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#### President's Message

Our Women's Legislative Roundtables (WLRTs) are forty-five years old in 2026! So, it is time to modernize them. Make no mistake, the WLRTs are not going away. For new members, we hold a roundtable every Wednesday morning that the General Assembly is in session. We invite legislators and our partners to inform our members on the status of legislative priorities. They are wonderfully informative programs.

However, we will no longer hold them either in person or in a hybrid format. They will all be virtual. The Board had several reasons for our decision.

First, while it has been argued that the WLRTs give us "presence in Richmond" it is not only untrue, but it can also be argued that it is defeating the purpose of "presence." I have greeted several members of the General Assembly who have come into the room and given me a quizzical eye when they see six or ten people sitting in the room. I then must immediately show them the 80 or 90 people on the zoom screen. How is that having presence?

However, we can have real presence, and we are starting with our nascent advocacy team. Several people signed up at Convention to do advocacy. We are planning to go down at least three times, at the beginning of session, for the Big Money Out, Democracy Day on Jan 20 and after cross over for a few days. They will deliver testimony, meet aides and deliver fliers with our legislative priorities and information to Members of the General Assembly in areas where we do not have local leagues. This is how we expand our presence.

If you are interested in joining the team let me know!

Also, our membership is changing and getting younger. Someone who works full time or has children, could never be considered for president and advocacy chair if a requirement of the job would be to spend the better part of winter going to Richmond once a week. It is also unfair to Leagues located long distances from Richmond. I know it is enough of a drain coming from Northern Virginia. It totally precludes these jobs from people who live in far Southeast and West leagues. This is not using a DEI lens on all our actions.

We will still have League Day which will be Feb 11 – with a possible reception the night before. That is when we want EVERYONE to come to Richmond!!!!

We need our Richmond footprint to grow and we believe this is one way to do it.

Thanks for all you do

Joan

#### P.S BANNED BOOK WEEK VIDEOS DUE TODAY!!!

For the past two years we have done "Banned Book Week Videos" emphasizing the need to protect our rights.

This is your chance to "star" in a video for Banned Books Week that will promote voting. This will be used by the League and the Virginia Library Association in social media posts during Banned Books Week Oct 5-11, 2025.

The theme of this Banned Books Week is "Censorship Is So1984. Read for Your Rights".

You can record yourself on Zoom or your phone – <u>Directions are here.</u>

#### **Get Connected with our League in Action App**

Do you want to remind your friends to check their voter registration? Do you want to inoculate them from mis and disinformation with correct election information? Do you want them to join Unite and Rise? Do you want to share action alerts with them? Do you want to take part in our nonpartisan Get Out the Vote (GOTV) text banks or

assist other states with their text banking? Great! LWV US has just the app. It is called League in Action, and it is easier than ever to download and use.

LWV Virginia has our own page on League in Action. There we will post action alerts and other correct election information that you can send to friends.

To get League in Action go to your app store on your phone and find and download League in Action. It will have the LWV US logo. To find the Virginia page, use this QR code on your phone or search on your phone for this.



### In Memoria: Dorothy Niewig

The League was sad to learn of the death of Dorothy Loew Nieweg, who joined the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City in the 1950s. She was elected First Vice President of the League of Women Voters of Virginia in 1977, served as the Virginia League's Voting Rights Chair, and as Arlington County Officer of Election for 25 primary and general elections. Dorothy worked in the Member Services Office of the National Office of the League of Women Voters

for many years. Her focus was always on nonpartisan voter service, especially voter registration. You can read her obituary here.

#### Celebrating Diwali, October 20

If one were to find a religious festival which is the equivalent of Christmas in the breadth of its celebration around the globe, that would be Diwali, "The Festival of Lights." A billion Hindus in India and other countries with Hindu populations worship Ram, a godlike king in ancient times, and the Diwali story is part of his divine mythology.

The real symbolism of Diwali is the triumph of good over evil. Ram embodies all that is good, pure, selfless and brave. His story, the Ramayan, is his battle with a powerful demon king Ravana, who kidnaps his queen, Sita. The battle is epic and ends with Ravana (the embodiment of evil), being vanquished and Sita being rescued. When Ram returned home after his long battle, on a dark moonless night, his kingdom welcomed him by lighting diyas everywhere, and the day of his return continued to be celebrated as Diwali in the centuries to come, and it still does.

