



# League of Women Voters Of Weston

January, 2020

No. 215

## League of Women Voters of Weston

President..... Katty Chace  
781-891-1087

Treasurer..... Tack Chace  
781-891-1087

Membership..... Lenore Zug Lobel  
781-789-3920

Bulletin Editor .... Katherine Wolfthal  
781-891-9549

This LWV/Weston Newsletter is published monthly except June, July and August. The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization open to all citizens of voting age.

League of Women Voters of Weston  
15 Conant Road, Weston MA 02493

### VOTER INFORMATION

1-800-882-1649

League of Women Voters  
of Massachusetts  
133 Portland Street  
Boston MA 02114  
(617)523-2999

Submit articles  
to Katherine Wolfthal by e-mail at  
**kate@weichi.com**

## OPENING MESSAGE

**KATTY CHACE**

**S**tate Senator Mike Barrett will be joining us for a Coffee Hour at the Library on Saturday, February 1 at 11:00 a.m. We've asked Mike to share his priorities for the current legislative session with us before taking questions and hearing concerns. Mike is always an interesting speaker, and I expect his carbon tax proposal will be one of the topics he will touch on. Please join us for this fine opportunity to interact with our senator.

I have been communicating with High School Social Studies teacher Monny Cochran about the best way for us to let the seniors who will be 18 by March 3rd, and eligible to vote in the Presidential Primary, know that the deadline for them to register to vote is February 12. Monny will let me know whether the faculty in his department will handle this task themselves, or whether they would like some help from the League, but we'll be sure it gets done, one way or the other.

The Newton League of Women Voters has asked whether the Weston League would co-sponsor a forum on climate change and carbon emissions on the evening of Wednesday, February 26 at a location yet to be announced.. They will be addressing the current state of climate change and implications for society, the current status and importance of the regional transportation and climate initiative, and the plan to help transition gas utilities to deliver clean, safe renewable energy. They have signed up a distinguished panel of speakers, and you can find details about the forum elsewhere in this Bulletin.

In addition, two other nearby Leagues have asked us publicize their upcoming events, and details of those events are also covered elsewhere in this Bulletin. The Wellesley League will be addressing the question of attainable, affordable, sustainable housing in the suburbs on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm at the Wellesley Free Library. The

Needham League and the Needham Library are co-sponsoring a film series about women who have taken action and fought for a cause, starting with One Woman, One Vote on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 pm at the Needham Library on Highland Avenue.

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY – MAY 2020

February 1, Saturday.....	LWV Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m.	State Senator Mike Barrett
Weston Public Library Community Room	
February 11, Tuesday .....	LWV Board Meeting
9:15 a.m., 3 Winter Street	All members welcome
(Barbara Fullerton, 781-893-7440)	
February 26, Wednesday .....	Forum on Climate Change
7:00 p.m.	and Carbon Emissions
Newton, Location TBD	
March 3, Tuesday.....	Massachusetts Presidential
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Primary
Town Hall (Precincts 1 and 2), and St. Demetrios	
March 10, Tuesday, .....	Town Caucus
7:00 p.m.	
Weston Public Library	
May 9, Saturday.....	Town Elections
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	
Weston Town Hall	
May 11, Monday.....	Annual Town Meeting
7:00 p.m.	
Weston High School Auditorium	

## WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ACTION

### President

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

### U.S. Senators

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren  
(617) 565-3170  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4543  
Contact:  
[www.warren.senate.gov/?p=email\\_senator](http://www.warren.senate.gov/?p=email_senator)

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
617-565-8519  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-2742  
[www.markey.senate.gov/contact.cfm](http://www.markey.senate.gov/contact.cfm)

### U.S. Representative 5<sup>th</sup> District

The Honorable Katherine Clark  
1415 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-2836  
<http://katherineclark.house.gov/>

### Governor

Governor Charlie Baker  
Office of the Governor  
State House, Room 280  
Boston MA 02133  
(617) 725-4005  
<http://www.mass.gov/governor/constituent-services/contact-governor-office/>

### State Senator 3rd Middlesex District

The Honorable Michael J. Barrett  
(617) 722-1572  
State House, Room 213A  
Boston MA 02133-1054  
E-mail: [Mike.Barrett@masenate.gov](mailto:Mike.Barrett@masenate.gov)

### State Representative 14<sup>th</sup> Norfolk District

The Honorable Alice Hanlon Peisch  
(617) 722-2070  
State House, Room 473G  
Boston MA 02133-1054  
E-mail: [alice.peisch@mahouse.gov](mailto:alice.peisch@mahouse.gov)

### Weston Board of Selectmen

781-786-5020  
Weston Town Hall, P.O. Box 378  
11 Town House Rd.  
Weston, MA 02493  
E-mail: [selectmen@westonmass.org](mailto:selectmen@westonmass.org)

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Kathleen Rousseau

The January meeting was held at the home of Katherine Wolfthal.

Dues were received from a number of members.

