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LWV-VA Stands with All Those Who Grieve the Loss of George Floyd

The League of Women Voters of Virginia stands with millions of Americans in grieving the senseless murder of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Sean Reed, and countless other Black lives at the hands of law enforcement officers. These past few weeks have served as a stark reminder of this country's pervasive systems of oppression and inequality. It's also worth noting that these protests come in the midst of a pandemic that is affecting African-American communities at a drastically disproportionate rate.

However, it is not enough to simply grieve and mourn—we must all work to remove racist policies and continue to educate ourselves. We will continue to work to amplify Black voices and empower voters. "We also recognize that besides advocacy and protesting, voting is a powerful tool that we must exercise," stated Deb Wake, president of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. "It is our civic duty to vote." Check [Vote411](#) to make sure your voter registration is up to date and so you can vote. It is your voice.

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