



***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan
October 2026 Newsletter***

As always, lots going on...

Please check the LWVMI and LWVUS websites for more info on statewide and nationwide events.

Please join LWVOA for our October In-person Event:

***Ballot Proposals for the
November 2026 Election***

***With Eric Lupher, President of the Citizens
Research Council of Michigan***

Date: Wednesday, October 7th

Time: 1:00 pm



NOTE NEW Location: Bloomfield Township Senior Center, 4315 Andover Rd. Bloomfield, MI 48302 (south of Police/Fire Station near Telegraph and Long Lake)

State, county, and local proposals are on the ballot for the upcoming election. Please take the opportunity to learn about the issues involved. Being an informed voter is a key mission of the League.

Eric Lupher has been president of the Citizens Research Council of Michigan since 2014 and has been with the Council since 1987. For this event, Mr. Lupher will share his insights about the upcoming ballot proposals.

We hope you can join us for this interesting and informative presentation.

(1) Voting Information for November 2026 Elections:

- Check your voter registration status at: Michigan Voter Information Center (mvic.sos.state.mi.us)

- **October 24-November 1: Early Voting period** - check "["Elections. Oakland County MI"](#) for the location nearest you.
- **November 3: Election Day**
- [VOTE411.org](#) is the League's online voter guide. Enter your home address to view a personalized sample ballot with all the races, candidates, and ballot measures that will appear on your November 3rd ballot.

Michigan Statewide Ballot Proposals for the November 3rd General Election:

Michigan voters will consider two statewide ballot proposals on November 3, 2026. Here is a brief overview of what each proposal would do.

Proposal 2026-01: Constitutional Convention

Proposal 2026-01 asks voters whether to convene a constitutional convention to draft a general revision of the Michigan Constitution. The question appears on the ballot every 16 years under Article XII, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution.

If approved, Michigan would elect delegates to a constitutional convention. Any proposed changes would then be submitted to voters for approval or rejection. If rejected, the question would next appear on the ballot in 2042, following the regular 16-year schedule.

Supporters say a convention could address broad issues in Michigan government and the Constitution. Opponents have expressed concerns about the cost and the possibility of significant or unexpected changes to constitutional rights and government policies.

LWVMI has taken a position in opposition to Proposal 2026-1.

Proposal 2026-02: Campaign Finance

Proposal 2026-02 is an initiated law that would change Michigan's campaign finance rules.

If approved, the proposal would:

- Prohibit certain regulated electric and gas utilities and government contractors receiving more than \$250,000 annually in government contracts from making direct or indirect campaign contributions to certain candidates and officeholders.
- Expand campaign finance disclosure requirements to certain communications that mention candidates or ballot questions, even if they do not explicitly urge voters to support or oppose them.
- Require disclosure of who paid for certain political communications on the internet.
- The proposal would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

Supporters describe the measure as a way to increase transparency and limit potential conflicts of interest. Opponents have raised concerns about free-speech implications, potential legal challenges, and the effect of additional campaign finance requirements.

LWVMI has taken a position in support of Proposal 2026-2.

(2) LWVOA members are needed for ACTION:

LWVMI Youth Engagement Grant Opportunity:

- LWVUS approved a grant to LWVOA to recruit 16- to 25-year-olds to facilitate community engagement, including Candidate Forums, monthly in-person events, etc.
- Do you have contact with schools and other youth groups that may participate in this effort?
- Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

LWVMI Text Banking Opportunity:

- LWVMI will provide text messaging mechanisms to contact new and established voters to encourage them to participate in elections.
- Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com OR visit LWVMI.org for more info.

Oakland County Board of Canvassers for post-election observation:

- Location: Oakland County Courthouse at 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac
- Please sign up for 2-4 hour periods during the 14-day review of voting records.
- Contact Jim Treharne at LWVOA@gmail.com for info.



(3) LWVOA Candidate Forums for October 2026

Organizing for the Fall forums before the November 2026 election has begun. Any assistance with procuring facilities, candidates, and personnel is greatly appreciated.

Question screeners, moderators, pages, and timers are also needed for each event. Time commitment per forum is 4 hours. Help with just one forum will be appreciated.

Contact Christine Allen at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for info.

***(4) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group:
Monday, October 12th at 1p at the Bloomfield Township Public Library***

The Mar/Com group continues to engage the public and our members with info about upcoming events. It also helps plan programs and recruit participants.