We will be having a Coffee Hour with Senator Michael Barrett on February 1 at the library. These meetings are always very informative.

Katty has contacted the High School to see if there should be a voter registration, or just a reminder to students before the March primary election.

February 14 is the 100th anniversary of the LWV. Local leagues have been asked about their plans to commemorate the day.

The Town Caucus will be on March 10 at the Library.



Award-winning  
styling, color, highlights  
skin care, nails, waxing  
make-up, weddings, proms  
Aveda products

mini-wellness experiences  
focused on your  
well-being  
*consultations complimentary*  
*walk-ins welcome*



daryl christopher lifestyle salon & spa  
1265 main street waltham ma  
www.dchristopher.com 781.890.9211

*family-owned and local since 1980*

**METRO WEST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS GROUP**  
**Kathleen Rousseau**

**T**he Metro West Climate Solutions Group is a volunteer Committee made up of members of the First Parish Church in Wayland, First Parish Church in Lincoln, First Parish Church in Weston, the Weston Community Church and other individuals. The charter of the Committee is to offer information on Climate Change and provide activities where individuals can get involved in bringing about solutions to Climate Change.

**Two up-coming events**

at First Parish of Wayland:  
Free admission, Refreshments to follow.

March 10 at 7:30

**Carbon Taxes as A Climate Change Solution by  
Prof. Gilbert Metcalf**

Carbon taxes can be one of the most effective climate solutions. Gilbert Metcalf is an expert on carbon taxes and Professor of Economics at Tufts University. He has been Deputy Secretary for Environment and Energy at the US Department of Treasury. He has testified before Congress as an expert in energy policy and the economics of Climate Change. He will describe how a carbon tax might work and how it could be an effective solution for Climate Change. This talk is supported by the Lydia Maria Child Fund at First Parish of Wayland.

March 24 at 7:30

**Legislative Forum on Climate Change legislation  
in Massachusetts**

At a time when federal solutions to climate change are not moving forward, legislation in Massachusetts has the potential to generate significant solutions to the climate crisis. Previous bills including the Global Warming Solutions Act, incentives for solar and zero emissions vehicles have made a significant difference. In this forum, Massachusetts State Senators and Representatives from local communities will discuss climate solutions bills that are likely to come to a vote this legislative session. Participants include:

Rep. Carmine Gentile – 13<sup>th</sup> Middlesex including Wayland  
Rep. Alice Peisch – 14<sup>th</sup> Norfolk, including Wayland, Weston  
Senator Mike Barrett – 3rd Middlesex, including Lincoln, Weston  
Senator Becca Rausch – Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex including Wayland  
Senator James Eldridge – Middlesex and Worcester

This Forum will present pending Massachusetts Climate-change legislation and describe how you can get involved in turning some bills into laws. This talk is supported by the Lydia Maria Child Fund at First Parish of Wayland.

The Sustainable Weston Action Group (SWAG) is planning to launch a town-wide campaign aimed at protecting and expanding pollinator habitat throughout Weston. Among their goals is to establish an interconnected pollinator habitat network through Weston to help guarantee a healthy pollinator population in town and across the region. This campaign seeks to collaborate/partner with other town associations/groups, including The Weston Garden Club, to promote pollinator-friendly practices at both the residential and municipal levels.



# pure<sup>®</sup> solutions

NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM COMPLIANT  
**TICK & MOSQUITO CONTROL**



## PROTECTION FROM BUG BITES

Some bites will leave us scratching, while others can make us sick.

Here are **5 ways to combat ticks and mosquitoes** this season:

1. Remove leaf litter and brush from your yard. It makes the perfect home for ticks on a sunny day.
2. Clear gutters and empty water from toys and other containers in the yard. Standing water is where mosquitoes will breed.
3. Deter deer from your yard by using deer fencing or natural repellents. (Ask us about our natural deer repellents!) Deer can carry ticks near the home.
4. Keep playground equipment, decks, and patios away from yard edges and trees and place them in a sunny location, if possible.
5. Treat your yard spring through fall with Pure Solutions. We provide safe and effective sprays that protect your yard from ticks and mosquitoes.

LEARN MORE AT [PURESOLUTIONS.COM](http://PURESOLUTIONS.COM) OR 781.899.7873.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Wednesday, February 26**

### **A Meeting on Climate Change and Carbon Emissions**

**to be sponsored by the LWV of Newton, with the  
participation of the Weston LWV and other community Leagues.**

**Location TBD**

The LWV of Newton is working with Launa Zimmaro (LWVMA Environmental Action and Advocacy Committee Co-Chair) on putting together a topic meeting to learn more about the following:

- The current state of climate change science and implications for society
- The current status and importance of the regional transportation and climate initiative
- The plan to help transition gas utilities to delivery of clean, safe, renewable energy and the importance of the FUTURE Act

To present this topic, we have assembled a panel that includes:

- Craig Altemose , Co-Founder and Executive Director of Better Future Project
- Jordan Stutt, Carbon Programs Director of the Acadia Center
- Audrey Schulman, Co-founder and Executive Director of HEET (Home Energy Efficiency Team) and/or Zeyneb Magavi (Director, HEET)

State Senator Cynthia Creem, a sponsor of the FUTURE ACT, will be attending as well and providing remarks regarding the urgency of action, why the FUTURE Act is so important, and where the bill stands.

