

**EARLY VOTING ADVOCACY**

The implementation of [Early Voting](#) is one of the top priorities for the League at both the state and local levels. Here at the local level, we have kept in close contact with our state leaders to make sure we were aware of key elements of EV implementation that the league is supporting and tracking. There has been action in the Appropriations Committee and the Government Administration and Elections Committee (GAE). On February 16 the Appropriations Committee held a hearing on the Governor's budget. The submitted budget did not include money for EV implementation. Patricia Rossi, VP of Advocacy for LWVCT, testified in person about the importance of funding so that EV is not an unfunded mandate falling on the shoulders of municipalities. Several LWVGH Board members submitted written testimony with the same message. On February 22, the GAE Committee will hold a hearing on bills to implement EV. The LWVCT has issued an [Action Alert](#) to encourage league members to submit testimony to amplify the LWV message. Use this [link](#) to submit.

**Why Does the League Take a Position on Internet and Media Issues?**

Don't miss this informative [blog post](#) by LWVCT Legislative Specialist Pua Ford about universal internet access and digital equity. Learn about the history and importance of this issue, especially since COVID, when it became painfully clear how much work still needs to be done and additional questions need to be answered.

**LWVGH Board Meetings**

Board meetings are [open to all members](#).

Simply send your request to [lwvgreaterhartford@gmail.com](mailto:lwvgreaterhartford@gmail.com). Members are invited to share opinions (but can't vote) on any topic being discussed and may bring up additional topics under the option of Other Business.

**Upcoming Events**

- Feb 22 [YWCA Live](#) with Stephanie Thomas
- Feb 25 [2023 New Member Meeting](#) (Information)
- Feb 28 [Amistad Trilogy Pt I](#)
- Mar 2 [Bicycles & Women's Rights](#)
- Mar 25 [Everyday Democracy Civic Amb. Summit](#)
- Mar 28 [Amistad Trilogy Pt II](#)
- Apr 25 [Amistad Trilogy Pt III](#)

**Want a More Representative Democracy? Reform CT's Redistricting Process**

Joan Twiggs, Redistricting Champion, and LWVCT President Laura Smits recently wrote a most enlightening [opinion piece](#) for The Connecticut Mirror. They propose well-defined recommendations for a more participatory system.

**LWVGH 2023 Legislative Meeting**

LWVGH invited elected legislators from districts of our current members to a Zoom morning meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2023. If you were unable to attend or would like to review, here is the [link](#) to the recording.

The passcode is: 5e.Q0dKh

**#BlackHerstoryMonth with the YWCA Hartford Region**

Celebrate with host Adrienne Cochrane, J.D., who will welcome Stephanie Thomas, the Secretary of the State for Connecticut, as her special guest on [Facebook Live](#), Wednesday, February 22, 2023,

11:30am-12:30pm.

[YWLIVE Lunch & Learn](#)