



# OHIO VOTER

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## 2015 State Convention Recap

Thank you all League members from across Ohio who were able to attend the 61st state Convention held in Cincinnati on May 15 – 17, 2015. A special thanks to the League of Women Voters of Cincinnati Area (LWVCA) for hosting this year's state Convention. The hard work and dedication of the LWVCA co-presidents, the Convention planning committee and the chair made this event a success! We are also grateful to our League volunteers and sponsors for helping to make this event happen. The theme of this year's Convention was "1920 to 2015: Celebrating 95 years of Empowering Voters and Better Government".

Below are some of the highlights from the Convention.

### Thank you to our outgoing 2013-2015 state board

LWVO/EF extends our sincere thanks to the outgoing 2013-2015 Board -- Nancy Brown, Ann Henkener, Sharon Harmer, Janet Kershaw, Michele Simonelli, Dave Patton, Susan Doup, Yvette Duguay, Linda Lehman, Marlene Muse, Terrie Nielsen, Ruth Tootle and Kristin Vessey -- for their service and dedication in Making Democracy Work!

### Welcome to our new 2015-2017 state board!

At the convention, delegates voted in a new LWVO/EF Board for 2015-2017.

#### 2015-2017 Board of Directors Officers:

Alison Ricker - Co-President (Oberlin)  
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 Kristin Vessey (Bowling Green)



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**New Study Approved on Primary Election Systems**

At the convention, delegates voted to adopt a new study on primary elections. It had been a non-recommended item because the LWVO Board was concerned that the proposal indicated only one League had a core group of people willing to work on the study, but the state board encouraged the study supporters to make a floor motion if additional study volunteers could be recruited before Convention. Lynda Mayer from the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland Area moved for consideration of the non-recommended study, it was debated, and ultimately approved.

A new LWVO committee to study Primary Election Systems expects to get underway this summer. The committee consists of twelve members so far, from local Leagues in the Cleveland, Youngstown, Oberlin, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati areas. If members are interested in joining the committee, they should contact the State Office at 614-469-1505. Non-member academics or experts are also welcome. There will be a few in-person meetings but mostly the committee will meet by phone, in order to choose leadership, decide how to approach the data and share what they are learning. Materials should be out to local Leagues before this time next year, in preparation for information and consensus meetings early in the 2016-17 League year.

**Business Meeting Reports**

Bylaws changes

Delegates voted to approve changes to the LWVO/EF bylaws, which included moving to a two-year budget and making Council meetings between conventions optional, since a budget will not need to be approved in off-years.

LWVO/EF moves to a biennial budget

Convention delegates approved the budget prepared by the LWVO Board, which will cover Fiscal Year 2016 (July 2015 to June 2016) and Fiscal Year 2017 (July 2016 to June 2017). The advantages of a two year budget are: 1) that it allows for long range planning for the term of the new Board; 2) the similarity of yearly budgets; 3) efficiency for operating the state office and local Leagues' budget planning; 4) the recent practice of including Council at Statehouse Day, which does not promote careful consideration of the proposed budget; and 5) the fact that LWVUS and some State Leagues have moved to a biennial budget.

PMP

Our state PMP will remain at \$25 per member as it has for the past five years and this freeze will extend to two more years. The 5% discount for early payment of dues (by September 30) will continue. We hope this advance notice will make it easier for local Leagues to plan their own budgets for the coming two years.

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[VOTE411 Voters' Guide Software](#)



We are thrilled to announce that LWVO will be participating in VOTE411 for calendar year 2016, including both the 2016 primary and general elections. LWVO will pay for coverage of statewide races, U.S. House, and the Ohio House and Senate. Local Leagues who choose to use Vote411 will only have to pay for local races at the county and municipal level for calendar year 2016.

While this coverage adds a new \$2500 expense to the LWVOEF budget, it has many benefits. The state League's participation will reduce the cost and administrative burdens on local Leagues who use Vote411, because locals will not have to pay to upload state races. It will also, for the first time, ensure that the League is able to provide some basic Voters' Guide coverage to the entire state, even in areas without a local League. We hope, in time, this presence will help to grow membership and start new Leagues in currently underserved parts of the state.

