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EDUCATION & ADVOCACY
2026 SATURDAY, MARCH 21

League Education and Advocacy Day

March 21, 2026

Midlands Technical College, Beltline Campus

AGENDA

- 9:30 COFFEE and Networking
- 10:00 Welcome, Paula Egelson, LWVSC Secretary, Management Team DEI Message, David Keely, DEI Director
- 10:10 Session #1: "Keeping the Republic," Adair Ford Boroughs, Visiting Asst. Professor, Joseph F. Rice School of Law, University of South Carolina
- 10:50 Session #2: LWVSC Legislative Advocates: Lynn Hammond, LWV of the Columbia Area and Teresa Arnold, LWV of the Columbia Area
- 11:30 LUNCH and Networking
- 12:15 Session #3: "Empowerment Grant: Budget Basics," Susan Bell, President, LWV Greenville
- 12:40 Session #4: "Understanding Primary Elections: A Review of Current Scholarship," Dr. Jordan Ragusa, Professor of Political Science, College of Charleston
- 1:20 Session #5: "Primaries 2026: Messaging, Mobilizing, and Meeting Voters Where They Are," Shelby Cohen, LWVSC Social Media Manager
- 2:00 Sessions #6: "Marching to Midterms: Using VOTE411 in the Primaries," Joan Zaleski, LWVSC VP for Voter Services, Management Team; Angelica Blalock, Orangeburg Member-at-Large Unit (MALU); Patti Winch, VOTE411 Director, LWV of Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Area; Angela Valvasori, VOTE411 Director, LWV of the Columbia Area
- 2:45 "Marching to Midterms" Fundraising Campaign, Rebecca Jacobson, LWVSC Development Manager
- 3:00 Closing Comments, Laurel Suggs, LWVSC Treasurer, Management Team