



# VOTER

November-December 2020

## Juvenile Justice in the Age of Pandemic and BLM

The Civic Education Committee of the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County in co-sponsorship with the NAACP Media Branch is



Jessica Feerman

hosting a panel discussion on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 12 p.m. (Noon) to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conference.

Our partner organization in this event is the Juvenile Law Center based in Philadelphia.

Jessica Feerman, senior managing director, will moderate the panel of experts. The discussion will focus on how juvenile justice issues have been impacted by the pandemic as well as the Black Lives Matter and Defund Police movements, and what can be or is being done to address these issues.



Kevin Bethel

Panelists will include: Kevin Bethel of the Law Enforcement Juvenile Justice Institute which he

founded after serving as deputy police commissioner in Philadelphia (He also serves on the juvenile justice task force created by Governor Wolf); Malik



Marcus Jarvis

Pickett, an attorney with the Juvenile Law Center, who advocates for the rights of youth in the juvenile justice system, and Marcus Jarvis who became a participant in the juvenile justice system at age 15, is an alum-

nus of the Juvenile Law Center's Youth Advocacy Program, and is now employed there as outreach and communications associate for the Debt Free Justice Campaign.

The presentation is free but to receive the link to the Zoom Virtual Meeting you must first register on our website,

[www.lwvcdc.org](http://www.lwvcdc.org) or register [here](#).



Malik Pickett

## The Election, the Aftermath, What's Next

See Page 3 for our Nov. 13 Hot Topics discussion — The election is over, what happens now?

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You can find us online at <http://www.LWV-CDC.org/> or on Facebook by clicking [here](#). Or go on Facebook and search League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County. Then click “like,” post a comment, send us pictures.

By the way, our umbrella organization, the Delaware County League of Women Voters, has a new website too. Check it out [here](#).



# President's Message

LWV-CDC is passionate about elections and voting and is working closely with the Delaware County Election Bureau to support their comprehensive educational outreach to voters. With many states implementing Vote by Mail, more than 50 million voters have already made their voices heard. Voting started in Delaware County more than a month ago with mail-in and absentee ballots. Because of this upswing of civic engagement, millions more voters than ever before are casting their ballots before Election Day. As a result, it will take more time to tally every vote and hear every voice. Therefore, we believe a fair, secure and transparent election is worth waiting for this election season.

We have hosted four virtual candidate forums, streamed live via YouTube, for the PA House 160, 166, 165 and the PA Senate 17 Districts. LWV-CDC candidate forums provide accurate and meaningful information to voters to assist them in making informed choices. These forums were professionally coordinated by a team of “behind the scene producers” that provide the technology, candidate liaison and scheduling, curated questions, promotion and moderation. Special thanks and congratulations to dedicated LWV members, Cathy Yungmann, Anne Mosakowski, Jamie Mogil, Marita Green and Joanna Nealon who worked seamlessly together to organize these non-partisan debates without a hiccup. In case you missed them, all are recorded and available on [www.lwvcdc.org](http://www.lwvcdc.org).

LWV-CDC recently partnered with the Delaware County Youth Education Alliance (DCYEA) Women's March on Saturday, Oct. 17, to remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and her many contributions to social justice and the rights of women. LWV-CDC marched side by side with DCYEA from Media Elementary to the Media Courthouse in support of their work building awareness, civic engagement and political action among young people in Delaware County. League of Women Voters member Jodine Mayberry was a featured speaker and addressed the marchers at the Media Courthouse on the life of RBG and her fight for rights of women.

Throughout September and October, a social media campaign of testimonial videos were produced by student interns, under the direction of Roberta Winters, president of the Radnor League. The pre-recorded videos, which address voting issues such as Vote411.org, registering to vote and mail-in ballots, were distributed among LWV-CDC members to share on social media outlets such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook as well as LWV websites. League members copied and pasted these videos to their personal social media locations – posting one video per day. Check out this social media video campaign on the website under the Voter Toolkit Section.

We hope you all participated in the online Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Campaign on Oct 14 and 15 where 5% of sales will be provided to LWV-CDC. Thank you Gloria Rabinowitz and Rose Marie Lord for organizing this fundraiser.

We hope you joined us for the Oct 23rd Virtual Hot Topic event with Terry Madonna, 2020 Elections: Politics of a Divided America. The Nov. 13th Hot Topic will discuss the Aftermath of the Election with League members Jack Nagel and Jamie Mogil. The LWV-CDC Fall Civic Education Webinar on Nov. 17, features Jessica Feierman, Esq, Juvenile Justice Law Center and addresses juvenile justice in the era of the pandemic and BLM. Don't miss our Virtual Holiday Gathering by Zoom (without brunch) on Dec. 5, with Monica Taylor for an update on the status of the proposed County Public Health Department.