We believe the climate issues to be discussed at this topic meeting impact all of us as a region, and that it is important to get the word out about these initiatives on a broad scale.

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
LOCAL AND GLOBAL DISCUSSION GROUP**

**WHAT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE KNOWS ABOUT US  
AND WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT AI**

Thursday, February 13, 1:15 p.m.

**H**ave you ever noticed when, you start to type a word or phrase, your mobile phone or computer finishes it for you?

We are all benefactors and also victims of artificial intelligence that anticipates our thoughts and emotions, based on patterns found in the reservoirs of data companies like Amazon, Facebook, and Google that have accumulated information about us. With the AI these companies collect, they gain a complete picture of each user's location, relationships, activities; and an economic incentive to manipulate user attention without regard to consequences. Then the companies sell this information to advertisers and others to fund their operations, thus providing us with what we think are free services. That's how these companies feed each of us a steady diet of content similar to what has engaged us most in past searches.

When used well, this rich store of data is used for medical diagnoses and many other valuable services. When not properly screened, however, millions of messages filled with misinformation are spread. And when AI favors inflammatory campaigns or is driven by groups with ominous objectives like our adversaries, democracy suffers.

Whether you believe technology is the problem or the solution, one has no choice but to understand the way AI is being managed; this is because our democracy is at stake.

Should the U.S. hold companies accountable for spreading users' personal information? California joins the EU, Brazil, and other Western countries that have recently adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Should the U.S. follow suit? Or will regulations impede the growth of AI, which could have as profound an effect on the economy as the computer revolution?

These issues will be the focus of the next meeting of the Local and Global Discussion Group of the Weston Council on Aging, to be held from 1:15 to 3 pm on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is open to all who are interested in a civil discussion of the issues with wide participation around the table. For further information about this meeting in particular or the group in general, contact Paul Sullivan (781-893-5005; [paulrsullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:paulrsullivan@yahoo.com)) or Susan Wagner (508-733-8810; [susanwgnr@gmail.com](mailto:susanwgnr@gmail.com)).





## "I Am Every Migrant Child: Reflections of a World War II Orphan"

Event co-sponsored by the LWV Needham

January 26, 3:00 p.m.  
Temple Beth Shalom  
670 Highland Avenue  
Needham

Author, survivor, and renowned speaker Sylvia Gutmann will share her story as a migrant child and how that experience resonates today. Following a question and answer session, we will learn how we can help migrants and refugees fleeing for safety to the United States.

This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom Tzedek, the Needham League of Women Voters, the Needham Area Immigration Justice Task Force, and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston (JCRC).

Copies of Sylvia's book, *A Life Rebuilt: The Remarkable Transformation of a War Orphan* will be available for purchase for \$20, cash or check

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/i-am-every-migrant-child-reflections-of-a-world-war-ii-orphan-tickets-85832381965?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>



**OGILVIE'S**  
SINCE 1919

**Hardware • Lumber • Landscape Supplies**

Lamp Repair ~ Knife Sharpening ~ Screen Repair  
Weber Grills ~ Propane Refills  
Benjamin Moore Paint ~ Bird Seed  
Mulch ~ Loam ~ Sand

B. L. Ogilvie & Sons, Inc.  
39 Warren Avenue  
Weston, MA 02493



Phone: (781) 894-1265  
Fax: (781) 894-0255  
[www.ogilvies.com](http://www.ogilvies.com)



**FLORENTINE  
FRAMES** *Since 1982*

**We Have the Perfect Frame for your Artwork**  
Large Selection of Photo Frames & Albums • Prints, Posters, Mirrors  
Sports Memorabilia • Botanical & Architectural Engravings

**Visit Our Expanded Art Gallery  
Featuring Local & International Artists**

478 Boston Post Road • Weston Center  
781-647-1249 • 800-742-1249  
[www.florentineframes.com](http://www.florentineframes.com) • [florentineframes@aol.com](mailto:florentineframes@aol.com)



**McGLYNN  
CLINTON  
& HALL**

INSURANCE AGENCIES

***LET OUR  
INDEPENDENCE  
INSURE YOURS***

**BUSINESS**

•

**HOME**

•

**AUTO**

365 Boston Post Road  
Suite 208  
Sudbury, MA 01776

**978 443 6530**

**[www.mchinsure.com](http://www.mchinsure.com)**

---

*"Small enough to be  
dynamic about your  
personal needs and large  
enough to encompass the  
entire insurance market."*

**781-894-0347**

## HOUSING CRISIS IN MASSACHUSETTS

### No Place Like Home: Attainable, Affordable, Sustainable Housing – In Our Town?

Thursday, January 30, 7:00pm

Wellesley Free Library  
530 Washington St., Wellesley

The Wellesley LWV has assembled a panel of experts to discuss the housing crisis in Massachusetts and why it matters to local communities. Although the speakers may use examples from Wellesley, the information is equally relevant for every community in Massachusetts.

