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IMPORTANT DATES

April 9: LWV-SL Community Luncheon

May 1: LWVUS Study: National Popular Vote Consensus Response Deadline.

This is a reminder that the deadline for Leagues to submit their online consensus response is May 1, 2009. You have just a month to complete the process. [Click here](#) for the Study, background information, and the consensus form on the LWVU website.

May 15 and 16: Utah State Convention

June: LWVUS National Council

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Leaguers,

In this issue of the *Utah Voter* read all about the outcomes at the Utah Legislature. It was a fascinating session. Of course, the legislature is always interesting—proposing solutions to real and perceived problems, using power and politics to advance this or that bill, and ultimately funding or not funding all the things that we care about. Sandy Peck, who filled in as the Legislative Coordinator for the League during the 2009 session, has prepared a great summary that is included in this *Voter*. I want to thank Sandy and the Legislative Team for all of their work keeping track of the bills and appropriations. I also want to thank the Observer Corps for being there with us. The League was very visible this year on the Hill and it helped immensely when talking to the Legislators about our concerns.

On a related front, this session has introduced me to the Legislature's website. (<http://le.utah.gov>). The Citizen's Guide to the Legislature is superb. Similarly, the ability to listen in on the legislative debate at the time it is happening or later from the comfort of your computer is a marvel (go to the bill and click on the links).

The LWV Utah Bi-Annual Convention is scheduled for May 15 and 16 at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City. I always enjoy conventions because they push me into thinking about old problems in new ways. I like the "Eureka" feeling when the possible solutions start to form a coherent approach. At Convention we decide on the program, we elect members to the Board, and we learn more about the issues important to us. We will also be talking about ideas to strengthen and reorganize the League. I urge all League members to come and take part. Ahead in the *Voter* you will find all the details.

LWVUtah Program planning will happen in the April unit meetings in Salt Lake and at the annual meeting in Weber County, but everyone can also participate by downloading the program planning materials on the www.lwvutah.org website. The proposed program with instructions to respond is also included in this *Voter*. The program is an outline of where resources, i.e. members and staff, will focus over the next two years.

Beyond the League, Governor Huntsman's Task Force on ways to strengthen democracy in the state is asking for input. Go to www.strengthendemocracy.org to see what the task force is doing and to express your thoughts on what can be done differently to encourage greater public participation in elections and in government.

I have been intrigued with President Obama's new approach to public participation and his own visibility. He seems to be creating another way of communicating with the voters—via the web. I urge you all to go to www.whitehouse.gov and see what is happening. On the Office of Public Liaison page (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/opl/>), you can send in suggestions; on the White House blog page (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/>), you can read the reports that are behind the policy initiatives; and you can link to the President's weekly addresses (http://www.whitehouse.gov/weekly_address/). We now can see what the watchdog press is watching and make our own judgments on how things are going. This is a huge change in how we get information.

I hope to see each and every one of you at the convention on May 15 and 16.

Alice Larkjn Steiner, Co-President

LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

LEAGUE PRIORITIES

The League has broad interests in government and civil rights, social policy, energy and environment, and international policy. This year in Utah we were most interested in:

- EDUCATION
- ELECTIONS
- ENERGY and ENVIRONMENT
- ETHICS
- HEALTH
- IMMIGRATION



Here are the actions we took:

EDUCATION

Gigi Brandt and Patti O'Keefe kept an eye on education for bills about League priorities: adequate funding, quality improvement, and teacher evaluation and compensation. This year due to preoccupation with the budget crunch there were fewer substantive bills of the kind that we often lobby on – such as all day kindergarten.

Bills of interest:

- **HB 150** (Moss) proposed **direct nonpartisan election of State School Board members** in place of the current nomination by the governor and a nominating committee. The bill passed the House, where an attempt to make the election partisan was thwarted, but was defeated in the Senate Education Committee.
- A bill proposing a **pilot Singapore math project** was **defeated** by House members who wanted to continue current math and science pilot programs.
- **SB 199** (Bramble) would have prohibited **parent participation in school programs** by dues charging organizations such as the PTA. The amended version simply asked all school districts to set a policy of including all parent organizations in school activities, but the bill still **failed** on the last night.
- Several bills continued the attempt to **equalize property tax revenue distribution** across rich and poor school districts but were **unsuccessful**.