[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) is an invaluable resource for Election Day information, with links to state-by-state resources that will help you answer many questions. Resources include: a polling place finder, a voter registration tool, early voting, candidate and ballot information, and much more. Since 2010, Leagues have been using this software to create online voter guides which are featured on VOTE411.

If your local League would like more information about participating in VOTE411, contact Megan Brown (202-263-1357 or [mbrown@lwv.org](mailto:mbrown@lwv.org)) at LWVUS.

### Speakers

The Saturday luncheon featured Marcia Johnson-Blanco, Co-Director of the Voting Rights Project at the Lawyers Committee, speaking on "Carrying the Torch: Celebrating the Legacies of 95 Years of Women Voting and 50 Years of the Voting Rights Act." During her keynote address, Marcia reflected on two historic voting rights victories, the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment granting women's suffrage and the 1965 passage of the Voting Rights Act. She talked about the status of voting rights for women and people of color in Ohio and discussed the barriers and restrictions preventing minorities from voting. She concluded her address with encouraging notes on our duty to continue protecting voting rights for all and elect lawmakers that will help us to do so.

Saturday's Dinner Banquet featured Scott Greytak, Policy Counsel and Research Analyst for Justice at Stake speaking on "The Continuing Fallout from Citizens United: Buying Justice." The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on April 29, 2015 in the third in a line of cases challenging limits on campaign fundraising -- Citizens United (2010), McCutcheon (2014), and Williams-Yulee, which was argued in January and decided in late April. This term's case confronts a troubling new dimension to the growing problem of money in politics, as it examines fundraising by candidates for judge and whether money in judicial elections threatens the impartiality of our courts. Mr. Greytak discussed the Court's recent ruling in Williams-Yulee and what it means for the future in protecting impartial courts from the influences of outside campaign money.

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## Workshops

Convention attendees had a selection of a dozen workshops over the two days including the following topics:

- Developing New Leaders
- Best Practices for Managing LWV Finances
- What can we do about the undue influence of Big Money in Politics?
- Sorry, You Have Already Lost Local Powers: Fracking, Radioactive Waste & Your Community
- The League and Ohio Public Education. Can we do more?
- Beyond Civility: Communication for Effective Governance
- What a Great Idea! Innovative Strategies to Grow Your League
- Fair Districts Ohio
- Vote411, Voters Guides, and Voter Service Best Practices
- Diversity Roundtable
- Learning the Skills of Effective Advocacy
- Protecting Fair and Impartial Courts

Visit [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org) to read more about the Convention workshops, activities and access the Convention materials available to the Convention attendees.

## Membership

A big shout out to the following Leagues -- LWVOhio, Chillicothe-Ross, Greater Dayton, Lima, Athens County, Bowling Green, Oxford, Kent, and Oberlin -- for achieving certificates for annual membership growth. Congratulations! Keep up the great work, and thanks for all you do!



## From the Co-Presidents' Desk: Looking ahead with the co-presidents

Becoming co-presidents of the Board of Directors is an honor and exciting challenge, and we look forward to working with all of the incoming and continuing board members as well as our highly effective Executive Director, other staff and league members around the state. We are indebted to past presidents Nancy Brown and Janice Patterson and outgoing advocacy chair Ann Henkener for sharing their knowledge, insights and a plethora of useful documents to help guide us into our new responsibilities. Their support, as well ongoing advice from Carrie Davis, Meg Flack and others, has certainly eased transition onto the board.



One pressing focus for the new board will be helping every local league educate voters about Issue 1, the redistricting reform ballot issue that will appear on the general election ballot in the fall. LWV Ohio supports this issue; effective advocacy for passage of the constitutional amendment will be our goal. Look for more information to be shared in late summer, on the website and at regional meetings.

Advocacy of this sort brings to mind some thoughtful words from *For the Public Record: a documentary history of the League of Women Voters* by Barbara Stuhler. It was written as a companion to *In the Public Interest: a history of the League of Women Voters, 1920-1970*, by Louise Young. We are reading them both, to recommit ourselves to the founding principles of the LWV, and recommend both books to all leaguers.

