



# VOTER

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

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## Conspiratorial Thinking and Beliefs in Voter Fraud

LWV-CDC has had the great good fortune to recruit Dr. Adam Enders, assistant professor of political science at the University of Louisville, to talk to us Friday, Oct. 8 at Noon about “Conspiratorial Thinking and Beliefs in Voter Fraud.”

Dr. Enders will discuss his research into QAnon and share his polling and insights on voter fraud beliefs.

The timing could not be better with state legislatures and political parties roiling with 2020 election fraud conspiracies and seeking to enact new voting restrictions based on the “big lie” that the 2020 election was stolen.

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Dr. Adam Enders

politics, the influence of core values on political identities and attitudes, and the evolving nature of mass polarization. He earned a Ph.D. in Political

Science from Michigan State University in 2016. Adam Enders is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Louisville, where he conducts research on the psychology of conspiracy beliefs and misinformation, political extremism, and mass polarization.

His research focuses on the role of suspicion and conspiratorial thinking in American mass politics, the influence of core values on political identities and attitudes, and the evolving nature of mass polarization.

The program is free but you must register beforehand. Register [here](#).

## Use Vote411, Be a Poll Worker, Holiday Brunch

**VOTE411** — Be sure and use LWV’s online candidates’ guide, [Vote411](#), to find out about the candidates running in your town as well as to find out where your polling place is going to be. Tell your friends and family. Many thanks to Olivia Thorne, Denyse McCurdy, Joanna Nealon, Marita Green and college intern Sabastian Bryant for their weeks of hard work setting up and gathering information for Vote411 this fall.

**BE A POLL WORKER** — If our recent program with Jim Allen, Delco’s new elections operations director, inspired you to be an appointed poll worker, visit this [site](#) to find out how to apply. Encourage younger members of your family to apply too.

**HOLIDAY BRUNCH** — We are finally having an in-person gathering! — our annual holiday brunch at the Springhaven Country Club, Mark your calendars. **Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m.** Cost - \$35. “The Journey for Equal Rights for Women” Guest speaker: Laurie Grant. Executive Director, the Delaware County Historical Society. Look for details in the November Voter and on our website in a few weeks.

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You can find us online at <http://www.LWV-CDC.org/> or on Facebook. 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

I am very pleased to report that the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County is very busy with advancing the mission of the League of empowering voters and defending democracy. We kicked off the fall events with a presentation on election security in Delaware County. The presenter Jim Allen, director of Election Operations for Delaware County shared the ways that make our elections secure and fair for the voter. The video of this **hot topic** is posted on our website [www.lwvcdc.org](http://www.lwvcdc.org).

Another **hot topic** we are featuring this fall is [Conspiratorial Thinking and Beliefs in Voter Fraud](#) on Friday, October 8th at Noon via Zoom. The presenter, Adam Enders, Ph.D. assistant professor of political science at the University of Louisville will discuss his research on conspiracy theories, share insights on voter fraud beliefs and the evolving nature of mass polarization. To register and submit questions for Dr. Enders [CLICK HERE](#). Several of our committees have been busy too and highlights include:

- Membership Committee is reaching out to members to renew their membership or soliciting new members so we can work together to empower citizens to shape better communities. To join or renew [CLICK HERE](#)
- Voter Services Committee is conducting in-person voter registrations drives in a variety of locations plus planning virtual candidate forums which the voter can access via live streaming on YouTube. These efforts are listed in our [Events Calendar](#).
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is working with the LWV PA DEI Task Force to develop learning modules about the importance of (DEI). On the local level we are cultivating partnerships to build a coalition to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in our communities. Our work was featured in the September edition of the LWV PA newsletter The Communicator. To read the article [CLICK HERE](#).
- Civic Education Committee has featured programs dealing with the issues surrounding criminal justice reform. The latest program dealt with post incarceration reentry and the committee is working with the NAACP Media Branch on an expungement event in November.
- Legislative Advocacy Committee has compiled testimony as part of the latest redistricting efforts and is working in conjunction with Fair Districts of PA. Through the work of this Committee we are co-sponsoring the [Rally to Mobilize and Defend Our Reproductive Rights](#) being held on Saturday, October 2 at 6 PM at the Media Courthouse.

Thank you for your continued support in making our League of Women Voters a vital and trusted entity in **making our democracy work** for all our communities!

*Anne Mosakowski*

# Candidates Forums Set on Online



## Candidate Forum for Media Borough Council

Candidates:  
Elizabeth O. Romaine (Dem.)   John R. Cunningham (Rep.)  
Joi Washington (Dem.)   Michael Straw (Rep.)  
Kevin J. Boyer (Dem.)   Kelly Sides (Rep.)  
Mark Paikoff (Dem.)   Richard Micun (Rep.)

Moderator: Tiffany Griffin

YouTube Livestream October 6, 2021 at 7pm

The LWV-CDC Voter Services Committee has arranged three candidates forums in October ahead of the Nov. 2 election.

You do not have to register for the forums, but you can use the link below to submit questions. When it is time for the forum, you can just click on the livestream link below to watch it.

**Media Borough Forum Moderator - Tiffany Griffin**

To submit a question: Click [Here](#).

**YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM:** Click [Here](#).

For each forum, LWV– CDC will:

- Send out the YouTube link a day or two before the forum on Constant Contact.
- Post the event on our website, [LWV-CDC.org](http://LWV-CDC.org), with links.
- Or you can go to YouTube, search League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County and find the graphic pictured here.

**Chester City Moderator - Tiffany Griffin,**

To submit a question Click [Here](#).

**YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM:** Click [Here](#).



## Candidate Forum for Chester City Council

Candidates:  
Stefan Roots (Dem.)  
Portia L. West (Dem.)  
Kearni N. Warren (Grn.)

Moderator: Tiffany Griffin

Livestream October 12, 2021 at 7pm



## Candidate Forum for Delaware County Council

Candidates:  
Richard Womack (Dem.)  
Kevin Madden (Dem.)  
Frank Agovino (Rep.)  
Joseph F. Lombardo Jr. (Rep.)  
Moderator: Jamie Mogil

YouTube Livestream October 19, 2021 at 7pm

October belongs to the hard-working volunteers of the Voter Services Committee because registering voters, arranging candidates' forums, collecting the information that goes into Vote411, and helping voters and candidates in countless other ways is at the heart of what the League does.

**County Council Moderator: Jamie Mogil**

To submit a question, Click [Here](#).

**YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM:** Click [Here](#)..

Many thanks, to [Marita Green](#) - Co-Chair and [Joanna Nealon](#) Co-Chair and CDC Board Liaisons; Voter Registration - [Marilyn Gilroy](#), [Kathy Knight](#) and [Kathleen Peterson](#); LWV PA Liaison - [Joanna Nealon](#) for all they do to educate and inform voters before each election. If you would like to volunteer, please email any one of them.

## October Events Calendar

**October 8 (Friday)** — Conspiratorial Thinking and Beliefs in Voter Fraud: Dr. Adam Enders. Noon on Zoom.

**October 14 (Thursday)** — LWVPA Southeast PA Happy Hour. 6 p.m. Cira Green, 129 S. 30th St., Philadelphia (Tickets available online).

**October 28 (Thursday)** — LWVUS Webinar: Advocating for Racial Justice via Zoom. 7 p.m. (Register online @LWVUS.ORG)

**November 12 (Friday)** — **Save the date:** Hot Topics program via Zoom: "The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters," Guest speaker: Dr Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins. Time to be announced.

# Equity Initiative Update, Partnership Building: The Foundation for DEI

*By LWV-CDC President Anne Mosakowski  
and 2nd Vice President Cathy Yungman*

**Reprinted from The Communicator, LWVPA's newsletter.**

The LWV of Central Delaware County (LWV-CDC) began a conscious effort to expand its diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) footprint through partnership building with other organizations. Past President Barbara Amstutz and current President Anne Mosakowski reached out to diverse local groups with an effective, powerful pitch: Our organizations have similar goals of education and empowerment. Can we partner on projects that will benefit us both?

A wonderful example of successful DEI integration is part of our multi-year civic education project revolving around criminal justice reform. Our LWV-CDC invited the NAACP Media branch to co-sponsor virtual public presentations about the topic. Representatives from both groups attended planning sessions and became members of each other's organizations. Each suggested expert community contacts as the event presentation panels were finalized. Both groups promoted the events to their extensive network of possible audiences. This has led to cooperation with our local NAACP on other public events such as a voting rights vigil at the county courthouse and participation in events involving environmental justice and quality of life issues.

The secret of our success was developing authentic partnerships - really valuing the contributions of our new partners and acknowledging their expertise. By using our shared organizational missions and goals as a touchstone, it was easier to be open to new viewpoints from our partners about social justice issues and the steps necessary for change. We found that when we listened to what others were saying, we learned a lot. The life experience and community connections of the NAACP Media Branch members added substantially to our understanding of issues. Listening and sharing were crucial. We became more willing to let others take the lead in our mutual projects and truly respected their contributions and their depth of knowledge. We also found a great side ben-

efit in being more open was becoming much more flexible and able to quickly pivot as circumstances demand these days.

The organizational cross-pollination really helped our League to grow. Examining our annual Program through the DEI lens has broadened our membership base. We have worked to eliminate barriers to LWV-CDC participation and to be more inclusive. For example, cooperating with other organizations and our county government led to the establishment of our first Delaware County Health Department this year. We also have started a partnership with The Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living and are partnering to conduct a candidate forum for their City Council. Chester City is in the CDC League jurisdiction, but we have not worked together on political action in the past, until we began thinking about partnerships with a DEI lens. We encourage our members to understand DEI practices and to engage in helping us create a more perfect democracy.



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## Yes, You Can Vote By Mail

**You can still vote by mail for the Nov. 2 election. There will be municipal drop boxes and at least three Delaware County Voter Services Centers where you can submit your ballot.**

**Go to this [site](#) to register online by Oct. 18 or apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot, by Oct. 26. But don't leave it that long.**

**Be aware, whether you vote by mail or in person, you will receive two ballot pages because judicial retention ballots have to be separate by law. You must return or scan both ballot pages even if you don't vote on the judges.**