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The League of Women Voters of North Carolina Urges Voters to Oppose Constitutional Amendment This Fall

Raleigh, NC, Oct. 15, 2024 – <u>The League of Women Voters of North Carolina</u> (LWVNC) opposes a constitutional amendment on every North Carolina ballot this fall and urges voters across the state to do the same.

The amendment reads: Constitutional amendment to provide that only a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age and otherwise possessing the qualifications for voting shall be entitled to vote at any election in this State.

Voters have the option of voting "for" or "against" the amendment.

LWVNC finds this amendment to be completely unnecessary. In seeking to clarify that only citizens can vote, this effort builds on unfounded anti-immigrant fears and conspiracy theories that non-citizens are committing widespread voter fraud and threatening our elections. Existing North Carolina law already makes it illegal for noncitizens to vote. Therefore, the proposed N.C. constitutional amendment prohibiting non-citizens from voting points to a problem that does not exist.

"This amendment attempts to erode voter confidence ahead of the November elections, based on lies about who is voting," says LWVNC President Jennifer McMillan Rubin. "This effort is rooted in an anti-immigrant agenda in direct opposition to this country's history and values."

In order to vote in North Carolina in 2024, there is no requisite for proof of citizenship. Attesting to citizenship at the top of the voter registration form *is* required. The N.C. State Board of Elections investigates cases of voter fraud. Only <u>eight cases</u> of non-citizens voting were referred to the N.C. State Board of Elections for examination from 2015 to 2022.

LWVNC has released a video summarizing its opposition to the amendment, available <u>on</u> <u>YouTube</u> and <u>to download</u>.

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