

LWV Beaufort Area Newsletter August 2025

ACTION ALERT: Sept.8–Oct. 31



While lawmakers meet behind closed doors, keep contacting senators and urge them to oppose S. 323. Even lawmakers who generally support abortion bans can't ignore overwhelming opposition from their constituents. #StopTheBansSC

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As a constituent, continue to call YOUR Senators.

Personal calls from constituents are the most effective means of influencing Legislators. [LINK](#)

Keep contacting Senators on the Medical Affairs Subcommittee and urge them to oppose S. 323. Even lawmakers who generally support abortion bans can't ignore overwhelming opposition from their constituents.

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Corbin, (803) 212-6100
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Amplify this message by liking and sharing the Facebook posts from LWVSC. If you took photos or videos at the rally, share them on social media using #StopTheBanSC

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Voter Services Circle: October 9, 6:30–8pm

at Catherine's...490 Cedar Grove Circle, Beaufort

Standing in Strength...Join Our Circle!

LWV Fight Disinformation:

Tuesday, October 14, 3:30pm

Join the Google Meet [HERE](#)

Finance Membership Circle (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 22, 2–3:30pm

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Mission Circle:

Thursday, October 23, 6–8pm

Potluck at Susan Boyd's

303B New Street, Beaufort

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SAVE the Date Rally October 18

NO KINGS 2



LWVUS is joining No Kings 2 as a national partner on Saturday, October 18. LWVUS has decided to become an official partner for this day of mobilization to stand in solidarity with partners and stand up against hate and authoritarianism.

The League has consistently and boldly spoken up in the face of rising authoritarianism. This is an opportunity to put words into action and show up in defense of democracy and as an effective ally.

We encourage Leagues to lean in locally and participate in activations with partners on the ground in a nonpartisan manner. We understand that we cannot control how other partners show up, and participating in any event comes with some risk.

Please use good judgment when creating signs and participating in nonpartisan chants. [MORE INFO HERE:](#)



And share with a friend!

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- **Empowering millions of voters to exercise their right to vote by holding voter registration drives, sponsoring candidate forums and debates, and informing the public about how to make their voices heard;**
- **Protecting the right to vote and ensuring that every vote is counted by fighting for free, fair, and accessible voting systems;**
- **Advocating for positive change at the local, state, and national level on issues such as civic education, government accountability, and money in politics; and**
- **Fostering civil dialogue about important community issues, such as government spending, fair housing, immigration, and civil liberties.**

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National Voter Registration Day



We recently celebrated National Voter Registration Day at USCB and spoke to over 90 students, staff and community. We registered 5 students. Everyone enjoyed the delicious ice cream provided by Malcolm and Athena of The Original Cones Delight. Thank you Carol Smalls-Jenkins and Patricia Jaudon along with Jane who were an amazing team!

LWV Beaufort Observer Corps Reports:

Beaufort County Council Meeting Sept. 22, 2025, Alison Davidow

Issues Relevant to LWV:

CONSENT AGENDA: a-c. These items consisted solely of names of Beaufort County residents appointed to various county committees. It might benefit the League to keep track of vacancies in these and other committees so we could let committee heads know of their interest. Further, there was no indication of the area from which the appointees came which could ensure fairer representation.

The ordinances for the third reading had no comments in response; a positive aspect of each item was that the sequence of readings and votes for each of the two items in this category was listed by date and by vote. This gives the League an idea of the attendant passage difficulty.

Item 13: ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

Items 13 a. b. presented no occasion for comment.

Items 13 c. and d. incorporated the instant issue of Pine Island: subitem c. addressed a Development Agreement between Pine Island Property Holdings and Beaufort County; subitem d. would amend a zoning map for Pine Island, removing Pine Island from the Cultural Protection Overlay District.

Beaufort City Council & City Waterfront Advisory Committee, Sept. 24, 2025 , Lolita Huckaby Watson

Agenda was to allow update for City Council and Waterfront Advisory Committee from engineering consultants as to extend of repairs needed at Waterfront park seawall

Consensus: Park seawall should remain closed until repairs are done, possibly next five years. Those present agree to focus on three alternatives: rebuild the existing platform, build a new seawall with fill material, a hybrid system that would include floating docks. Consultants to come back with more specific plans. Public input sessions will be held. An outstanding question is whether cruise ships should be allowed to continue to dock on sea wall.

Our Observer Corps members submitted reports on the many local meetings on issues relevant to the LWV that they attended on our behalf. Thanks to members Lolita Watson, Anne Bander, Alison Davidow and Janet Gould, Suzanne Larson, Jennifer Sharp and Jean Stokes. (If you wish to join our Communications Circle and attend and take notes on future meetings, please let Lolita know at (843) 812-6490.)



Finally...A Decision on Pine Island

Meeting: October 2, 2025

The Beaufort County Council once again rejected a plan that would allow for a controversial golf course development on Pine Island.

The Pine Island project proposed an 18-hole golf course and 49 houses on St. Helena, where the cultural protection overlay bans golf course development with the intent to preserve Gullah culture.



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