



## The League Update

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Patricia,

### Our Nation

The last few weeks marked a new chapter for America's highest court — one that includes a Black woman. The League of Women Voters welcomes Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to her historic confirmation as the next United States Supreme Court Justice. As the only Supreme Court Justice with experience as a public defender, she brings to the Court a long-needed perspective encompassing all aspects of the legal process.

Judge Jackson's appointment is a historic confirmation. We hope this will be a turning point in America and will set a precedent for the appointment of more diverse courts and therefore a more equitable judicial system. We applaud the US Senate for voting to confirm Judge Jackson and thank President Biden for delivering on his promise to name a Black woman to the highest court in the land. We look forward to seeing the impact Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's perspective will have on voting rights and democracy as the next Supreme Court Justice of the United States. **We believe that women hold the power to create a more perfect democracy and Judge Jackson's appointment is a defining moment in this fight.**

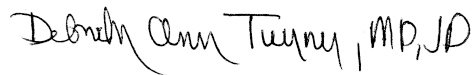
### Our League

With primary elections just weeks away and many new changes in election laws nationwide, it is crucial that we provide voters with the necessary information they need to confidently cast their ballot. Join us in spreading the word on social media this election season with our VOTE411 Election Preparation graphics. Check out the [League Management Site](#) to access customizable templates, graphics, and captions available in both English and Spanish.

Don't forget to register for what is shaping up to be an exciting and engaging 2022 Convention! This will be an opportunity to make new League friends, share the successes and challenges of your individual leagues, and reconnect with old acquaintances. Register today at [lwv.org/convention](http://lwv.org/convention). Additionally, the deadline to nominate your League for a Convention award is rapidly approaching. Learn more about the nomination categories and submit your nominations [here](#).

With COVID numbers rising nationwide, I encourage you all to continue exercising caution. Stay safe and wear your mask!

In League,



Deborah

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## WEBINARS & VIRTUAL MEETINGS

### Upcoming

- **April 26, 5pm ET | [LWV April Community Call](#)**  
On this month's community call, the leadership taskforce will be sharing new developments slated for LWVUS Convention.
- **April 28, 6pm ET | [Part One: Relational Organizing Strategy Online and Offline](#)**  
Learn how incorporating a relational organizing strategy and tactics can maximize LWV programs in the first session of this two-part series.
- **May 2, 6pm ET | [C-SPAN Video Library Training](#)**  
C-SPAN's Political Editor Nate Hurst shares how the network's nonpartisan mission guides its coverage of the political process, and how its TV, online, and radio resources can help you stay informed.
- **May 5, 4pm ET | FOR CONVENTION DELEGATES ONLY: Board Recommended Program 2022-24**  
The LWVUS 2022 Convention Program Planning team will share the program to be presented and voted on at Convention. This recorded webinar is open to registered Convention delegates only. Register for Convention [here](#), and a registration link for this webinar will be sent to you via email.
- **May 5, 6pm ET | [Part Two: Relational Organizing Strategy Online and Offline](#)**  
Practice how to incorporate a relational organizing strategy and tactics with current LWV field priorities in the second session of this two-part series.
- **May 5, 7pm ET | [DEI Webinar: The Structure Transformation Plan and DEI](#)**  
Members of the League Structure Taskforce will discuss how the DEI lens was central to the taskforce's work and how the Structure Transformation Plan paves the way for DEI success in the League.
- **May 12, 3pm ET | [Legislative Office Hours](#)**  
The League is proud to open our virtual offices and listen to and support your legislative work.
- **May 18, 3pm ET | [SCOTUS Review](#)**  
Learn what the Supreme Court has been up to and what is upcoming on their docket.

### Recordings

- [What Data Could My League Collect?](#)

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## ACTION

- Action Alert: [Tell Your Representatives That You Want Equality to Be Part of the Constitution](#)
- Action Alert: [Tell Your Senators to Support the Equal Rights Amendment](#)

### Fight for Our Future: Nationwide Rally for Climate Change

President Biden and Congress are finally on the edge of taking climate action at the scale the crisis demands. But they won't act without a push from us! League members will join other advocates in front of the White House on April 23 in the rally to demand climate justice. We hope to stand in solidarity with League members across the nation. [Find a local event near you.](#)

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## RESOURCES

- Blog: [5 Ways to Volunteer to Empower Voters](#)
- Blog: [Being an Election Worker: 101](#), ft. Pinny Sheoran, Isabel Longoria, and Debra Cronmiller
- Webinar: [Recruiting and Building Strong Boards](#)

## Legislative Office Hours Landing Page

This page houses everything you need to know about [LWVUS Legislative Office Hours](#). Access the office hours schedule and learn more about what you can do to prepare for future sessions.

