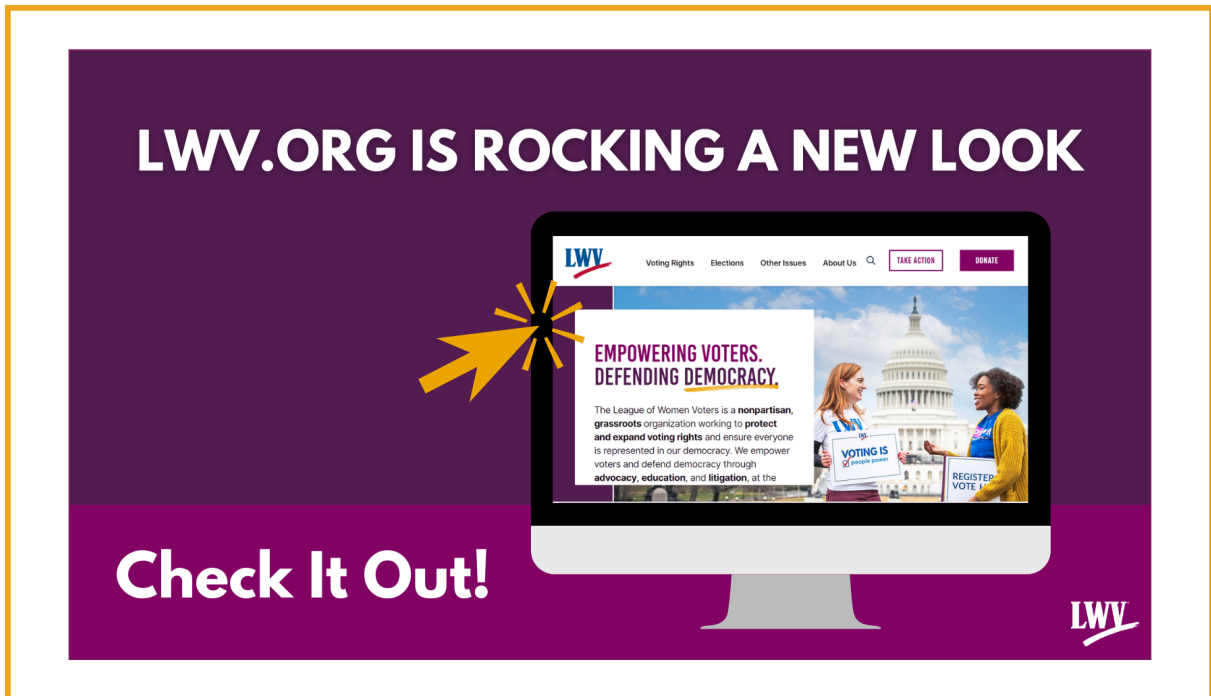




The League Update

JANUARY 27, 2022



Patricia,

Our Nation

Last week our Senate failed to move the *Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act* forward, abandoning their oath and obligation to uphold the Constitution of the United States and protect the freedom to vote for all voters.

Despite this difficult loss, we are proud of the accomplishments of our organization in partnership with others, which include shifting the President's stance on the filibuster, pushing the White House and Senate leadership to make bold moves for voting rights, and raising the visibility of national voting rights legislation nationwide.

The League is no stranger to the fight for democracy. It is embedded in the fabric of our organization, and we will continue to be advocates for federal voting rights long-term. Progress for voting rights has always been a journey in our country. It took nearly a century for women's suffrage to pass and several more decades before federal legislation passed to protect the right to vote for voters of color and Indigenous voters. This fight is a marathon, and we will not stop running until we succeed.

Be encouraged! The League has a history of getting this work done, and we will live up to our reputation in this century. Defending democracy is our mission — we are not backing down.

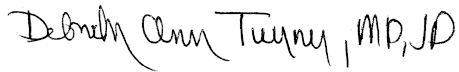
Our League

In League news, LWV.org has a fresh look! Yesterday, we launched the new design of the League's website. Additionally, we created a toolkit for Leagues to share this on social media, which can be found under the resource section of this email.

Our 102nd birthday is less than a month away on February 14. I invite all Leagues to celebrate our birthday by [taking action for voting rights](#). **This is a critical moment for our democracy!** Therefore, it is important to show the power and strength the League has exhibited over our last 102 years. Register your League's birthday action today [using this form](#).

Our work can be empowering and equally challenging, so I encourage you to take time to recharge as we gear up for the primary elections. Please stay safe and wear your mask!

In League,



Deborah

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Upcoming

- **Jan. 28, 5pm ET | [LWV Outreach Circle Admins Training](#)**
Everything you need to know about hosting a friendbank and facilitation best practices.
- **Feb. 1, 5pm ET | [League Birthday Action Host Call](#)**
Review all available resources to help ensure your February 14, 2022, Birthday Action is a success!
- **Feb. 3, 6 pm ET | [Q&A: League Insurance Needs](#)**
Conversation with an insurance broker about League insurance needs. Submit questions ahead of the webinar to ediliberti@lwv.org.
- **Feb. 9, 4pm ET | [2022 Media Training](#)**
Tips and best practices when sharing League work publicly in traditional media and on social media.
- **Feb. 11, 2pm ET | [Program Planning Webinar 102](#)**
Additional information on proposed program issues, including how to join Groups.io.
- **Feb. 22, 5pm ET | [LWV February Community Call](#)**
A monthly LWV virtual community space to hear directly from League members across the country.