ELECTIONS

Alice Steiner as League Co-President spoke in committee and coordinated **League opposition to SB 126 – Voter Identification for Elections** (Daw). Our opposition to requiring voters to present ID when voting was based on (1) the lack of any voter fraud cases in Utah and few nationwide, which makes legislation unnecessary, and (2) discrimination against groups such as seniors, minorities, people with disabilities, and low income voters who are unlikely to have ID, especially photo ID. SB 126 was substituted and amended to increase the number of forms of ID acceptable for all voters, making it likely fewer voters would be denied. Voters without ID vote provisional ballots and have 5 business days to return with ID to the clerk's office. Senator McCoy also added requirements for reminder signs in all polling places. **Second Substitute HB 126 passed**. The League continues to oppose voter ID requirements. The ACLU and NAACP asked the League to request a veto from the Governor, but the bill was quickly signed.

- We also opposed **Substitute SB 69 – Proof of Citizenship Required to Vote** (Madsen) a much more restrictive bill, which passed the Senate but was **left on the House Board** the last night of the session.

Other Election bills:

- **HB 390 Absentee Ballot Amendments** (Mathis) passed. It eliminates absentee in person voting in the clerk's office on the Saturday and Monday before the election. Salt Lake County objected since they registered 5,000 on the Saturday and Monday before the last election, but small counties said they need more office time to prepare for Election Day.
- **Substitute HB 49 – Voter Challenge Amendments** (Hansen) sets up an orderly process for challenging voters before the election and at the polls.
- **Substitute SB 69 – In Person Voter Registration** (McCoy) would have allowed satellite voter registration by the clerk in locations other than the clerk's office. This is another case of the Salt Lake County Clerk successfully registering thousands of voters, but small counties opposing the practice as unnecessary expense. Our opinion is that these restrictions are being imposed for partisan reasons to reduce the number of registered voters who vote for Democratic candidates, particularly in south Salt Lake County. **SSB 69** did pass Senate first reading, whereupon Senator Buttars said it was an "important bill" and asked that it be circled. Senator McCoy agreed. It was never uncircled.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Bills in this area were carefully shepherded by Ann O'Connell and Kathy Van Dame and accounted for the bulk of League action. ([See 2009 Legislative Recap handout](#) for additional information).

- **Leagues opposed HB 27 - Protection for Agricultural Practices (Morley) which aimed to protect farmers from creeping suburbanite conflicts but as written would allow large factory farms and eliminate the protection in current law from "substantial adverse effect on the public health and safety" by agricultural operations. League asked the governor to veto HB 27.**
- **HB 120 - Snake Valley Aquifer Research Team and Advisory Council (Winn) League supported this bill which creates a Snake Valley Aquifer Research Team and Advisory Council to supply data regarding sharing Utah groundwater with Nevada. Passed. League urges the Governor and Department of Natural Resources to carefully act on the resulting data to protect Utah's scarce water resources.**
- **HB 379 – Environmental Litigation Bond (Noel). League opposed.** It would have required litigants challenging an environmental action by a stay or preliminary injunction to post a bond. If unsuccessful, litigants would also pay damages to defendants harmed by the delay. Only those citizens or organizations who could afford the bond could challenge a proposal. Concerns included Constitutional questions such as free speech, the right to petition the government, and singling out environmentalists. It passed the House but fortunately **died in Senate Rules**.
- **SB 42 – Nuclear Power Distribution and Generation (McCoy) and HB 440 – Nuclear Power Distribution and Generation (Seegmiller) were twin bills that would have allowed licensing of a nuclear power plant in Utah only if (1) a federally approved waste facility existed and (2) the plant would be economically advantageous to ratepayers. League supported by asking Rules Committees to assign the bills to a committee hearing, but both bills died in Rules.**
- **Substitute HR 3 – Resolutions on Energy Policy (Noel) passed. League opposed the resolution which urged Governor Huntsman to withdraw from the Western Climate Initiative. Sponsors fear the WCI will regulate carbon dioxide, damaging Utah's fossil fuel based economy. Sponsors do not believe that increases in carbon dioxide are human-caused.**
- Two other good renewable energy bills **HB 430 – Economic Development Incentives for Alternative Energy Projects (Garn) offering tax incentives to business, and 3rd Subst SB 76 - Energy Amendments (Bramble), creating a state agency to oversee distribution lines for renewable energy, passed.** (Also see [Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency based on Utah Clean Energy, with inserted editorial comments by Kathy VanDame](#))