Every year Diwali falls on a moonless night in the fall. For Hindus, Diwali is a time to light up their homes with small earthen clay pots called diyas, which burn with a single wick soaked in oil, candles as well as electric lights! Diwali is a time to be thankful for all our blessings, to celebrate

with family and friends and to exchange sweets and gifts. It is also a night when the sky lights up with hundreds of thousands of fireworks!

#### **EVENT AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES**

LWV VA DEI Committee Presents Webinar on Racial Health Disparities October 22, 7P

## "Women's Racial Health Disparities: From Past to Present"

Join the League of Women Voters of Virginia's DEI Committee for the second of their webinar series. This one will feature Dr. Melody Pannell, MSW.

Dr. Pannell serves as Director of Education and Community Wellness at UVA Health and is a respected academic scholar, social work practitioner, and community leader. She is also the Founder and CEO of Destiny's Daughters Inc., a program dedicated to holistic healing and empowerment.

This important conversation will examine racial health disparities affecting women—from historical inequities to current challenges—and explore strategies for creating a more equitable future.

#### **RSVP**

#### Be an Election Protection Worker this November

Our friends at the Virginia Civic Engagement Table (VCET) are once again looking for people to help make voting available and safe for all eligible voters this November. This is **the largest nonpartisan voter protection effort in the Commonwealth**.

You can become a voter advocate at the polling sites, work remotely on the phones fielding and categorizing calls or put up election protection signs at polling sites.

For more information and to sign up as a volunteer, go to the Election Protection <u>website</u> and scroll down to "create a volunteer profile."

#### UpVote Presence at the Polls

This fall, Virginians have a powerful opportunity to help bring Ranked Choice Voting to more communities—and UpVote needs your help to make it happen. On Saturday, November 1st, UpVote is holding Presence at the Polls, a statewide day of action where volunteers will be stationed at early voting locations to talk with voters and collect petition signatures in support of Ranked Choice Voting.

This is a critical step in building public support and showing elected leaders that Virginians are ready for a voting system that gives us more voice, more choice, and stronger representation.

Will you volunteer for a few hours on November 1st to gather signatures at a polling location near you? Sign up here.

They will provide everything you need—training, materials, and talking points. Whether you can give a few hours or the whole day, your time will directly help grow the movement for fairer elections in Virginia. When we're present at the polls, we show voters—and lawmakers—that this movement is growing and urgent. We'd love to have you with us.

### Join the Effort to "Save our Signs"

The Secretary of the Interior, following up on a recent Executive Order, is asking the National Park Service to take down signs in the parks that "inappropriately disparage Americans past or living." A group collaboration of librarians, historians and data experts is asking for help in building a community archive of signs, exhibits and texts before they are erased. To learn more, click here

## No Kings Day 2, October 18

LWV-US is joining No Kings Day 2 as a national partner on Saturday, October 18. LWVUS has decided to become an official partner for this day of mobilization to stand in solidarity with partners and stand up against hate and authoritarianism. I'll be attending a No Kings event in my own community. The League has consistently and boldly spoken up in the face of rising authoritarianism. This is an opportunity to put words into action and show up in defense of democracy and as an effective ally. We encourage Leagues to lean in locally and participate in activations with partners on the ground in a nonpartisan manner. We understand that we cannot control how other partners show up, and participating in any event comes with some risk. For Leagues who decide to mobilize for No Kings, please utilize our <u>protest safety</u> guidance and "How to Organize a Rally in 8 Steps" resource on the League Management Site. If representing the League or wearing LWV shirts (which we encourage), please use good judgment when creating signs and participating in nonpartisan chants. The national staff will have additional guidance in the weeks ahead.

#### Virginia's 45 days of Early Voting started on September 19!

By Janet Boyd, LWV VA Voter Services

You have many ways to vote during the Early Voting period (ending Election Day, November 4): in-person at your Registrar's Office (during regular open hours) and some satellite locations (ask your Registrar), by mail; and by Drop Box. Did you know that the LWV-VA website has information for you to find out where your locality's Drop Box(es) are located? Check out this information.

We are eager to find out if any details in our database need to be updated. When you go into our website's <u>dropbox finder</u> (using your cell phone or computer), the opening page explains how you can let

us know if additional information needs to be added to our list from your locality. Thank you in advance for helping us keep this list updated. Contact Janet Boyd, Director of Voter Services if you have questions, at <a href="mailto:voterservices@lwv-va.org">voterservices@lwv-va.org</a>

# Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights (VACIR) Urges Immediate Action to End Inhumane Conditions at Chantilly ICE Facility

The Virginia Coalition for Immigrant Rights (VACIR) has received credible reports that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Field Office at 14797 Murdock St., Chantilly, VA 20151 has exceeded its holding capacity, creating inhumane and unsafe conditions for detainees.

