

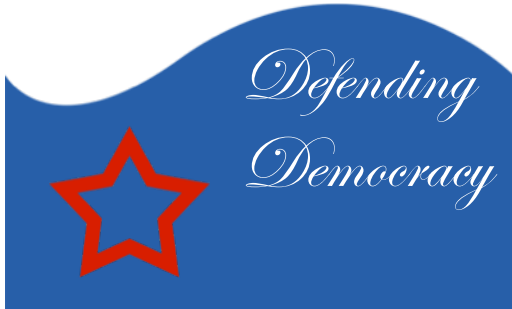


The Voter

February 2025

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100+ Years



Mayor Tom Mackin Scheduled to Deliver State of the City Address at Our Next Meeting

February Meeting — Tuesday, February 10, 6-8p.m.

Join City of Perrysburg Mayor Tom Mackin as he provides reflections on the past year and describes Perrysburg's future on Tuesday, February 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Way Library. **(Presented in partnership with Way Public Library.)** The meeting is open to the public.



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LWVO's 66th State Convention Aurora, Ohio | May 16, 17, 18

LWVO is busy planning workshop events and confirming special guest speakers for their 66th State Convention being held at the

Bertram Inn & Conference Center in Aurora, NE Ohio.

The Perrysburg League has a limited number of Convention Reimbursement Packages (CRP) for our Perrysburg League members to attend the Convention. The CRP will cover Convention registration, hotel, and Gala fees. To be eligible for CRP, you must request **approval on or before March 3, 2025**



For CRP approval, details of what CRP covers, and more information about Convention, contact Debra Gorman, DebraGreenleyGorman@gmail.com on or before March 1, 2025. Please let her know if you are interested – even if you are not quite ready to commit.



Members can attend Convention for the entire weekend, just Saturday, or just Sunday.

Your choice!

What a Deal!

Your annual membership dues cover not only your Perrysburg League dues, but also Ohio and National League dues too — a three in one deal.



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Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan 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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<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area>

**The deadline for
Voter articles is the
25th of each
month.**

President's Letter



Hello LWVPA Members,

Wow! What a successful Program Planning Meeting we had today, January 25. A fantastic turnout of members divided into teams to complete our work for the day — and they accomplished a lot! They reviewed, discussed, and made recommendations on 12 LWVO Positions and agreed to support LWVO Priorities of *Making Democracy Work* campaign and *Public Education*. Plus, we adopted our *Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation*. All that and there was still time to give shoutouts to our High School Voter Registration tour, Book Club, new Membership system, Social Media page, and Website. Thank you to all who participated!

In last month's *President's Letter* ([see January Voter, page 2](#)), you were introduced to the LWV's new Membership Portal (sometimes called ChapterSpot) being rolled out by LWVUS. Here is an update on the rollout and what you should expect.

Each of you will receive your portal invite via an email from membership@lwv.org. The portal invite will ask you to log in to the new Membership Portal for the first time. Members will receive their portal invite on a staggered basis (they do not want to overwhelm the new system) starting on, or shortly after February 3.

You are not being asked to renew or pay dues, only to log in and complete your member information. It is important that you log in to the portal to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information, as well as to help the League understand who we are as an organization. If you have not received an invitation to log in by February 7, please check your spam folder or reach out to membership@lwv.org.

As you know, with any major system implementation, the timeline is always in flux. This is what we know as of today — January 25. Keep checking your inbox, your spam folder, or even your deleted folder for emails from membership@lwv.org (or perhaps ChapterSpot or LWV) regarding the Membership Portal. We are all learning this together, but if you have any questions about the new system, please contact me.

Thanks!

Debra Greenley Gorman

President



**Bookmark
Our Homepage
And Calendar for
Up-to-Date Info!**

Want to get involved with our planning committees? Want more information on any of the following events? Contact us at lwvperryburg@gmail.com

★ **LWVPA Book Club** — Thursday, February 6, 6:00 p.m., *On Tyranny* by Timothy Snyder.

★ **Mindful Matters** — *State of the City*, Monday, February 10, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Perrysburg Mayor Thomas Mackin.

★ **Board Meetings** are held the second Wednesday of the month, 4:45 p.m. All members are welcomed to attend.

All meetings will be held at Way Library unless otherwise noted.



On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder

February 6, 6-8 p.m.