ETHICS

Although we did not lobby this year, for many years the League along with Common Cause has supported four bills that finally **passed** this year regulating lobbying, limiting gifts from lobbyists to legislators and reporting more of them, and increasing campaign contribution disclosure and prohibiting their personal use

- **(SB 156 – Gifts and Meal Provisions for Public Officials** (Bell); increasing disclosure by lobbyists of more gifts and meals and which legislators receive them, including tickets to athletic and cultural events
- **(3rd Substitute HB 346 – Campaign and Financial Reporting Amendments** (Dee); attempting more timely and complete reporting of campaign contributions including in kind
- **(HB 345 – Elected Officials – Restrictions on Lobbying** (Dee); requiring some elected officials to wait a year after leaving office before becoming paid lobbyists
- **(SB 162 – Use of Campaign Funds Amendments – Valentine)**; banning personal use of campaign funds by unsuccessful candidates or elected officials after they leave office
- **(HB 213 – Ban on Gifts to Legislators** (Johnson) A more complete gift ban, which is favored by the public, was proposed and passed committee but **died in House Rules**.

HEALTH

League took no action on health legislation. Three bills that came out of the Health Care Reform Task Force **passed**.

- **HB 188 - Health System Reform-Insurance Market** (D.Clark) is designed to expand access to the health insurance market, increase market flexibility, and provide greater market transparency.
- **HB 165 - Health System Reform-Administrative Simplification** (Newbold) sets standards for the exchange of payment information between health care providers, insurers and patients.
- **HB 331 – Health System Reform - Health Insurance Coverage in State Contracts** (Dunnigan) says some state departments, including DEQ and the Department of Transportation, must require contractors to offer health care to the contractors' employees and their families. The policy would apply only if the contract was for \$500,000 or more.

Reforms include use of a website portal and help for workers who lose their jobs and can't afford to continue employer-provided insurance on their own under COBRA. The Task Force expects to address cost and quality of care next as they continue reform efforts.

IMMIGRATION

Alice Steiner led action on immigration issues. **League supported Second Subst HB 107 – Economic Impact of Illegal Aliens** (S. Clark) which proposed a study of the economic impact of illegal aliens on the state, to be done by the Legislative Auditor. The original version also delayed for one year the July 1, 2009 effective date of SB 81, the immigration bill passed last session, but that provision was amended out. The bill died in the Senate on the last day because the cost of the study was not in the budget. **League also supported SB 113 – Delayed Effective Date for Illegal Immigration Legislation** (Jones) but it **died in Senate Rules**. **League opposed** and the House defeated **HB 208 – Modification of Exemption from Nonresident Tuition** (Greenwood). The bill would have required undocumented children of undocumented immigrants to sign an affidavit saying that they are not employed or earning income in the U.S. Otherwise, they would permanently lose the in-state tuition rate at state funded universities and colleges. The rationale was that to be working they must have provided false documentation proving legal residence.

Sandy Peck, Legislative Chair

League of Women Voters State Convention

Red Lion Hotel
161 W 600 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
May 15 and 16, 2009

The Friday session will begin at 4:00 PM with greetings from co-presidents Alice Steiner and Nancy Melling. They will present the proposed program for 2010 and the proposed budget will be discussed and explained by Joel Bown.

At 6:00 PM, we will break for wine and dinner:

Mixed Green Salad	Seasonal Vegetables
Tillamook Cheddar Chive Chicken with Rice	Raspberry Cheesecake for dessert
Wine available by ticket -- sold at the registration table for \$5.00.	

After dinner, our guest speaker will keep us entertained and informed on a topic to be determined, and a question and answer session will follow. Paul Rolly has confirmed as one speaker. Speaker 2 has been invited, but is not yet confirmed. As soon as we know we will announce.

Saturday begins with breakfast buffet: juice, coffee, tea, assorted scones, croissants, muffins, and cinnamon rolls. Nancy Melling and Alice Steiner will open the formal meeting at 8:30 AM. Three workshops are scheduled:

- 1) Redistricting – a hot topic in 2010.
- 2) A discussion of Voter Machine Security.
- 3) Commission on Citizen Participation -- how, why and who

At 12:30, we will break for lunch and a wonderful refreshing speaker.

Lunch will be a selection of deli style sandwiches from a buffet, including ham, turkey, wraps with chicken and veggies, potato salad, fruit, chips and soup of the day, with a selection of cookies and bars for dessert.