Many young families, seniors, and people of middle, moderate, or fixed incomes are unable to move to — or stay in — our town. What does this mean for our town's future? Our expert panelists will provide an overview of the challenges and benefits of creating diverse housing. Bring your questions and comments and join us to discuss how we can develop a broader range of housing choices for the long-term health of our community.

#### Panelists:

**Eric Shupin**, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA)— Describing the state of housing in MA.

**Amy Dain**, Consultant, Dain Research – Reporting on two years of research into the regulations, plans and permits in the 100 cities and towns surrounding Boston.

**Shelly Goehring**, Senior Program Manager, Massachusetts Housing Partnership – Sharing the benefits and challenges for our community.

**Rebecca Winterich-Knox**, Net Zero Organizer, Massachusetts Climate Action Network – Focusing on sustainable considerations and impact on climate

*This event is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by the Wellesley Free Library, The Wellesley COA, Sustainable Wellesley, World of Wellesley, Building a Better Wellesley, Our Affordable Wellesley, TBE Racial Justice Initiative, The Village Church, and UU Church Advocacy & Witness.*

# ARTE SALON | SPA

## Filler Facial Treatment

**The Anti-Aging Treatment using the Sculptra® filler technology without injections**

Arte Salon | Spa is excited to announce that we are offering a new facial treatment. Known as the Sculptra Filler Facial, this treatment has been available for over 8 years in Korea, and has recently made it's debut in the US. You may have even read about the treatment when it was featured in an article in Harper's Bazaar last year!

<http://www.harpersbazaar.com/beauty/skin-care/a21229/filler-facial-sculptra/>

The Sculptra facial uses the active, FDA approved, ingredient *Poly L-Lactic Acid*, the same active ingredient that is found in the injectable filler Sculptra®. The unique aspect of *Poly L-Lactic Acid* is that it is able to penetrate the skin with just a topical application. Once absorbed, it acts as a matrix for your own collagen to expand on. The result is a reduction in fine lines and wrinkles!

Results from the Sculptra facial are cumulative. A single treatment treatment can last up to 6 weeks. A series of 3 done a week apart (recommended) can last up to 5 months.

Downtime from the treatment is minimal.



**Single Treatment \$225**

**Series of 3 \$562.50**

*(Stem Cell Mist for home are included, retail \$95)*

Please call [\(508\)358-7282](tel:(508)358-7282)

or visit our website

at [www.artesalonandspa.com](http://www.artesalonandspa.com)

to schedule your consultation for a Sculptra  
Filler Facial!

## "WOMEN TAKE ACTION" FILM SERIES

Starting Tuesday, January 28  
7:00 p.m.

### Needham Public Library

The League of Women Voters of Needham and the Needham Public Library are co-hosting a film series about women who have taken action and fought for a cause. All of the films are free and open to the public and will be shown at the library (1139 Highland Ave) starting at 7 pm. The Women Take Action Film Series includes six films, one per month from January through June 2020. The series is part of the League of Women Voters of Needham's year-long recognition of women in American history.

The first film in the series, *One Woman, One Vote*, will be shown **Tuesday, January 28** at the Needham Public Library beginning at **7:00 p.m.** This PBS documentary takes a sweeping look at the 72-year women's suffrage movement from Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Seneca Falls call to arms to the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Other films in the series include topics such as women in the civil rights movement, the women's liberation movement, women tackling a toxic waste hazard, women's rights in the garment industry, and the legacy of Frances Perkins. Discussions will follow the shorter films.

See complete list with descriptions at <https://lwv-needham.org/women-take-action-film-series/>

Most of these films are available on Kanopy, a subscription film service for libraries and others.