Way Public Library

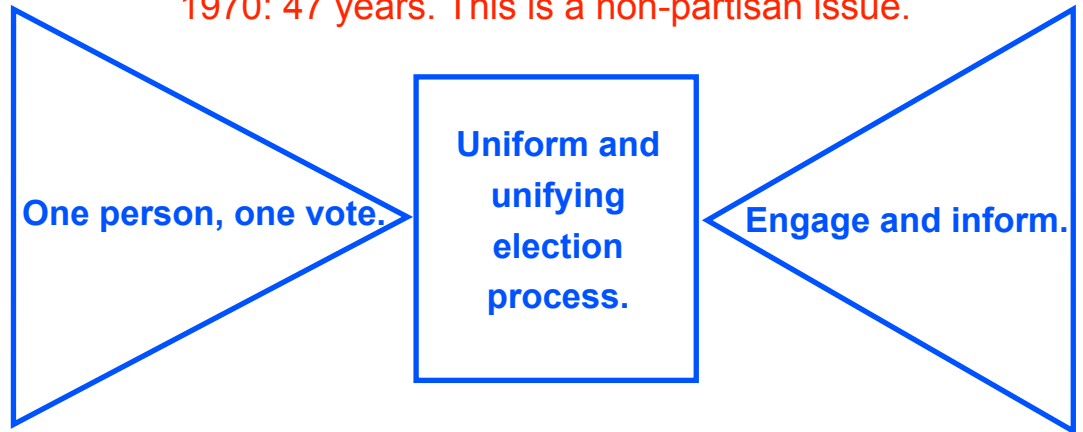
League Position Summaries

For anyone who was unable to attend our Members Only Meeting in September we will be printing a summary of one of the topics covered during the meeting in each Voter over the next few months.

The information was compiled by board members who researched various positions of the national League of Women Voters.

Compiled by Karen Roderick-Lingeman

LWVUS has had a position to abolish the electoral college since 1970: 47 years. This is a non-partisan issue.



The League's Position:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice-President is essential to representative government. The League of Women Voters believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished. The League also supports uniform voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. The League supports changes in the presidential election system — from the candidate selection process to the general election. We support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates and their positions, public policy issues and the selection process itself. The League supports action to ensure that the media, political parties, candidates and all levels of government achieve these goals and provide that information.

Statement of Position on Selection of the President, as announced by National Board, January 1970, Revised March 1982, Updated June 2004 and Revised by the 2010 Convention.

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The usual method for passage of a Constitutional Amendment requires approval by 2/3 of both houses of Congress, followed by ratification by 3/4 of the states. The Constitution has 27 Amendments, so it can be done.

The Background:

LWVUS Position on the Electoral College and Selection of the President

A League study of the presidential electoral process culminated in a 1970 position supporting direct election of the President by popular vote as essential to representative government. The League testified and lobbied for legislation to amend the Constitution to replace the Electoral College with direct election of the President, including provisions for a national runoff election in the event no candidates (President or Vice-President) received 40% of the vote. The measure, which passed the House and nearly passed the Senate in 1971, has been revived in each Congress without success. In 1997, the LWVUS again called for abolition of the Electoral College and for direct vote of the President and Vice-President in testimony before the House Subcommittee on the Constitution.

The League has supported national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections to ensure equity for voters from all states and to facilitate the electoral process. In February 2001, a memo was sent to the state and local Leagues outlining the League's position on the Electoral College under the LWVUS position on selection of the President.

The League believes strongly that the Electoral College should be abolished and not merely "reformed." One "reform" which the League specifically rejects is the voting by electors based on proportional representation in lieu of the present "winner-takes-all" method. Such a system would apportion the electoral votes of a state based on the popular vote in that state. Instead of making the Electoral College more representative, such proportional voting would increase the chance that no candidate would receive a majority in the Electoral College, thereby sending the election of the President to the House of Representatives where each state, regardless of population, would receive only one vote. Election by the House further removes the decision from the people and is contrary to the "one person, one vote" principle. The League also does not support reform of the Electoral College on a state-by-state basis because the League believes there should be uniformity across the nation in the systems used to elect the President.

The 2002 Convention voted to expand and update the position. The League came to concurrence on a new position in June 2004, which takes into account the entire presidential selection process and supports a process that produces the best possible candidates, informed voters and optimum voter participation.

The 2008 Convention voted to conduct a study of the National Popular Vote proposal, which would establish the popular election of the President through a compact among the states governing how they would cast their votes in the Electoral College. The 2010 Convention amended the national position to support the National Popular Vote compact as another method of selecting the President until such time as the Electoral College is abolished.

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