Follow the links below to view excerpts from media sources promoting LWVOA:



- [Oakland County Times](#)
- [West Bloomfield Beacon](#)
- [The Oakland County Press](#)
- [Downtown Newsmagazine](#)
- [Farmington Press](#)

Click [here](#) to follow our new Facebook page (League of Women Voters / Oakland Area).

Contact Leslie Fleming at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

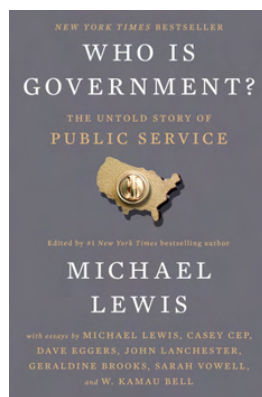


(5) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Thursday, October 15th at 4p via Zoom

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public.

In-person programs are already planned through the end of the year. We welcome suggestions for 2027 presentations and activities.

Contact Geri Rinschler at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(6) LWVOA Book Club: Thursday, October 15th at 7p at Bloomfield Township Public Library

This month's book:

Who Is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service by Michael Lewis.

This collection of essays highlights the essential, behind-the-scenes work of federal employees.

(7) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, October 16th at 1p via Zoom

Always an informative and engaging meeting with authoritative speakers. All members are encouraged to attend and discuss how this important issue may move forward toward the goal of a U.S. constitutional amendment.

NOTE: LWVUS encourages local leagues to give educational presentations on this topic to any interested groups. LWVUS has a PowerPoint presentation that members may use. Training is available for all members before giving presentations.



Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(8) NO KINGS Rally nationwide: Saturday, October 17th throughout Oakland County

Families across the country struggle to afford groceries, gas, electric bills, and the everyday cost of living. Those in power make decisions that shape our lives, our communities, and our future. Voting Early is the next step in reclaiming our power after a year of mass mobilizations.

Please join in this peaceful and nonviolent day of protest at local events in Troy, Rochester Hills, etc. Click [here](#) to check the website for more locations.

(9) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, October 26th at 5p via Zoom

LWVOA's board manages and facilitates the business and activities of our local league. All members are welcome to attend.

Contact Maria Woloson at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.



(10) LWVOA Observer Corps: Public School Board Focus

As school boards have become a point of controversy, LWVOA members observe and report on monthly meetings. All members are welcome to participate in this important activity.

Contact Linda Fiscus at LWVOAMi@gmail.com for more info.

(11) LWVOA and New Citizen Voter Registration at the US Federal Courthouse in Detroit

New Citizen ceremonies and Voter Registration have resumed, however, in reduced numbers. Volunteers are needed to assist in this important effort.



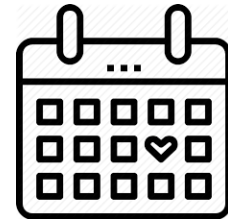
(12) LWV needs YOU!

- Become a member or renew your membership at the [LWVOA](#) member portal, or send a check made out to LWVOA for \$20-\$75 for the annual dues.
- A charitable contribution may be made to LWVEF (Educational Fund).

See the LWVUS website for further info.

SAVE the DATES for upcoming in-person events:

- November 19th - Guided tour of Forgotten Harvest
- December 18th - Holiday season celebration with Hudson's Department Store history



September Highlights:

***(1) Countering Election Sabotage with speakers
Scott Reilly, Ben Gardner & Brooke Harris***

Scott Reilly, LWVOA member and voting rights activist, was joined by Ben Gardner and Brooke Harris from All Voting is Local. Topics included protecting our voting rights and handling election sabotage.

Please visit the [LWVOA website](#) to view the presentation or click [here](#).



(2) Another LWVOA "Postcard Party" was hosted AGAIN by Pat Kish, with organizer Liz Taliaferro

LWVOA has now accomplished sending postcards to nearly all **3200 newly registered voters** in Oakland County.



(3) Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at Kensington Metropark

LWVOA provided information on voting during a 5K outdoor event at Kensington Park, recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. More than 150 folks participated with lots of friends and family members of all ages.

(4) Michigan Men's Health Foundation's Men's Health Day at Wayne State University

This is an annual event that brings out over a thousand people for health checks and community information. LWVOA members spent 6 hours talking to people about ways to vote, how to check their voter registration, and Vote411.org. It was a great day for men's health and voter education!

"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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For more information, please visit our website at [lwvoa](http://lwvoa.org).





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