Recordings

- [League Voting Rights Field Call](#)
 - [Looking Ahead Policy Webinar](#)
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ACTION

- Action Alert: [Take Action for Equal Rights](#)
- Action Alert: [Tell Your Senators to Support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#)
- Action Alert: [Demand that President Biden Protect the Freedom to Vote](#)

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, Mar. 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](#).

LWV 102nd Birthday Action!

On Feb. 14, 2022, the League turns 102 years old! We are not just in a pivotal election year, but we are in a critical moment for voting rights, our elections, and democracy. We are inviting all Leagues to celebrate our birthday together by throwing down for voting rights through action. We have created a toolkit with resources to support your event on the [102nd Birthday Action resources page!](#)

Similar to recent past birthdays, we are collecting information from Leagues about their plans so we can support and amplify all the actions happening across the country. [Tell us about your event by filling out this form.](#)

Sign Up for VOTE411 Voter Guide in 2022

Happy New Year! It's officially 2022 – does your League have an election this cycle? If so, [sign up today to join the VOTE411 voter guide program](#) (on the brand-new technology)! Join nearly 500 Leagues across the country in providing millions of voters with the candidate and ballot information they need to successfully cast their ballot! If you have any questions about VOTE411, please contact igarcia-hernandez@lww.org.

RESOURCES

- Blog: [How Citizens United Will Impact Midterms](#)
- Blog: [Voting Rights Showdown in the US Senate](#)
- [VOTE411 Social Media Template](#): Promote elections in your state or locality using this Canva template.
- [New Marketing Images](#): We've added new images available on our Flickr!
- [LWV Valentines](#): Use these digital Valentines to promote the love of voting.

Dr. Turner 2022 League Address Video

League of Women Voters President Dr. Deborah Ann Turner addresses Leagues across the country for the 2022 midterm election year in a [new video on the LWVUS YouTube channel](#). Leagues are welcome to use this video at your meetings and events.

VOTE411 Election Season Graphics & Posts

The 2022 election season has begun, and we have VOTE411 social media graphics and sample posts to help your League get out the vote. Check out all our [VOTE411 Messaging Resources](#) on the League Management Site.

Women Power Democracy Resources

LWVUS launched “Women Power Democracy” in 2021 as a helpful way of talking about our work. We encourage Leagues to use this framework as it applies to our organization’s mission focus. [Check out this page on the League Management Site](#) for a one-pager outlining the program, and check back for more resources as we continue to add them.

LWVUS New Website Look!

The League recently revealed its new website design. Wanna help us spread the word? [Use this toolkit](#) to promote the new LWV.org on your social media.

2022 Legislative Trends

LWVUS strives to provide [guidance and policy outlooks](#) to state and local Leagues around the country, whether it be legislative tracking, interpretation of bills, or responding to other advocacy inquiries. We are revamping our legislative guidance this year to provide a better outlook on the trends that Leagues may expect in state legislatures. This comes in direct response to feedback from League leaders, and we hope it will be helpful as Leagues consider their legislative priorities for 2022.

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@lww.org.

Questions About League Insurance?

Insurance broker Jamie Mooney of Assured Partners will join us for a [Q&A on Feb. 3 at 6 pm ET](#) to discuss different types of insurance and how Leagues should think about their insurance needs, followed by time for questions. You may submit questions ahead of time to ediliberti@lww.org even if you are unable to attend the live Q&A. The Q&A will be recorded and posted to the League Management site.

LWVUS Advocacy Legislative Office Hours

To provide more direct support to Leagues this coming year, the LWVUS Advocacy team will be officially launching [Legislative Office Hours](#). This is a regular space to open our virtual offices and listen to and support your legislative work. To start, we will be hosting these office hours on the [second and last Thursdays of every month, from 3 – 4pm ET](#). To accommodate all who may be interested, please plan on having the meetings last up to 15 minutes. If you plan on calling about specific positions or bills, please contact us at advocacy@lww.org with an email subject “Leg Office Hours,” a brief description of what you wish to discuss, and any documents/attachments. This will ensure our team can come to our meeting as prepared as possible.

LWV BUSINESS

Roster Updates Due Jan. 31

Along with being able to celebrate our growth over the past year, it is important for this roster count to be accurate, as it will be used to determine the [number of delegates](#) each League is entitled to at the 2022 Convention. To access your League’s member database, please visit the [Roster Manager Portal](#).

The support section of the Roster Manager portal offers answers to common questions and is the best place to submit support requests. If you are unable to login to the portal, you can contact rostersupport@lww.org. **We will work to honor any adjustments for Leagues with pending roster support requests prior to the roster update deadline.**

Due to the high volume of activity during this time, Leagues should expect longer than usual wait times when contacting Roster Support. We suggest you begin updating your member information as soon as possible in order to ensure ample time for support should the need arise.

LWVUS 2022 Convention

The 2022 Convention will take place June 23 – 26 in Denver, CO, and online. [All currently posted information can be found here](#). Event registration and hotel reservations are scheduled to open in the next League update.

Leagues in the News

- LWV of Houston was featured on [ABC's "This Week,"](#) as they work to inform voters of changed voting laws in time for upcoming elections. LWV of Houston president Annie Bennifield tells Martha Raddatz about how they're doing it.
- LWV of Salt Lake student board member Arundhati Oommen was recently selected to represent Utah at the US Senate Youth Program. [Check out this impressive student League member!](#)
- LWV CEO Virginia Kase Solomón commented on the "ripple effect" that the failure to pass federal voting legislation will have on women voters in [a new piece from Politico](#).
- LWVUS Chief Counsel and Senior Director of Advocacy and Litigation Celina Stewart spoke to Associated Press about how and why Black women want federal voting legislation. [Watch the video](#).

LEAGUE LEADERS

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