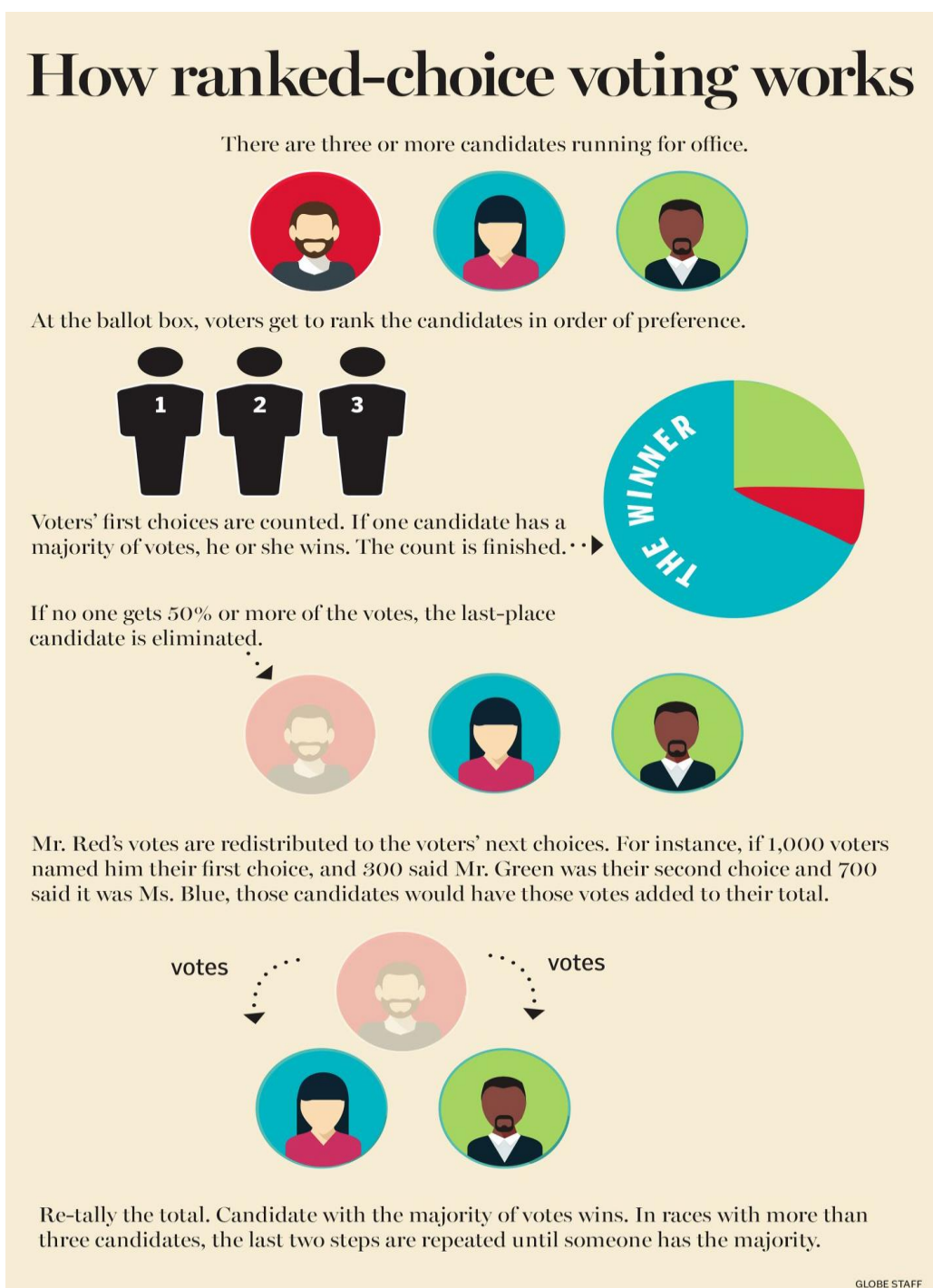


An image from "She's Beautiful When She's Angry", one of the films in the series.



## RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

Ranked-choice voting (also known as RCV) will likely be a referendum question on the 2020 ballot in Massachusetts, so it has become the subject of much debate.



## **RANKED-CHOICE VOTING, PRO AND CON**

**The following opinion columns, representing two opposing views on the subject,  
and the illustration on the preceding page are reprinted from the  
December 12, 2019 issue of the Boston Globe.**

---

### **PRO: Ranked-choice voting could guarantee that a candidate is elected by a majority**

*By Lawrence Lessig,  
a professor of law and leadership at Harvard Law School.  
His latest book is "They Don't Represent Us."*

In theory, in a democracy, the majority wins. In reality, in America's democracy, that's not always so. The winner of an election in most of America is not necessarily the person supported by a majority. The winner is the one who gets the most votes.

Consider the recent Democratic primary in Massachusetts' Third Congressional District. Six candidates ran to be the nominee. The winner won with just 21.7 percent of the vote, and went on to win the general election with more than 60 percent of the vote. But in the primary, no one can say whether that nominee was supported by a majority of Democrats. All we know is that almost 80 percent cast their vote for someone else.

One way to fix this problem is to implement the system used in Maine and in many democracies around the world — [ranked-choice voting](#) or RCV. That system lets voters rank the candidates. If their first choice doesn't win, then their second-choice vote is counted. If their second choice doesn't win, the third-choice vote is counted — and so on. The process continues until one candidate receives a majority of the votes. That candidate is the winner — and the one supported by a majority of voters.

Critics complain this system is too complicated. But no American is confused by the sentence "If they don't have mint chip, then I'll take chocolate chip." And nothing requires that anyone vote for more than one candidate. If you want to rank just one candidate, that's fine. The system would simply give others the chance to say who else, beyond their first choice, they could live with too.