Reports from attorneys and advocates indicate that individuals inside are facing a lack of clean drinking water, insufficient food, and overcrowded, cramped spaces. Attorneys have also been denied access to their clients, raising grave concerns about detainees' wellbeing and basic rights.

"Attorneys who represent people detained at this facility are being blocked from seeing their clients," said Monica Sarmiento, Executive Director of VACIR. "One client was held for seven days without any access to their lawyer. This is a blatant denial of due process, and attorneys cannot be assured of their clients' safety or well-being. This is unacceptable."

Sarmiento added: "Everyone, regardless of status, deserves humane treatment. Generations before us fought to secure the right of due process — rights that are clearly being denied in Chantilly today."

VACIR is calling on elected officials and the public to demand accountability in the following ways:

Call the White House Comment Line at (202) 456-1111 and urge immediate action to end these inhumane conditions.

Contact Senator Mark Warner, Senator Tim Kaine, and Congressman Alex Vindman to request an urgent oversight visit to the Chantilly ICE Field Office. Congressional switchboard is (202) 224-3121.

Demand that conditions be brought to code and that due process rights be protected for all individuals detained there.

#### Virtual Pre Session

SAVE THE DATE: Virtual Pre Session - Dec 3, 2025 - 9 AM

#### **Book Talk**

On the evening of October 7th, LWV-Maryland will be hosting a book talk with author Elaine Weiss (The Woman's Hour) on her new book *Spell Freedom*.

Synopsis: In the summer of 1954, educator Septima Clark and small businessperson Esau Jenkins travelled to rural Tennessee's Highlander Folk School, an interracial training center for social change founded by Myles Horton, a white southerner with roots in the labor movement. There, the trio united behind a shared mission: preparing Black southerners to pass the daunting Jim Crow era voter registration literacy tests that were designed to disenfranchise them.

Together with beautician-turned-teacher Bernice Robinson, they launched the underground Citizenship Schools project, which began with a single makeshift classroom hidden in the back of a rural grocery store. By the time the Voting Rights Act was signed into law in 1965, the secretive undertaking had established more than nine hundred citizenship schools across the South, preparing tens of thousands of Black citizens to read and write, demand their rights—and vote. Simultaneously, it nurtured a generation of activists—many of them women—trained in community organizing, political citizenship, and tactics of resistance and struggle who became the

grassroots foundation of the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. King called Septima Clark, "Mother of the Movement."

Please register **here** for the Zoom link

#### LWV US

# LWV US, LWV Virginia and LWV Louisiana File Suit Against Data Collection

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Class Action Lawsuit Challenges Trump-Vance Administration's Unlawful "National Data Banks" That
Consolidate Sensitive Personal Information Across Federal
Agencies

Washington, DC — The League of Women Voters, League of Women Voters of Virginia, League of Women Voters of Louisiana, and Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), along with five individual plaintiffs, filed a class action lawsuit today challenging the Trump-Vance administration's unlawful creation of massive government databases consolidating sensitive and legally protected personal information on millions of people in America to unlawfully open investigations and purge voter rolls.

The coalition is represented by Democracy Forward, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), and Fair Elections Center. The lawsuit, filed in the US District Court for the District of Columbia, details how the so-called "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE), the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Social Security Administration (SSA), and other agencies have secretly merged personal data from across the federal government into centralized "Interagency Databases" in direct violation of the Privacy Act of 1974 and the US Constitution.

The complaint alleges that the administration has unlawfully:

Transformed the DHS's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system into a national citizenship database pooling SSA data known to be unreliable, now being used by some states to purge voter rolls and open criminal investigations.

Built a US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) "Data Lake" that combines records from the IRS, SSA, US Department of Health and Human Services, US Department of Labor, and state voter registration databases — containing Social Security numbers, tax information, medical records, biometric data, and children's case files.

"Virginians have a right to privacy in their data and protection from unlawful investigations and purges," said **Joan Porte, president of the League of Women Voters of Virginia**. "The League is disturbed by this unlawful collection of our data, and we are proud to push back on behalf of our members because every Virginian deserves the assurance that their right to privacy and right to vote will be protected."