*Barbara Amstutz*

# The Election, The Aftermath, What Comes Next?

Join us Friday Nov. 13 at noon for our next Hot Topics program, [The Election, The Aftermath, What Comes Next?](#) League members Jack Nagel, professor emeritus, Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania, and Jamie Mogil, election rights lawyer, LWV Lower Merion and Narbeth, will provide the League's perspective. The speakers will be ready to address several different scenarios:

1. The election is too close to call or is in dispute even by Nov. 13. What happens next and what can we as voters and citizens do? What is the role of states, the courts, and the Electoral College? What happens on Jan. 20 if the election still isn't decided?
2. President Donald Trump gets re-elected without dispute. What comes next?
3. Former Vice President Joe Biden is elected beyond dispute, but Republicans keep control of the Senate. Can we expect bipartisan cooperation or continued gridlock?
4. Biden is elected, and Democrats attain a Senate majority.

In any of these outcomes, what are the prospects for changes in U.S. political processes, such as protection of the right to vote, elimination of gerrymandering, abolition or restriction of the Senate filibuster, restructuring and/or 'packing' of the Supreme Court, and election of future presidents by the national popular vote?

The discussion will include information on the mail-in ballot and in-person voting process and statistics in the

state and in our region, the role of the Electoral College and how members are selected and their voting options, voting reforms, the impact of the courts and the role of the state legislative branch.

The Hot Topic presentation is free but to receive the link to the Zoom virtual presentation via email you must register. Click [Here](#) to Register.

For additional Voter Information visit our Issues Page: [Election Law and Election Security](#) and our [Voter Toolkit](#)

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Counting ballots

## November –December Events

**Nov. 13 (Friday)** — League Members Jack Nagel and Jamie Mogil discuss the aftermath of the Nov. 3 election on Zoom, Noon. Register [here](#).

**Nov. 17 (Tuesday)** — Juvenile Justice in the Age of Pandemic and Black Lives Matter. Zoom, 12 to 1:30 p.m. Panel discussion. Register [here](#). See Page 1.

**Dec. 5 (Saturday)** — Online Holiday Gathering: Delaware County Council Vice Chair Dr. Monica Taylor will update us on the progress on establishing a county health department. 11 a.m. Go online at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) to register.

# Media Women's March Oct. 17



CDC League Member Anne Mosakowski and Radnor League Member Roberta Winters (Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg) listen to speeches at the Media Women's March Oct. 17. About 75 to 100 marchers took part as part of the nationwide commemoration of the Jan. 21, 2017, Women's March that brought out millions of women around the world. This year's march was dedicated to Ginsburg in honor of all of the work she did both on and off the Supreme Court for women's and human rights. League Member Jodine Mayberry spoke about how Justice Ginsburg not only fought against discrimination in the law but how she overcame it in her own life as a lawyer, wife and mother.

## A Holiday Gathering

We can't get together for our usual holiday membership brunch this year, but we can still get together.

So we've invited Dr. Monica Taylor, vice chair of the Delaware County Council, to apprise us of the progress toward establishing a county public health department, a priority for our local Leagues for more than a decade and one that the pandemic has shown is urgently needed.

Dr. Taylor, a Ph.D. in exercise physiology and associate professor of kinesiology at the University of the Sciences, has been spearheading the effort to establish a health department since she was elected to County Council last year.

Join us at 11 a.m., Dec. 5 in a Zoom gathering. Bring your own brunch favorites and mimosas. Go to [www.lwvcdc.org](http://www.lwvcdc.org) to register. Since it's online, this is not for members only this year. Anyone can attend.



Monica Taylor

## Sponsor a Teacher for Harvard Case Study Program

You can nominate a high school history or civics teacher to take part in the Harvard University Case Method Institute for Education and Democracy program (CMI).

The program, based on the Harvard Business School model, is made up of American history modules presented as case studies, allowing students to use critical thinking to analyze the proceedings, implications and likely outcomes of specific events in American history, such as the writing of the U.S. Constitution or Reconstruction.

CMI is partnering with the U.S. League of Women Voters to recruit teachers for this new way to teach history.

Currently, training workshops are on line.

For more information, go to [www.cmi.org](http://www.cmi.org), and to suggest any high school teacher who may be interested in signing up for the next workshop, contact LWVDC Member Viola Crawford at [anox@aol.com](mailto:anox@aol.com).

**Reminder:** Pay your 2021 dues if you haven't done so. Renew online at the [Join Link](#) where you can fill out the online form or print a printable form to mail in. You can pay by PayPal online or by check payable to LWV Central Delaware County and mail to Box 131, Wallingford Pa. 19086.

Your dues and donations help fund our LWV-CDC programs — civic education, voting and elections and advocacy of important public policy issues.