“There is still a role for the League as a multi-issue organization that couples education with advocacy, a group where like-minded women and men can come together on issues important to them and who desire to participate in the democratic process in a very direct and effective way.

“Despite the old-fashioned phrasing, good government remains a consummation devoutly to be wished and in democratic societies still depends on the participation of a well-informed citizenry.” (p. xiii-xiv)

Careful study, research, debate and consensus building around important and timely issues is the hallmark of the League. Communicating the results of that research, presented in position statements and taking the form of educating and advocating for League-held positions, is an essential part of the process to ensure a well-informed citizenry. With the participation of every League member, we look forward to continuing that tradition, honoring the generations before us and striving to ensure a healthy, just and sustainable world for generations that follow.

— Alison Ricker and Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick

## Judicial Votes Count

By Nancy Brown, LWVO Judicial Lobbyist



Ohio Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor has long expressed concern about the fact that many voters – sometimes up to 40% of those who go to the polls – don't bother to vote for judges. Part of the problem seems to be that many voters are uninformed about judicial candidates and/or don't really understand what judges do. What is the role of a probate judge, a municipal court judge, an appellate judge, etc.?

In an effort to address this problem, the Chief Justice reached out to the Ohio League, The Ohio State Bar Association, the Ray C. Bliss Institute of the University of Akron and the Ohio Newspaper Association. We have been working together to develop a statewide one-stop site for information about judicial candidates and the courts, including all municipal, county and state courts.


An initial step was a survey conducted last fall by the Bliss Institute designed to provide insight about Ohio voters' understanding of the judiciary and the reasons they do or do not vote. This has aided us in developing a website, which will be called **Judicial Votes Count** and will be hosted by the University of Akron. The website will not only provide information about judicial candidates, but also about each of the courts and what they do. Understanding the role of the probate courts, for example, should assist voters in evaluating the qualification of candidates for that office.

Each of the entities participating in the coalition has provided their own special expertise. The League, of course, is the expert on voter's guides - how to solicit information from candidates and the challenges of being fair and impartial. But it is great fun working with partners who have other expertise and resources enabling us to develop a first class website which we expect will be user friendly. And the representative from the Ohio Newspaper Association is a great source of ideas about how we can publicize the site.

The candidate information from **Judicial Votes Count** will be available and free to use for local Leagues as they develop their own Voter Guides. At the same time, voters in parts of the state which do not have a local League will for the first time have access to information about judicial candidates other than from a political party.

Although the League's position on the judiciary has long supported reform to how we select judges, such as moving to merit selection, we believe that as long as voters are electing their judges, it is critical that they have adequate information. We hope that this website will not only increase the percentage of voters who vote for judicial candidates, but that it will provide voters with the information they require to make an informed choice.

If you would like the opportunity to view the site when it first goes live, send your email address to [JudicialVotesCount@gmail.com](mailto:JudicialVotesCount@gmail.com).



### Know Your Ohio Government Book Update Project

We are delighted to announce that our plans for updating the Know Your Ohio Government (KYOG) booklet have not only gained traction, but are full speed ahead. With the generous support of the Nordson Foundation who offered us a matching grant for \$5,000, we were able to meet that with the equally generous support of our members at both Statehouse Day and Convention. Expect to see the new and revised KYOG booklet available at all major online retailers as an ebook and in paperback, at a cost less than what we were selling it at before. Thank you to each and every member who supported with a pledge donation. We are so pleased we will be able to offer a new version of this wonderful civic resource to educators and libraries throughout the state soon.

## Fair Districts Ohio – State redistricting reform will be on this fall’s ballot *What it is & how you can support it*

By Ann Henkener, LWVO Redistricting Specialist

The November 2015 ballot will feature our best chance for redistricting reform in the last forty plus years. Ballot issues are most likely to pass if the issue was put on the ballot by the legislature and has broad-based support from conservatives and progressives. And the new proposal has both!

In late 2014, during the “lame duck” session of the last General Assembly, two term limited representatives, Matt Huffman (R-Lima) and Vern Sykes (D-Akron) worked into the night and found a place of compromise where both the Republicans and the Democrats could come to agreement on reforming the drawing of district lines for both the Ohio House and the Ohio Senate. The measure passed by overwhelming majorities in both chambers.