Is it really worth it? No doubt, there are clear cases when it would have mattered — lots. Think about Florida in 2000. George Bush had beaten Al Gore by 537 votes. Yet Ralph Nader had received 97,000 votes in Florida. Even accounting for the 17,000 who voted for Pat Buchanan, it's hard to believe that if Florida voters could have ranked their preferences, Gore would not have become president.

RCV doesn't matter unless there are more than two candidates running. But with RCV, more candidates would be encouraged to run. If you knew your first-choice vote wouldn't help elect your last-choice candidate, more third-party candidates would receive first-choice votes. That, in turn, could encourage other candidates to take the ideas of third-party candidates more seriously.

It could do even more than that. If candidates know they could win — not just with first-choice votes, but second- and third-choice votes — they'd have a strong incentive not to engage in negative campaigning against rivals in the primary. Not always, but certainly more than now, when the norm has become the game of trashing your opponent rather than winning America.

RCV won't solve all the problems of America's democracy. No single change could. But it is a critical part of any package of campaign reform by giving every voter in America, whether Republican or Democrat, a more meaningful vote. At the least, after Voter Choice Massachusetts collected more than 110,000 signatures demanding it, voters should have the opportunity to

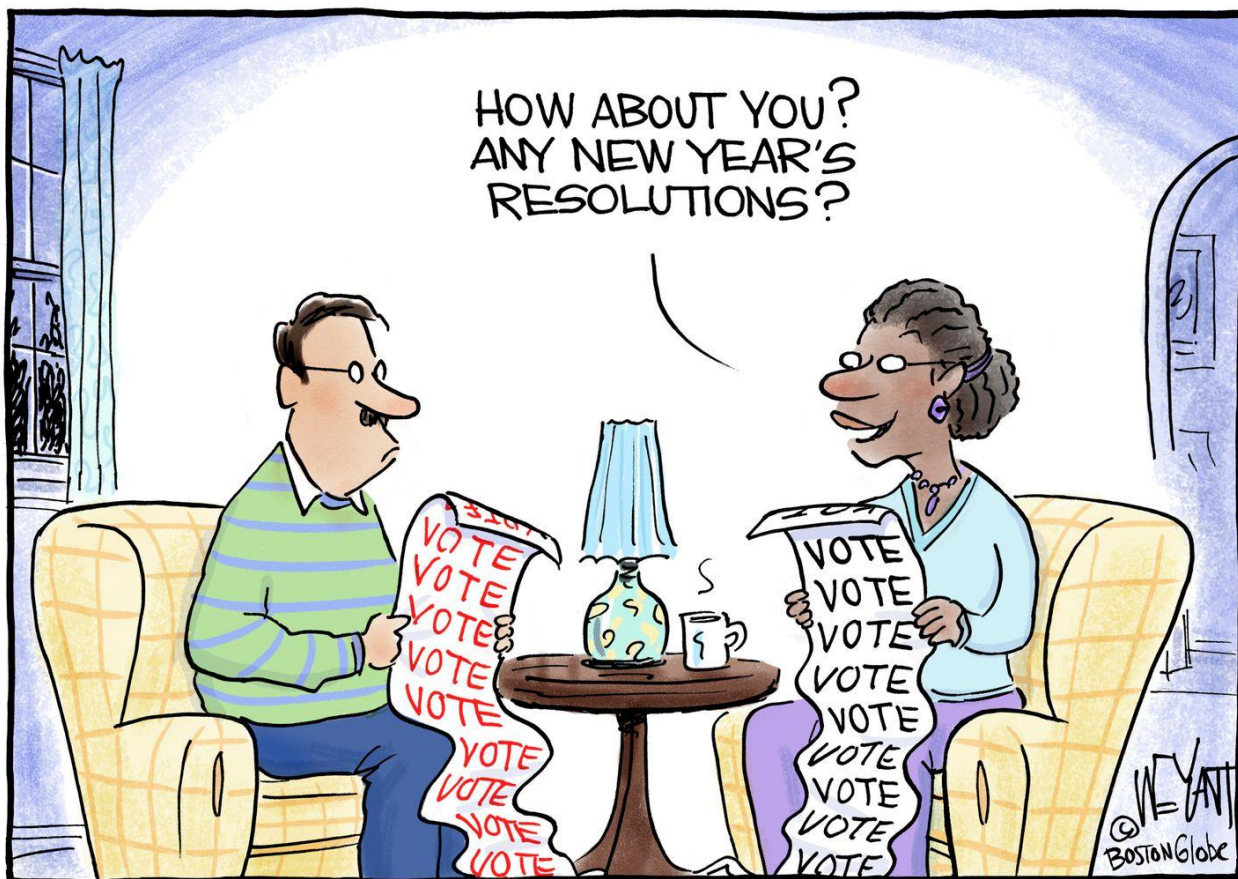
choose that power by referendum on the November ballot.