## Election Season VOTE411 Graphics & Sample Posts

Spread the word on social media this election season with our [VOTE411 Election Preparation graphics](#). Find graphics and posts in English and Spanish to help get out the vote on your social media ahead of 2022 elections!

## Evaluation Training Series Resources

Find all resources and recordings from the [evaluation training series](#). This page will be updated periodically with resources from the Evaluation Training Series. If you have any questions or comments, please email [mschmalstig@lww.org](mailto:mschmalstig@lww.org).

## When Candidates Refuse to Participate in Voter Education Opportunities

Every year, Leagues hold hundreds of candidate debates and forums and produce hundreds of voter guides to help voters learn about the candidates on their ballot. Unfortunately, there are some candidates who refuse to participate in these voter education activities and call into question the League's reputation. [This guidance](#) can help shape the public narrative and news coverage of these situations.

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## LWV BUSINESS

## Register for LWVUS 2022 Convention

Registration and hotel reservations for the 2022 Convention are now open. Convention will take place June 23 – June 27 in Denver, CO, and online. Find more information and register at [lww.org/convention](http://lww.org/convention). We are adding caucus and workshop details to the agenda as we continue to confirm information. Check out [the agenda](#) for updates.

## Powering Democracy Awards – Deadline Extended

The Powering Democracy Awards will be presented at the 2022 Convention in recognition of Leagues for their work exemplary over the past biennium. All winners will receive a cash prize from LWVUS in recognition of their work. Finalists will be selected by LWVUS staff, and winners will be selected by the public poll. **The original nomination deadline of April 21 has been extended to April 28.** Find more information on categories and how to submit [here](#).

## Board Recommended Program for FY22-FY24

The LWVUS board is recommending the readoption of the Campaign for Making Democracy Work® as LWV Program for 2022 – 2024. More than 300 Leagues participated in the LWVUS program planning process, and 100% of Leagues voted that LWVUS should continue prioritizing the Campaign for Making Democracy Work® in the next biennium. Leagues had the opportunity to indicate if there was another position or policy that LWVUS should work on. Staff will use those recommendations to shape the watchdog issues for LWVUS to respond to. Leagues proposing not recommended or other items need to follow the requirements outlined in [LWVUS Bylaw XII Principles and Program Sec. 2\(c\)](#). The Program Planning Committee will host a webinar (see webinars and virtual meetings section above) to explain the proposed program in more detail. [A new](#)

[platform](#) has been created for LWVUS and Leagues proposing studies and concurrences to post information on their proposals and for all League members to review and engage in discussion. For questions, email [progplan@lww.org](mailto:progplan@lww.org).

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## LETTERS & MEMOS

- Letter: [LWVUS Urges Climate Action in the Senate](#)

## Leagues in the News

- LWV of New York filed a legal brief last week urging an appellate court to reject legislative maps. Learn more here: [League of Women Voters urges court to toss New York's redistricting maps](#).
- LWV of Johnson County (Kansas) spent time with their local Girl Scout troop to discuss the importance of voting. Read more: [Metro area Girl Scouts get a lesson on voting and the democratic process](#).
- LWV of Greater Charlottesville brought flowers, balloons, and a card to their local election workers for Thank Election Heroes Day! Read the piece: [League of Women Voters leaves surprises at registrar's offices](#).

## LEAGUE LEADERS

Special Notifications: Please don't reply to this message. For additional information, contact the individual listed or visit our websites: [lww.org](http://lww.org) and the [League Management Site](#). To help keep your members informed, consider forwarding this bi-weekly message. Want to sign up to receive this email? [Use this form](#). Please note that this is an internal communication that provides both announcements and opportunities meant only for your members and League, as well as updates on important news and events.



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