As with most compromises, it is not perfect, but it creates a much fairer system by:

- Establishing a bipartisan commission responsible for creating legislative district lines.
- Requiring that communities are kept together by strictly minimizing the number of splits of counties, municipalities and contiguous townships
- Requiring that "No General Assembly district plan shall be drawn primarily to favor or disfavor a political party."
- Requiring that map-making be transparent: the Redistricting Commission must hold public meetings to explain how the plan conforms to statewide voter preferences and does not unfairly favor a particular political party. It must also explain why it was necessary to split a county, municipality or township.

It requires bipartisan agreement for the adoption of any 10-year plan and includes strong incentives to reach bipartisan agreement:

A plan that is not supported by at least two members of the minority party will only be valid for four years, and the re-drawing of the maps would be undertaken by a Redistricting Commission whose membership could be substantially altered by intervening elections;

A plan that is not supported by at least two members of the minority party would be subjected to more rigid criteria.

### **Specific provisions of the plan**

The new Ohio Redistricting Commission would include the Governor, Auditor, Secretary of State, and two representatives each from the Senate and the House, one from each major political party in that chamber.

Four votes, including at least two from the minority party, would be needed to approve a redistricting map that would be valid for the full 10 years until the next census.

If a plan fails to receive support from at least two minority party members, and if a House plan includes more than 6 splits (or 2 splits for Senate districts) of county, municipal or township boundaries, the court must declare the plan invalid and must order the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan.

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If a plan fails to receive support from at least two members of the minority party, and if the plan does not “correspond closely to the statewide political preferences of the voters of Ohio,” the court must declare the plan invalid and must order the commission to adopt a new general assembly district plan.

### **The Criteria**

Plans must comply with the requirements of federal law, and must follow community-protection criteria strictly limiting splits in county, municipal and township boundaries. If a county has a population between 95% and 105% of a quota of representation, it must be designated as a House district. The order in which district boundaries are drawn give the greatest protection to large counties, followed by smaller counties, municipalities and contiguous townships, in that order.

### **What you can do**

The official campaign is called Fair Districts for Ohio and is led by former Reps. Sykes and Huffman. You should be hearing more about it as the summer progresses and we expect organizational endorsements to come in the next few months. The campaign can provide speakers for events – just contact the campaign or the office. League members can distribute fliers explaining the ballot issue. We will be letting you know about more opportunities as they come up.

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## **Heading towards 2020: Moments in LWV History**

By Mary Kirtz Van Nortwick, LWVO Co-President

Once the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment had been ratified, the suffragists led by Carrie Chapman Catt wanted to build on this accomplishment in two ways: to educate voters, particularly women, and to influence legislation, especially as it affected the welfare of women and children. Unconvinced that this could be done through the party system, Catt envisioned a League which, rather than be part of a partisan system, would serve as an independent voice outside it. Not everyone in the newly established state Leagues agreed with this view.

Held in Cleveland, Ohio, LWV’s first annual convention in 1921 attracted almost 1,000 delegates from 46 states and representatives from 9 women’s organizations.

Establishing the League’s primary mission was on the agenda, with two opposing views presented. Pennsylvania argued for focusing on political education alone and not getting embroiled in controversial policy issues. Other state delegations rejected the notion that the organization could not be both a civic organization and also a policy pressure group, pointing out that their membership had grown precisely because they had actively supported certain pieces of legislation.

Recalling that at its last meeting, the National American Women’s Suffrage Association tasked its successor, the League of Women Voters, to help women’s organizations to coalesce around supporting legislation that underscored their shared interests, the latter view eventually prevailed.

The League, joined by ten other women’s organizations, put its efforts behind the Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Protection Act which was passed in 1921. This effort helped establish the foundation for future advocacy by the League of Women Voters.



## MLD Tip: Best Practices for Managing a Meeting

By Meg Flack and Pat Simons, MLD Co-Coordinators



This time of leadership transition is an excellent time for board and committee members to review the best practices of meeting management – and to keep in mind that each and every participant shares responsibility for a productive meeting.

