



The League Update

FEBRUARY 10, 2022



Patricia,

Our Nation

Happy Black History Month! This is a time to reflect on the history of Black people and celebrate them. We cannot tell the story of American history without telling the stories of Black people. I encourage you to take time to learn something new about Black history and culture this month.

We will be celebrating Black History Month by highlighting Black women who power democracy. Read our latest blog ['Black Women Who Define\(d\) The Voting Rights Movement'](#) on LWV.org.

Our League

We are four days away from our 102nd birthday, which we'll commemorate with action, advocacy, and storytelling.

Our birthday comes at a critical time for our democracy. The 2022 primary election season will soon kick off with people voting under news laws and within new maps. Women have powered democracy for over 100 years, and for our birthday we are coming together across the country to build power for elections in 2022. We'll honor the 102-year legacy of our organization with a day of unified, pro-voter action as one League, together.

[Join our virtual rally](#) on Facebook Live at 11 am ET on Feb. 14 to gear up for the day!

We want to know how your League is planning to commemorate the day! Please register your League's Birthday Action event today. Registering your League's event is important for us to track so we can elevate your event. [Register your event today!](#)

[Check out our toolkit](#) for Leagues facilitating and promoting their Birthday Action events.

In other League business, registration for the 2022 Convention is open. League delegates can begin registering today at [lwv.org/convention](#).

I am excited to celebrate 102 years of League with you all on Monday! Continue to stay safe.

In League,

Deborah

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Upcoming

- **Feb. 11, 2pm ET | [Program Planning Webinar 102](#)**
Additional information on proposed program issues, including how to join Groups.io
- **Feb. 16, 3pm ET | [How to Build an Advocacy Program](#)**
This webinar is the start of a series on how to build an advocacy program.
- **Feb. 22, 5pm ET | [LWV February Community Call](#)**
This month we will hear directly from League leaders about their VOTE411 promotion strategies and outreach.
- **Feb. 24, 3pm ET | [Legislative Office Hours](#)**
A regular space for LWVUS advocacy staff to support your legislative work. If you have

specific positions or bills, please email advocacy@lwv.org with the subject "Leg Office Hours," a brief description of your bill(s), and any documents.

- **March 8, 7pm ET | [Building a Data Culture Listening Session](#)**
Hear how Leagues across the country are advancing a data culture in their communities and hear about the results of our latest [Semi-Annual Survey](#).

Recordings

- [Q&A: League Insurance Needs](#)
- [Training: All About Bylaws](#)
- [2022 Media Training](#)

ACTION

- Action Alert: [Tell Your Senators to Support the Equal Rights Amendment](#)
- Action Alert: [Tell Your Senators to Support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#)
- Action Alert: [Support DC Statehood \(S 51\)](#)

Register Your League Birthday Action TODAY!

On Feb. 14, 2022, the League turns 102 years old! Celebrate our birthday by throwing down for voting rights through action. [Tell us about your event by filling out this form](#). We have 28 Leagues registered so far, but we know that there are many Leagues organizing actions who have not yet registered. To tell our story and demonstrate our impact, we need you to share your plans with us. Review our toolkit and resources to support your event on the [LMS 102nd Birthday Action page!](#)

Your Input in LWV Program Planning

The input of local and state Leagues and ILOs will help shape the proposed LWV program of study and action that will be debated and voted on by convention delegates. Program planning report forms must be submitted by Tuesday, March 1, 2022. You can see the Program Planning [Leader's Guide](#) here and the [2022 Program Survey](#) here.

Program Planning 101, a webinar which outlines the basics of LWVUS program planning, was held on Jan. 12, 2022. [A recording of the webinar can be found here](#). A second webinar, which will have additional information on proposed issues, will be held on Friday, Feb. 11, at 2pm ET. [Register for that webinar here](#).

Leagues that want to promote program related items, including concurrences and studies, can send materials to cdavis@lwv.org and CC progplan@lwv.org. LWVUS will post your materials to the platform to ensure all documents are universally shared. Please allow up to 24 hours for posting. [View the concurrences here](#). You do not need to join the group to view the documents, but if you wish to participate in any discussion, [you can join the group here](#).

Legislative Tracking for State Leagues

LWVUS would like to provide legislative tracking for important bills that state Leagues want to keep an eye on. We will be utilizing our system Quorum to build tracking sheets to monitor any bill your League deems important. This service can streamline and augment your advocacy and legislative work! Interested in learning more about creating a Legislative Tracking Sheet?

Contact dvargas@lwv.org.

RESOURCES

- Blog: [Black Women Who Define\(d\) the Voting Rights Movement](#)
- Blog: [The Best of LWV's Tik Tok](#)
- [VOTE411 Social Media Template](#): Promote elections in your state or locality using this Canva template.
- [LWV Valentines](#): Use these digital Valentines to promote the love of voting.

Brand New VOTE411 Resources Toolkit

With the launch of the brand new VOTE411 voter guide technology, LWVEF staff have developed a brand new [VOTE411 Resources Toolkit](#) to provide Leagues with ALL the resources they need to successfully utilize the VOTE411.org website! Here you'll find information on what VOTE411 has to offer, how to sign up for the voter guide program, recorded webinar trainings on the new voter guide platform, promotional materials, information for a candidate pressure campaign, and much more! For any questions about VOTE411, please contact mbrown@lwv.org.

Nonpartisanship in an Election Year

As we begin another midterm election cycle, here are some resources from the League Management site to help you navigate the League's nonpartisan policy in an eventful year.

- Blog from LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase Solomón: [Remaining Nonpartisan in Hyper-partisan Times](#)
- [Nonpartisanship and Partnerships](#)
- [Nonpartisanship on Social Media](#)
- [Developing and Implementing a Nonpartisan Policy](#)
- Webinar: Operating as a Nonpartisan Organization [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)
- [Webinar: DEI and Nonpartisanship](#)

LWV BUSINESS

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. All details can be found on our newly launched Convention website at lwv.org/convention. The site will be regularly updated throughout the coming weeks.

LETTERS & MEMOS

- Letter: [LWVUS sends memo to President Biden regarding next SCOTUS nominee](#)
- Letter: [League calls on Congress to remain focused on the fight against racial discrimination in voting](#)
- Letter: [League joins letter to Biden Administration following Summit for Democracy](#)

Leagues in the News

- LWV of Florida President Cecile Scoon spoke out against a bill that would threaten small voter registration groups with hefty fines for small mistakes. [Read the story from CNN.](#)
- LWV of Texas sent a letter to threatening legal action against the Texas Secretary of State if he continued to violate federal law by severely limiting voter registration cards to groups like the League. [LWVTX President Grace Chimene comments.](#)
- Susan Smith, vice president of LWV of Michigan, spoke strongly against partisan attempts to influence district maps that flout the will of the people. [Read the story from AP.](#)

LEAGUE LEADERS

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