"The consolidation and unlawful use of Louisianans' sensitive data without our knowledge is alarming and terrifying," said **M. Christian** 

#### Green, president of the League of Women Voters of Louisiana.

"The League is proud to join this fight and stand up for Louisianans' right to privacy and right to vote."

"The federal government's secretive and unlawful collection and consolidation of Americans' personal data is a clear example of the constitutional crisis we are living through," said **Celina Stewart, CEO** of the League of Women Voters. "Our federal government is abusing its power to access American's personal information, and several states are using that private data to harm voters and our individual right to privacy. The League is proud to be heading to court to protect voters, our members, and historically disenfranchised communities from illegal government abuse."

"This country was founded on the principle that government has no business arbitrarily intruding in our private affairs," said **John Davisson, Director of Litigation for the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC)**. "Yet this administration is trampling on our privacy at the grandest scale, illegally hoarding our sensitive personal information and threatening our most cherished rights. The law is clear: no national data bank. Together we'll put a stop to this in court."

"News reports have repeatedly identified ways in which this administration is mishandling sensitive information and putting Americans' data privacy at risk. And now, yet again, this administration is playing fast and loose with our personal information – building exactly the kind of 'Big Brother' databases Congress has repeatedly outlawed more than 50 years ago," said **Skye Perryman, President and CEO of Democracy Forward**. "Pooling sensitive personal records from across the government not only violates the law, it threatens Americans' privacy, voting rights, and civil liberties. We're in court to stop it."

"The government's creation of massive, secret databases of Americans' personal information, in violation of the law, poses serious privacy and data-security risks and threatens to disenfranchise eligible voters," said Noah Bookbinder, President and CEO of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. "States are already reportedly using these databases to open criminal investigations and to purge state voter rolls based on citizenship information that the government itself has admitted is unreliable. This illegal overreach is unacceptable, and we are proud to represent these plaintiffs as they take action to stop it."

"The administration's unlawful consolidation of sensitive data poses an unprecedented threat to naturalized voters' right to participate in our democracy," said **Jon Sherman, Litigation Director of Fair Elections Center**. "Relying on outdated and incomplete data to assess voters' citizenship status in the present day is completely illogical. This is precisely why Congress enacted safeguards on the use of such information without public notice and input."

The administration's unlawful data consolidation threatens to disenfranchise eligible voters and subject Americans to unwarranted investigations, and creates unprecedented security risks by placing sensitive, personal information in a single target-rich system. The lawsuit asks the court to block the administration's efforts to operate these systems and to order the deletion of unlawfully collected data.

The case is League of Women Voters v. US Department of Homeland Security, and the team at Democracy Forward in this case includes Aman George, Mark Samburg, Hanna Hickman, Sophie Gelber, and Robin Thurston.

# Who Are the Champions for Democracy? ... It's Us, We Are the Champions



By Andrianne Konstas, LWV-VA Treasurer

On September 3, 2025, LWV held a reception with members of Congress to defend our democracy. The League along with members of Congress and their staff came to discuss the collective work needed to support the League's campaign of "Cultivating Champions for Democracy." The underlying sentiment of the event was; "where are the champions of American freedoms, the Constitution, and our

democracy? Who will unite our citizenry and defend their ability to participate equitably in our democracy? The answer... was us – League members, neighbors, and everyday individuals.

Just eight months into a new congress and a second Trump Administration, our country is further divided as a constitutional crisis unfolds. Many of us look to our elected officials and wonder, "who is going to stop this executive overreach?" In turn, Congress members question, "how do we reassert our authority as a co-equal branch of our government when half of Congress forfeits their authority and obligations to the Executive Branch?" The League's CEO, Celina Stewart, questioned Senators Alex Padilla, Amy Klobuchar, Chris Van Hollen, and Representatives Deborah Ross, Brittany Peterson, and Nikki Budzynski about the current state of checks and balances and asked, "What's giving you hope right now?" Overwhelmingly, all said, what gives them hope is us. Whether it is calling our elected officials, partaking in our freedom to protest, or registering new citizens to vote, our daily actions as League members make us champions for democracy.



Sen. Chris Van Hollen introduced by Celina Stewart, CEO, LWVUS

Senator Chris Van Hollen quoted the League when he said, "Democracy is not a spectator sport." A democracy requires everyone to do their part to make the championship. It requires an interconnected relationship of local, state, and national Leagues. Working together we empower our neighbors to vote and speak to

power in our elected officials to advance our democracy. There is no one champion, we are all champions for democracy.