Even better, the state Legislature could follow Maine and adopt the idea for the 2020 presidential general election. If a third party candidate emerged, the trial run would give voters a chance to see the system in operation on the November ballot, at least on a small

scale. Rankings would be crystal clear for the president. It could help voters see how RCV would work more generally.

Politicians don't like change — especially change that affects how they get reelected. But our flawed election laws need fundamental change. For too long, America has suffered leaders who don't represent the majority of voters. RCV would put an end to that.

*(Continues on Page 8)*



---

(Continued from page 7)

**CON: Ranked-choice voting threatens to distort election outcomes.  
Frequently hailed as a way to reduce polarization, ranked-choice voting is,  
in fact, a dangerously complex process that threatens to distort election outcomes**

*By Jennifer C. Braceras,  
director of Independent Women's Law Center and sits on the board of  
Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, which opposes ranked-choice voting.*

A voter headed into St. George Orthodox Church of Boston to vote on Nov. 5. Jonathan Wiggs/Globe Staff/The Boston Globe

Anyone concerned about voter participation and the integrity of our election systems should be particularly worried about ranked-choice voting, currently under consideration here in Massachusetts.

Frequently hailed as a way to give voters more choice and reduce polarization, ranked-choice voting is, in fact, a complex and confusing process that threatens to reduce voter participation and distort election outcomes.

Under this system, voters list candidates in order of preference, rather than simply vote for one person. If nobody receives a majority of first place rankings, election officials eliminate the candidate with the least votes and redistribute those votes to the second choices on those ballots until they create a faux majority for one of the remaining candidates.

Let's say that in the Massachusetts Democratic presidential primary, 40 percent of voters rank Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts their first choice, 20 percent rank former vice president Joe Biden first, 15 percent rank Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont first, and the remaining 25 percent rank someone else as their first choice. Although Warren receives vastly more votes than any other candidate, state election officials would eliminate the last-place finisher, let's call him Tom Steyer, and redistribute those votes to candidates that Steyer supporters ranked second. The officials repeat this process with the next lowest vote-getter, until one candidate has a majority of remaining ballots.

It's not hard to imagine the mischief that might occur as

bureaucrats redistribute votes in what are, essentially, a series of closed-door run-offs. But even assuming the redistribution occurs uncorrupted, the process can lead to distorted outcomes.

If Sanders receives a large number of second, third, fourth, and fifth place rankings from voters who chose candidates that finished at the bottom, Sanders might, through the redistribution process, end up with more votes than Biden.

In this scenario, third-place Sanders would eliminate second-place Biden from the race, requiring that Biden's votes be redistributed to Sanders and Warren. If enough Biden voters prefer Sanders to Warren, Sanders could win the primary — even though 85 percent of the voters chose somebody else, and even though Sanders might not have been even the second or third-place choice of a majority of voters.

This hardly seems fair to Biden voters who might have ranked candidates differently had they known that selecting Sanders as even a third or fourth choice would ultimately undermine their preferred candidate.

Of course, voting shouldn't require a degree in game theory. And our election system shouldn't penalize voters who deliberately choose not to rank candidates they strongly dislike. But that is exactly what ranked-choice voting does, as voters who rank only some of the candidates can have their ballots "exhausted" and, thus, discarded if their choices are eliminated early on.

In practice, this means that a candidate can win an election with a majority of redistributed votes, even if the total number of votes he receives is less than the number of discarded ballots. This is exactly what happened in a 2010 election for a seat on the [San Francisco Board of Supervisors](#). After multiple rounds of counting, a winner was declared with a faux majority



of 4,321 votes — but, by that time, 9,608 ballots had been discarded due to “exhaustion.”

Because of the potential for confusion and for disqualification or exhaustion of ballots, in 2016, [California’s Democratic Governor Jerry Brown](#) vetoed ranked-choice voting legislation. “In a time when we want to encourage more voter participation,” Brown said, “we need to keep voting simple.” California’s current Democratic [governor, Gavin Newsom](#), likewise vetoed a ranked-choice voting measure on similar grounds.

Even Sanders’ hometown of [Burlington, Vermont](#), [abandoned the practice](#) after a mayoral candidate with the most first-place votes lost the election in 2009.

More recently, Maine’s newly adopted ranked-choice voting system yielded a similarly unexpected outcome.

In the 2018 congressional midterm election (the first federal general election in the nation to use this system), Republican Representative Bruce Poliquin received more votes than any other candidate in a four-way contest. Yet, the Maine secretary of state declared Democrat Jared Golden the winner after discarding 14,076 “exhausted” ballots that did not rank all four of the candidates. Significantly, in a survey of eligible voters who did not participate in that election, 26 percent said they stayed home because of confusion over the ranking system.

No voting system is perfect. But, at a time when anxiety about our election system runs high, Massachusetts voters should be leery of complicated bureaucratic schemes that can reduce voter participation, increase opportunities for corruption, and lead to unforeseen, difficult-to-explain results.





