme court and there are still law suits pending. To see what's actually in the Amendment urge them to [read](#) it.

SUMMIT COUNTY

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
November 5, 2024

Issue 1

To create an appointed redistricting commission
not elected by or subject to removal by the voters of the state



Fair Districts Signs



Opposition's Sign

Secondly, the opposition has distributed yard signs (see above) that are blatantly false. The signs say: "Stop Gerrymandering NO on Issue 1." Voting NO will NOT stop gerrymandering. Clearly the purpose of these signs is to confuse the voter.

Here is an [FAQ about Issue 1](#), which goes into more details about how the amendment works and gives short, clear answers to tough questions. Also check out this [CNP website](#):

You can watch the presentation that Lorann gave to the Rotary Club about Issue 1 here: [Rotary - Issue 1](#) Fast forward to 15:30.

If you missed the LWV Issue 1 presentation at the Hudson library in September, feel free to attend (or invite someone) to our next one: **Oct 23, 12 noon, at KSU in Twinsburg, 2745 Creekside Dr.** There's usually a great Q&A!

Other points to communicate:

- Gerrymandering is a *non-partisan* issue. There are many states that are gerrymandered to favor *Democrats*. (AL, NEB, NM, IL, PA etc.)
- On most of the ballots the ovals to color in (vote) Yes or No aren't on the same page as the Issue 1 explanation--one must flip a page or look on the back--so easy to miss.
- Most Absentee ballots will require 2 stamps to mail.

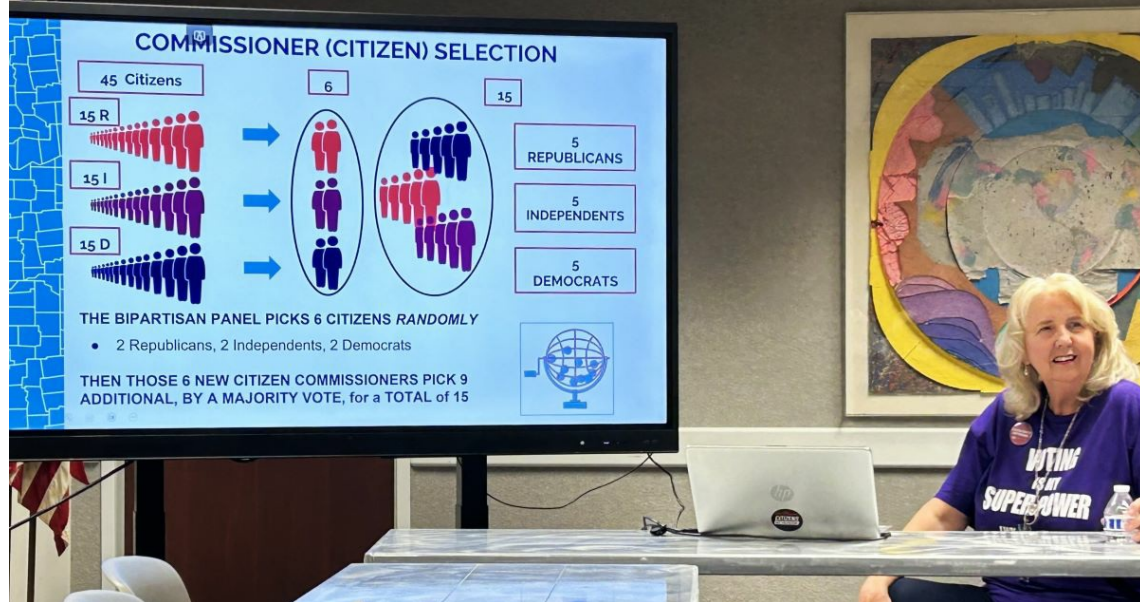
We have worked for too long and too hard to lose this fight!

You can help in other ways. Consider:

- Displaying a yard signs or distributing literature. If so, contact [Lorann Murphy](#)
- Holding a house party where you invite your friends and neighbors to your home, provide a few refreshments and introduce one of our trained CNP speakers to talk about the amendment and answer questions.
- Volunteering to distribute literature, knock on doors, write postcards, etc. You can see dates for canvassing and sign up [here](#).

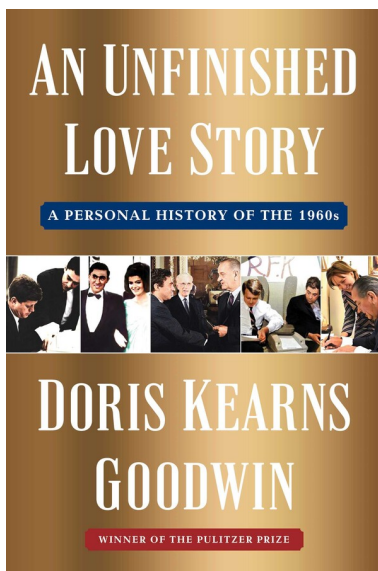
Rally the Vote!

Inge Orendt
Vice President - LWV Hudson



Inge Orendt explains the process of selecting a Citizen Commission to draw fair maps, a process that has built in checks and balances to avoid bias. She spoke at the Nordonia Hill library on Oct. 10. The event was set up and publicized by Janet Fuchs. Thanks Jan!! Lorann Murphy also attended to answer the super tough questions.

LWVH Book Club



An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960's

is our next read for our Book Club. The author and her husband, Dick, were very active in politics in the 1960's, working for both John and Robert Kennedy as well as Lyndon Johnson. When examining their boxes of memorabilia, they realized they had a personal time capsule of the 1960's, a decade when individuals were powered by the conviction they could make a difference. A time, like today, marked by struggles for racial and economic justice, and when lines were drawn and loyalties tested.

Doris Kearns Goodwin is a Pulitzer Prize winning author and historian known for her biographies of many US presidents, including *Lincoln*, which we discussed last year.

October 24, 7pm
Kathy Battaglia's Home

Bring a friend! Non-members are welcome. Please [RSVP](#).

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