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End Gerrymandering: Focus on the NYS Capital District

The Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady chapters of the League of Women Voters in coordination with the One Person, One Vote Coalition will hold an educational session on the upcoming redistricting of the state's congressional and legislative districts. This one hour virtual program will take place on August 19 at 7 p.m. It is open to all organizations and individuals who are interested in participating in an effort to have district lines drawn consistent with communities of interest above partisan interests. Political Scientist and League member, Steve Elliott, will be the key presenter.

“We are offering this program in an effort to encourage and increase public participation as the redistricting process goes forward. It is an opportunity for all who seek fair districts to learn how to be an effective advocate on behalf of their interests,” said Vicente Alfonso, Vice President of the Albany Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He was joined by April Land, Interim CEO of the Capital Area Urban League, Judy Meyer, Co-President of League of Women Voters Rensselaer, Linda Gush, Co-President of League of Women Voters Saratoga, Patricia Sibia, President of League of Women Voters of Albany County and Ann Hatke, President of League of Women Voters Schenectady.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/1P1VRedistricting> to register.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

The Capital Area Urban League (CAUL), a nonpartisan, civic engagement, and policy advocacy organization in New York's capital area, began engagement on Redistricting with its work on the 2020 decennial census and continues to offer trainings on Redistricting and access to resources for communities to define their own districts at urbanleague3v.com. CAUL connects communities in Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Montgomery and Albany Counties and links individuals, communities, groups, and organizations to resources that positively affect human lives.

The One Person, One Vote Coalition (Coalition) is an ad hoc group of individuals and organizations who are committed to the adoption of an equitable redistricting plan that is produced through a transparent, participatory and fair process.