### ***The meeting leader should:***

- Ask: is a meeting the best way to achieve the goal? Are all essential participants (decision makers) going to be there? Does the meeting have a clear goal with an understood desired outcome?
- Announce the meeting and provide *all* necessary materials in advance with sufficient notice for participants to prepare. Necessary materials include a timed agenda indicating who is responsible for each agenda item and all background materials necessary for the group to make decisions.
- Start and end on time to encourage a culture of prompt, efficient meetings and to show respect for others' time.
- Facilitate the discussion and keep it on topic. This includes encouraging *everyone's* participation and not allowing small-group (e.g., committee or sub-committee) work at the meeting.
- End with action points based on decisions made at the meeting that include 1) A clear description of the goal; 2) A specific person(s) who are accountable for accomplishing it; and 3) A specific completion date.

### ***Meeting participants should:***

- Be on time; be prepared (no doing "late homework" at the meeting table!); stay on topic; participate in a positive manner; and avoid side conversations.
- A complete list of *The 10 Commandments of Meetings* can be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/npwg39z>

## **Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) Teams and Coaches Rock!**

Thirty MLD team members and coaches from 16 Leagues across Ohio gathered in Columbus, April 17-18, for their annual training. They shared innovative strategies to grow and diversify their memberships, to develop League leaders and to be more visible and effective in their communities. Mixed in with the informative discussions and exercises were plenty of laughter and camaraderie.



If you're interested in knowing more about the MLD program and how to get involved, please contact Pat Simons ([pjsimons@hotmail.com](mailto:pjsimons@hotmail.com)) or Meg Flack ([megflack150@gmail.com](mailto:megflack150@gmail.com)), MLD Co-Coordinators or visit the state League's MLD home page at <http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/Member-Area/MLD-Program.cfm>

## Inspire: Join the Conversation! Sustainability Campaign

Plans to formally launch our five-year sustainability campaign are well underway and we hope to formally kick off later this year. The **Inspire: Join the Conversation** campaign was introduced to Local League presidents over breakfast on Saturday morning at Convention. We gathered feedback from those who attended about how we can best work together with local leagues in the coming years of the campaign. Our message to all members continues to be that the purpose of the campaign is to raise funds so that we can better support local leagues and offer more services than we already do. We do not want to take away from local leagues' own fundraising efforts. The campaign will span five years until our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. The goal is to raise \$1 million in cash and \$1 million in bequests. Stay tuned for a formal announcement later this year!

## LWVUS Nominations Timeline Announced

By Lee Luebbe, NC, Chair, Judy Duffy MN,  
Connie Ferguson MI, Alice Giles MD, and  
Donna Lauffer KS

Look for the Nominating Committee's Application/ Recommendation form in June on [lwv.org](http://lwv.org), and recommend nominees for the 2016-18 LWVUS Board and Nominating Committee. You may recommend yourself or another League member. Deadline for submitting forms is September 30, 2015. Additional information, references and a resume are due by November 15. The Nominating Committee will submit its slate to the LWVUS Board in February 2016. Elections will be held at the June 2016 Convention in Washington, DC. Be sure to make contact to seek approval from the potential nominee before you send in a name.

The current Nominating Committee seeks a Board and Nominating Committee makeup that reflects the voices of the diverse populations within League. You can assist us in reaching this goal.

The Nominating Committee theme is: "Embracing the future: leading the way." We are looking for members who will not only embrace the future, but will be the ones to lead us there. You are an important link in making that happen.



To Get More  
From LWV OHIO  
in 2015

1.

### CHECK OUT THE MEMBER AREA OF [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org)

You will find recent Ohio League Leader Updates and important information for local Leagues and members.

2.

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The first Tuesday of every month at noon, join us for an all-member conference call to discuss an issue of importance to the League with members across the state. Topics have included redistricting, money in politics and education funding.

3.

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ACTION ALERTS AND E-NEWS UPDATES!

All League members receive E-News updates to keep them connected to the work of LWV Ohio. Periodically, when legislation or policy is on the move, LWV Ohio will reach out to you and your local League to take action. We count on you to amplify the voice of LWV Ohio with your phone calls, emails and letters.

