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Arlington, Virginia – September 17, 2021 - The League of Women Voters of Arlington and the League of Women Voters of Falls Church are co-sponsoring

An Update on Redistricting in Virginia

Thu, September 23, 2021

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT

Redistricting in Virginia happens every ten years – but this year, it looks different. Join us to learn more!

The newly created Virginia Redistricting Commission is the first of its kind, made up of eight legislators and eight citizens. It is evenly divided between the two major political parties, led by citizens – not politicians – and subject to a broad array of transparency requirements.

As the first state in the South to adopt such a commission – and the first state in the nation to pass redistricting reform without the option of bypassing their legislature – Virginia now has a unique opportunity to

lead the region in fair redistricting.

The commission has been meetings and has now decided to scrap the regional approach it had begun to use to draw the legislative maps and is now directing its map drawers to provide statewide maps by next week. Come learn what this means for Falls Church and Arlington and how you can make your voice heard in the process.

Speaker: **Chris DeRosa, Co-Coordinator, LWV-VA Redistricting Committee**

We will email the Zoom link to all who register before the event.

RSVP at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/redistricting-update-tickets-174161460617>

The League of Women of Arlington is committed to producing positive change in our communities. Current areas of focus for the Arlington LWV are voter registration, voter protection, affordable housing, and fair redistricting.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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