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Arlington, Virginia – March 25, 2022 - Members and friends of the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City will gather on April 12 to thank local election workers in each locality as part of a nationwide "Thank Election Heroes Day of Action." They will present cards, balloons, and other tokens of appreciation to the hard working and often maligned and sometimes threatened election workers!

Despite the pandemic, election workers put their lives on the line to do their jobs, allowing us to cast our votes safely and securely, and then counting every one of them to ensure our voices could be heard. "We are grateful and strongly support our election officials," said Joan Porte, President of the League.

She also noted that a new study from the Brennan Center for Justice found that 1 in 5 local election administrators say they are likely to leave their jobs before the 2024 presidential election. This is a result of the new emergence of harassment and even death threats that election officials are receiving from members of their community.

The poll shows that the most common reasons why election officials

were planning to leave their jobs were that too many politicians were attacking "a system that they know is fair and honest.

Our election officials are critical in the functioning of our elections. They're our friends, neighbors, and fellow community members. It's essentially that we lift up these officials as the heroes they are, and that the federal government - as well as the state - provide the financial resources necessary for our Board of Elections to have the staff and resources they need to run our local elections

"We will be there on April 12, to do our part to say thank you," Porte added."If members of the public wish to join us, please let us know."

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