4.

### SIGN UP FOR THE LEAGUE LEADER UPDATES

The League Leader Updates, LWV's monthly e-newsletter filled with updates on everything from membership to advocacy to finance/grant opportunities to voters' service to upcoming events, is now accessible to **all** League members. Simply email [lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org](mailto:lwvoinfo@lwvohio.org) or call 614-469-1505 to subscribe.

5.

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LWV Ohio posts breaking news and member updates on Facebook and Twitter regularly. Get news quickly and easily share it with your friends and network.



Carrie L. Davis

## Executive Director's Column: A Good Year for Voters

The old saying goes, “politics makes strange bedfellows.” There is no time this is truer than during the lead-up to a major election. We are in one of those times now.

Many political commentators have observed a major swing in state legislatures this year when it comes to voting rights. “2015 State Legislative Update: Pro-Voter Reforms Outpace Attacks on Voting Rights”, LWV blog post 6/10/2015, <http://lwv.org/blog/2015-state-legislative-update-pro-voter-reforms-outpace-attacks-voting-rights>. Suddenly, members of both major political parties want to claim the label of bring pro-voter and are trying to out-do one another in showing how friendly their state (and their party) is to voters.

As a staunchly nonpartisan organization, the League of Women Voters certainly has no vested interest in whether either party succeeds in winning favor with voters this way. However, LWV and the people we serve can most definitely benefit from this phenomenon to finally be able to move pro-voter policies in state capitals across the nation.

Ohio is no exception. This year, we are seeing a landslide of pro-voter policies – including proposals that we have been pushing for years – gain traction. Here are a few of our pro-voter successes to date:

- In April, our early voting lawsuit, [NAACP v. Husted](#), reached a settlement agreement that guarantees evening and weekend early voting hours through 2018. We have been fighting cuts to early voting since 2008, so this is a major victory to ensure we continue to have early voting.
- The Ohio House Speaker and Senate President came out publicly in support of including funding in the state budget to continue sending absentee ballot applications to all registered voters in 2016. Just last year, the same legislature passed a bill (SB 205) to prohibit such absentee mailings, so this is quite a remarkable shift.
- We won support from both Republican and Democrat state legislators for providing state funds to help all eighty-eight county Boards of Elections to purchase electronic poll-books, which have been shown to speed-up voter check-in and maintain more accurate voter rolls.
- After many years of pleading with the Ohio legislature to approve online voter registration, the Ohio Senate leadership finally allowed the bill to get a floor vote. The House will take it up this fall.
- Last but not least, this year, for the first time, there will be a [bi-partisan](#) redistricting reform measure on the ballot. LWV has been pushing for redistricting reform since 1967. Every time, the party in control opposed us – and both major parties did so. Issue 1 on the November 2015 ballot gives us the best chance we’ve had to finally achieve reform, with the support of both parties.

There is a lot of time between now and the end of this year, as well as between now and the 2016 election. This trend could change at any time. However, for now at least, let’s savor the fact that we find ourselves in a wonderfully refreshing pro-voter climate in which we can achieve so many policy victories. Enjoy this moment and celebrate!



## LWV Ohio Monthly All- Member Calls

The state League hosts a conference call on the first Tuesday of every month. Each month features a different topic. Previous call topics have included education funding, redistricting reform, voter protection, campaign finance, and fracking. Check the state League website – [www.lwvohio.org](http://www.lwvohio.org) – for next month’s call topic.

**Here’s how to join the discussion:**

**Calls occur on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 PM (noon) until 1:00 PM**

**Call (toll-free): 866-740-1260 Enter PIN Number: 4691505#**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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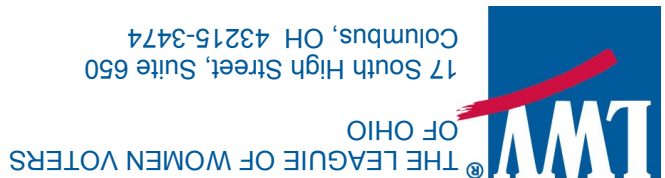
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