You can view the whole reception on LWV's YouTube channel here.

#### No More LWV Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremonies

**Celina Stewart, CEO of the League of Women Voters**, released the following statement in response to revised policy guidance from US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS):

"For decades, the League of Women Voters has been a trusted partner of both USCIS and federal courts to register new voters at naturalization ceremonies. This work has resulted in hundreds of thousands of new citizens registering to vote with League volunteers across the country.

"The USCIS decision to bar nonpartisan organizations from providing voter registration services at naturalization ceremonies is an attempt to keep new citizens from accessing their full rights.

"Naturalization ceremonies are empowering, joyful celebrations of American democracy. When a volunteer meets a newly naturalized citizen with a voter registration form in hand, they provide them with the tools to fully participate in the election franchise.

"The League has always conducted this work in a proudly nonpartisan manner, with a single goal: to ensure new Americans have a voice in our democracy. Our League volunteers step in where election officials often lack capacity, making sure critical voter registration services reach those who need them most. Across the country, local election officials recognize and deeply value the partnership of their local League in voter registration, which strengthens communities and democracy.

"By shutting out the League and other civic partners, USCIS is making it harder for new citizens to register to vote, which is yet another intimidation tactic and attack on the immigrant community. Our democracy is stronger with the voices of new citizens.

"The League of Women Voters remains committed to ensuring every eligible voter can register, cast a ballot, and have their vote counted. Despite this setback, the League of Women Voters will find ways to do this vital work and ensure new citizens can access voter registration. We call on USCIS to reverse this policy."

### **Recent LWVUS Advocacy**

LWVUS authored a <u>letter</u> to HHS urging the Department to reinstate its "Public Participation in Rule Making" to enable public participation in healthcare policies and to ensure government transparency and accountability. We also joined <u>comments</u> to the Veterans Administration opposing its proposed rule to eliminate comprehensive reproductive care for veterans and their families.

#### More advocacy:

- NC Leaguers joined civil rights groups to push back against a Department of Justice effort to burden eligible voters, here.
- LWVUS spoke out against threats of violence against Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Communities of Color, here.

#### LWV Poetry Anthology for 250th Anniversary of America

In 2026, we will celebrate our country's 250th birthday during a time of unprecedented threats to our Constitution and our Democracy. It's a time to remember, reflect and recommit—a time to hope, dream and build—a time to show up, stand solid, and lead with strong voices that cannot be silenced.

As poets, writers, and members of the League of Women Voters, we recognize the power of language to connect people—to stir hearts and minds, and to reaffirm the enduring promise of Democracy.

Through poetry, we aim to illuminate its beauty, its fragility, and its strength, especially at a time when we can no longer afford to take its core principles for granted.

One way we express our love of country and Democracy is by lifting our voices together. Inspired by artist Niki Johnson's *Pillars of Democracy* we are compiling a national poetry anthology featuring one hundred poems by League members from across the country

### Timeline

#### **Submission Deadline**

October 15, 2025

#### **Selections Finalized**

December 31, 2025

## **Advance Orders Begin**

February 14, 2026

## **Design, Layout & Production Completed**

April 30, 2026

#### **Release Date**

June 1, 2026

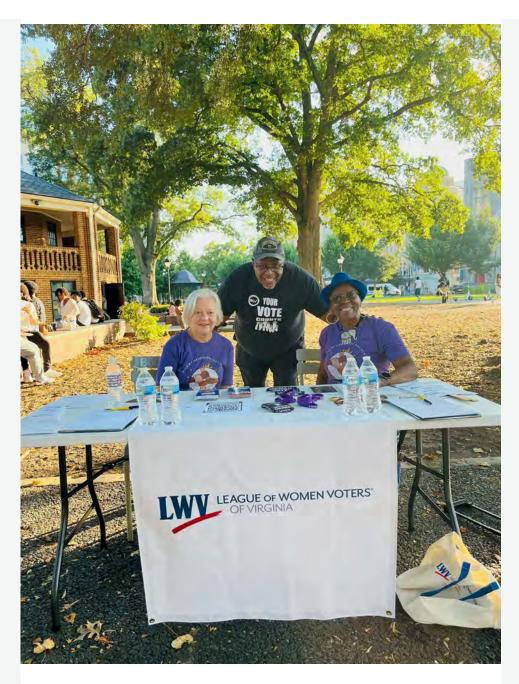
The publication will be produced via print-on-demand.

