



***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan  
August 2024 Newsletter***

***While enjoying these summer days, hope you may attend this month's events and working groups.***

***Please join us for LWVOA's Annual Summer Outdoor Event***

***Southeast Michigan Council of  
Governments presents:***

***Environment and Climate Resiliency -  
Regional Initiatives and How You May Help***

***Wednesday, August 21st at the Beverly Hills Park Pavilion  
5:30p for networking and registration  
Program begins at 6:00p***

Speakers from SEMCOG will present an overview of SEMCOG and environmental programs including: storm water, flooding, one-water campaign, and parks & recreation trails.

ALL members, family and guests are encouraged to enjoy this beautiful outdoor park with refreshments provided by LWVOA.

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***(1) LWVOA Community Engagement  
Committee (CEC)***

**and Marketing/Communications (Mar/Com) working groups: Tuesday, August 6th at 4p via Zoom AND in person**



CEC presents monthly in-person events with speakers, valuable information, and opportunities for networking as well as socializing. CEC is always open to ideas and welcomes all members to help plan and facilitate programs.

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**LWVOA has new Facebook and LinkedIn pages -- follow us!**

These new pages provide opportunities to communicate to a broader audience with the latest tools these platforms have to offer. We encourage you to follow both of the new pages. Click [here](#) for more information and instructions.

Contact Leslie Fleming at [MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com](mailto:MarCom.LWVOA@gmail.com) for more info.



**(2) Oakland County Board of Canvassers  
Observation group: Wednesday, August 7th-  
August 14th at the Oakland County Service  
Plaza**

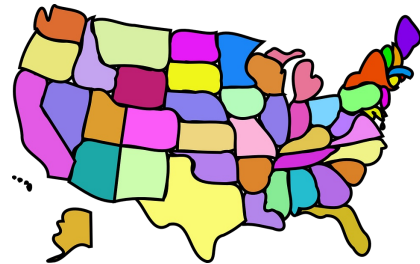
Volunteers monitor the collection and counting of votes after the August 6th election from all voting precincts in Oakland County. Observers may sign up for 2-3 hour sessions.

A recording of the training from July 22nd is available for review on LWVMI's website.

Contact Jim Treharne at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

**(3) LWVUS Abolish the US Electoral College  
nationwide focus group: Friday, August 16th  
at 1p via Zoom**

Monthly presentations provide detailed information as to the necessity of Abolishing the Electoral College by US Constitutional Amendment which is now one of the League's top priorities.



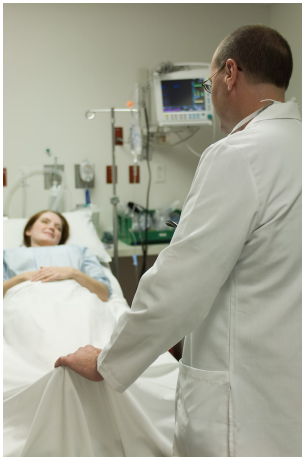
LWVUS' first of a five-phase process is having individual states approve the National Popular Vote. After approval by state legislatures of NPV, the state will direct its electoral college votes to the candidate that wins the national popular vote for the US President and Vice President.

To date, states with a total of 205 electoral votes have committed to the process. A total of 270 are necessary to elect the president. Legislation for NPV has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature. Members are encouraged to notify their state representatives and senators of

their support for such legislation.

Previous PowerPoint presentations and handouts are available for members to share with the public and raise awareness of issues.

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**(4) LWVUS "HC4US" a/k/a "Healthcare for the United States" nationwide focus group: Sunday, August 25th at 8p**

LWV members from numerous states provide information on the present state of our healthcare systems. Monthly speakers have included professionals working to facilitate governmental initiatives for an equitable health system for ALL.

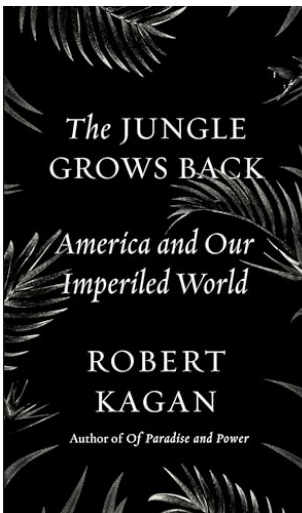
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**(5) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, August 19th at 7p via zoom**

LWVOA's Board manages and facilitates the business and activities of our local league. Monthly meeting minutes are posted on our website. All members are welcome to attend.



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**(6) LWVOA Book Club: Tuesday, September 24th**

The Jungle Grows Back: America and Our Imperiled World (2018) by Robert Kagan A brilliant and visionary argument for America's role as an enforcer of peace and order throughout the world--and what is likely to happen if we withdraw and focus our attention inward.

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**(7) LWVOA Rank Choice Voting working group: September meeting date TBD**

Learn how RCV may be the preferred method of electing candidates without the hyper-partisan environment that encompasses our elections now. This group is planning presentations and strategies for the adoption of a position by LWVMI in 2025 and then a



statewide ballot initiative for 2026.

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

### **(8) Candidate Forums September & October 2024**

During June and July, LWVOA hosted more than 11 candidate forums for the August 2024 primary elections.

With primaries complete, the process for the fall candidate forums will be underway. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated for these forums that provide a chance to see our political process in action.

Contact Judy Bateman, Christine Allen, and/or Terrey Benjamin at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

### **(9) LWVOA with AAUW Observer Corps: September organization and orientation meeting date TBD**

School may be in recess, however, members continue to monitor local school board meetings and give feedback on how the process is working.

All LWVOA members are welcome to observe any of the 27 Oakland County local school board meetings. Any help in this effort is greatly appreciated.



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# SKIP THE LINES VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

## WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?

- \* Registered? Vote Early, in person, BEFORE Election Day!
- \* Complete your Ballot and insert it into the Tabulator.
- \* Contact your Local Clerk for Early Voting Sites, Dates & Times.

GO TO [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) OR [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote)  
for all the Election Information you need.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN



VOTERS OF MICHIGAN



"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead

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