## **Weston Dental Specialists Group, P.C.**

**Prosthodontic, Esthetic & Implant Dentistry**



**Dr. William Heggerick**



**Dr. Alaa Alwazzan**



**Dr. Suzanne Noel**



**Dr. Mario Gatti**

**56 Colpitts Road  
Weston, MA 02493  
781-894-0347**


**[www.westonprosthodontist.com](http://www.westonprosthodontist.com)**



**WESTON TRAVEL SERVICE**  
**Cynthia Spencer**  
**Owner**

**Serving all your travel needs for over 47 years**

483 Boston Post Road  
Weston, MA 02493  
(781) 891-9110  
westontravel@comcast.net



**Personal Cleaners  
& Tailors**

NON TOXIC DRY CLEANING  
[www.personalcleanersandtailors.com](http://www.personalcleanersandtailors.com)

**Personal Cleaners & Tailors**

Lexington Store	Weston Store
856 Massachusetts Ave. Lexington, MA 02420	596 Boston Post Road Weston, MA 02493
Weekdays 7am - 6pm Saturdays 8am - 5pm	Weekdays 8am - 6pm Saturdays 8am - 5pm
<b>781-861-1070</b>	<b>781-647-7735</b>

NON TOXIC DRY CLEANING 

# ARTE SALON | SPA

## Filler Facial Treatment

**The Anti-Aging Treatment using the Sculptra® filler technology without injections**

Arte Salon | Spa is excited to announce that we are offering a new facial treatment. Known as the Sculptra Filler Facial, this treatment has been available for over 8 years in Korea, and has recently made it's debut in the US. You may have even read about the treatment when it was featured in an article in Harper's Bazaar last year!

<http://www.harpersbazaar.com/beauty/skin-care/a21229/filler-facial-sculptra/>

The Sculptra facial uses the active, FDA approved, ingredient *Poly L-Lactic Acid*, the same active ingredient that is found in the injectable filler Sculptra®. The unique aspect of *Poly L-Lactic Acid* is that it is able to penetrate the skin with just a topical application. Once absorbed, it acts as a matrix for your own collagen to expand on. The result is a reduction in fine lines and wrinkles!

Results from the Sculptra facial are cumulative. A single treatment treatment can last up to 6 weeks. A series of 3 done a week apart (recommended) can last up to 5 months.

Downtime from the treatment is minimal.



**Single Treatment \$225**

**Series of 3 \$562.50**

*(Stem Cell Mist for home are included, retail \$95)*

Please call [\(508\)358-7282](tel:(508)358-7282)

or visit our website

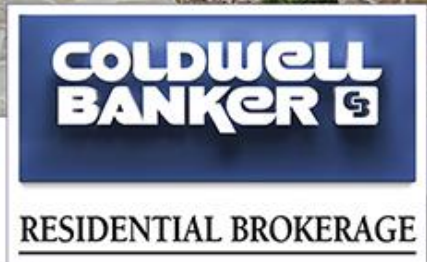
at [www.artesalonandspa.com](http://www.artesalonandspa.com)

to schedule your consultation for a Sculptra

Filler Facial!



**COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE  
IS PROUD TO SUPPORT  
THE FINE WORK OF  
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**



Consistently  
Weston's #1 Real Estate Company

**[www.ColdwellBankerHomes.com](http://www.ColdwellBankerHomes.com)**  
**(781) 894-5555 • 426 Boston Post Road • Weston, MA**

© 2016 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Operated by a subsidiary of NRT LLC. Coldwell Banker® and the Coldwell Banker logo are registered service marks owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC.

## League of Women Voters of Weston MEMBERSHIP FORM 2019-2020

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, political organization, which encourages informed and active participation in all levels of government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We serve the local community in many ways:

- Sponsor Candidates and Issues nights before elections
- Provide voter information and conduct voter-registration drives
- Encourage voter participation with banners and rides to the polls
- Study local, state and national issues and hold open meetings
- Act upon carefully considered positions by lobbying and circulating petitions
- Publish a "Know Your Town" booklet
- Train members to be active and involved citizens.

**Our membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. As a Weston member, you also belong to and receive publications from the State and National Leagues.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Check one: ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

I enclose a check made payable to **The League of Women Voters of Weston**\* for:

- \$60 Individual Membership (covers required local dues to the State and National Leagues)
- \$85 Family Membership (two individuals in the same household)  
Name of second household member: \_\_\_\_\_

Any contributions above and beyond regular dues are greatly appreciated and assist our local league in providing more services and offsetting our operating expenses.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

\_\_\_\_\_  
☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ LWV Education Fund (Tax-deductible contribution made payable by separate check to the LWV Education Fund )

**Return form to: Katty Chace, 15 Conant Rd., Weston, MA 02493**

*Do you know a friend who might be interested in joining the League of Women Voters?*

Name, address & phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* It is the policy of the LWV of Weston that no resident shall be refused participation in the League because of inability to pay. If a hardship preventing payment of dues exists, please contact Katty Chace at 781-790-1087.