This is a project of the LWV Wisconsin and LWV Milwaukee on behalf of LWV.

Please submit your poem here.

#### **LWV-VA NEWS**

#### NAACP Cook Off



Alice Tousignant, Program Chair, and Evette Barton, DEI Chair, with Robert Lester of Virginia interfaith Center for public policy



Members of the LWV DEI committee celebrate with the NAACP.

# Listen to "Tribal Truths"

LWV Virginia was again at the Sovereign Nations Tribal Conference in September. Pictured here is Chief Anne Richardson of the Rappahannock Tribe calling the event to order.

It is where we also learned of a very informative podcast called "Tribal Truths."



# LWV Virginia comments before the State Board of Elections Meeting

September 17, 2025

I am Joan Porte, representing the League of Women Voters of Virginia. "The new SAVE system relies on flawed and unreliable data that risks unfairly targeting naturalized citizens and other eligible voters for removal from the rolls. This could lead to unjust investigations and prosecutions. The League of Women Voters of Virginia strongly opposes using the

SAVE system as now construed to purge voters, especially given that it was developed secretly without necessary transparency or public input. We remain committed to defending every eligible voter's right to register, to prevent illegal purges, and to ensure their vote is counted.

We know that it is required under VA 24-2.04 to use SAVE, however, the law also allows the State Board to promulgate rules and

regulations governing the use of the immigration status and citizenship status information received from the SAVE Program.

We request the State Board to promulgate a regulation telling ELECT to check results of any comparison with SAVE against other government databases because of the flaws and unreliability of the new SAVE Program.

### **LWV-VA Teams Up with Mason Votes**



#### We're on YouTube!

Did you know that LWV-VA has a YouTube channel? The YouTube icon at the bottom of each LWV-VA web page will take you there or just go to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@leagueofwomenvotersofvirginia">https://www.youtube.com/@leagueofwomenvotersofvirginia</a>.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CHANNEL. You will find lots of our League videos, long and short, and among them are authentic

Registrars explaining some of the parts of the election process that voters wonder about. You can feature these on your social media:

How can you vote in college in Virginia? 0:35

How to Vote Absentee in Virginia 1:32

How the Absentee Ballot System Works 4:30

The Absentee Voting System; Process and Security 4:30

The Absentee Voting Process in Virginia 3:30

Absentee Ballots: How Are They Tracked? 2:00

What is a Virginia Drop Box and How to Find Yours! 3:01

You can track your ballot when you use mail in or drop boxes 2:00

Drop Box Safety and Security 0:45

What is an Election Risk Limiting Audit? 6:01

Logic and Accuracy Testing of Voting Machines 8:16

Report Mis and Dis Information 0:20

There are many ways to get to the polls 0:23

Virginia has same day voter registration 0:41

**Right to Vote Amendment** 



Our own Chris DeRosa with Virginia Interfaith for Public Policy's Robert Lester, at a Virginia Civic Engagement Table Meeting on the Right to Vote Amendment.

# **LOCAL LEAGUE NEWS**

# LWV-Falls Church at their Fall Festival





...and LWV-Roanoke at Old Salem Days



Collaborative voter registration effort on between LWV-WC and LWV-Northeast TN today on NVRD at the Bristol Library (the library serves the twin city, Bristol VA/TN) L to R - Chris McKenna, Dede Goldsmith (LWV-WC) and Sharon Brown (LWV-NETN)

# LWV-Charlottesville "Civic Listening Circles"

LWV-Charlottesville got some good press coverage of their new "civic circles"--one on one conversations about voting, what it is, how it happens, and why it's important. You can read (and listen) to the story <u>here</u>.

**Democracy Teach In, Petersburg** 



With the assistance of LWV US (pictured is organizer Nile Blass), LWV Virginia, The Black Women's Roundtable and The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy held a Democracy Teach In at Virginia State University in Petersburg on September 20,

#### October 2025 Calendar

Early In Person Voting Available Until November 1 - Go to Vote411.org for voting information

October 5 – 11: Banned Book Week

October 6 – 10: - National Voter Registration Week

October 13: Indigenous Peoples' Day

**October 24:** Last Day to Register to Vote for the November Election and Vote on a Regular Ballot

**October 24**: Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballot Application – Don't Wait that Long!

October 28: Vote Early Day	
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