



***League of Women Voters - Oakland Area, Michigan  
December 2023 Newsletter and Events***

Although the holidays are in full swing, LWVOA has things happening. Hope you may Zoom or appear in person at this month's meetings.

***(1) LWVOA "Future Vision Group": Monday,  
December 11th at 6:30p via Zoom***

LWVOA Board, Community Engagement Committee (CEC), Observer Corps, Marketing/Communication, and all members interested in planning future events for 2024 are invited to this meeting.

Issues may include monthly in-person presentations, candidate forums, working group functions, policies necessary, membership retention, and recruitment, etc. Contact Geri Rinschler at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.



***(2) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral College  
focus group: Friday, December 15th at 1p  
(Michigan time) via Zoom***

This group, directed by LWV-Illinois, has monthly presentations by knowledgeable speakers regarding the history and present-day issues for electing the US President and Vice

President. Previous presentations are recorded and available for viewing. As set forth by LWVUS at its 2022 National Convention, abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment has been elevated to one of the League's top priorities.

Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

***(3) LWVOA partnering with AAUW Observer Corps for local school board meetings: Monthly meetings to be observed***

All LWVOA members are welcome to choose a school board to observe. Report parameters are being established.

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***(4) LWVOA Vote411.org: Help needed***

Starting in January 2024, assistance to update and process the LWV internet voter guide is needed for the 2024 elections. LWVOA member and University of Michigan political science faculty member, Debra Horner, has facilitated the website in the past and will direct this effort.

Contact Debra Horner at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.



***(5) LWVOA Marketing/Communications Working Group: Wednesday, December 20th at 12:30p at the Honey Tree Grill***

This group facilitates social media to increase awareness and participation in LWVOA activities. See the website below for forms to notify this group of upcoming events to publicize.

Contact Leslie Fleming at [MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com](mailto:MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com) for more info.

On 11/14/23 LWVOA sponsored ***MSU Professor Matthew Grossmann's*** "Cultural Divide: Red v Blue States" presentation

As Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) and Professor of Political Science at Michigan State University, Dr. Grossmann's presentation was informative, engaging, and entertaining.



***Women of Prominence and Importance:***

Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta is an American labor leader and civil rights activist who, with Cesar Chavez, is a co-founder of the United Farmworkers Association, which later merged with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee to become the United Farm Workers.

Huerta has been awarded many accolades throughout her career in activism, and in 2012 received the **Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights**. Perhaps most notably in the present-day Latinx community, she's known as the originator of the "Sí, se puede" chant, which means "Yes, it is possible."

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