At 1:45, we will re-convene for final discussion and voting on program and budget. The meeting will close with direction for action to the Board from members. The session will conclude about 3:00.

The cost for the entire weekend, including all sessions and meals, is \$68 per person. You are welcome to bring guests on Friday for \$32 each.

If you can attend only the Saturday business session, breakfast buffet and lunch is \$38.

To reserve your place at the convention, call the League office and let Marie or Sandy know how many convention reservations you need. They will advise you of the amount, which you may pay by mailing a check to the office.

Hotel reservations for Friday night at the Red Lion can be made. Please call 1-800-RED-LION (1-800-733-5466). Be certain to mention the League of Women Voters to get the special group rate of \$79.00 per night.

Kathy Dorn, LWV-SL (host league) Coordinator

PROGRAM

Program Making—Like Democracy—is Not a Spectator Sport

It's that time again. The Utah Legislature has ended its work and assigned itself 199 things to study during the interim (<http://le.utah.gov/~2009/bills/hbillenr/hjr021.htm>). Now the Utah League must evaluate its program and develop a new program for 2009-2111. We need members to participate. League program is limited only by the imagination and participation of its members.

Imagination is up to you; participation can be accomplished by attending a meeting if your local League has scheduled one or by filling out the form on page 8 and submitting it to the League office. Or if you have web access, go to http://www.lwvutah.org/programing_planning/submittialform.aspx and fill out the form.

Questions and comments? Contact Gigi Brandt gigibrandt@att.net or call her at 801-582-1102.

Deadline: April 30.

Here is a copy of the information and program questionnaire for those of you who do not have web access: (mail to the League Office at 3804 Highland Drive, Suite 8-D, Salt Lake City, UT 84106)

Current League of Women Voters of Utah Program 2007-09

May 29, 2007 (as corrected)

**This 2007-2009 Program shows current LWV program topics. Proposals for 2009 – 2011 are in bold italics The latest information about items has been added.*

Please indicate if each topic should be dropped, reworded, or expanded

Promote election process reform.

- Participate in the implementation of the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA).
- Act to improve the election process, including voter registration and election procedures, election equipment, and redistricting for federal and state candidates.
- Complete and implement consensus on the Utah League Study of Election Systems.
- Promote campaign finance reform with a primary focus on campaign contribution limits for candidates for state offices, personal use of campaign funds, and lobbyist gifts and contributions. *Legislation passed in the 2009 Legislature prohibiting personal use of campaign funds after leaving office, lowering lobbyist gift limits, increasing disclosure of gifts and contributions, and prohibiting paid lobbying by some elected officials for one year after they leave office.*
- *Study the Direct Election of the President, including the National Popular Vote state compact proposal and LWV Electoral College positions, and making Election Day a holiday to increase voter participation. LWWUS at Convention 2008 adopted the program "Study to look at the advisability of using the National Popular Vote Compact among the states as a method for electing the President." Consensus material and questions from LWWUS are on line at www.lwvutah.org. Consensus is due May 1. LWWSL units will discuss in April and Weber will discuss at April annual meeting.*

Review all current Utah League positions to resolve inconsistencies and to determine their adequacy for current policy issues.

Act to promote community awareness of the issue of health care for the uninsured and review LWWUS policy on health care.

Act to implement League consensus positions regarding nuclear waste.

Study Alternative Energy, based on LWV Salt Lake's May 2007 study, "Energy Alternatives for Today and Tomorrow." Revised and Updated Study in editing process for local Leagues to use.

Study Utah's Water Allocation. Publication date fall 2009

Act to implement League consensus positions regarding the Utah corrections system.

Act to protect Utah's citizen initiative process.

LWV Utah Program Planning 2009-2111

Your Name
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The League of Women Voters at all levels—local, state, and national—is proud of its grassroots, bottom-up program making process. Our members tell their respective boards about their interests, not the other way around. League programs are limited only by member imagination about problems and member womanpower.

Now the question is "*What should be included in the League of Women Voters of Utah Program for 2009-2111?*" The answer comes from you, the member.

1. *What areas of Utah policy-making are you most interested in?*
2. *What program areas would inspire you to attend a meeting, work on a study or action committee, or lobby a policy maker or friend?*

Please complete the following questionnaire and return April 15 to LWV, 3804 Highland Drive, 8D, Salt Lake City UT, 84106. (You can also respond from our website home page by going to www.lwvutah.org and clicking on "Program Form.") Your responses will be recorded along with other members and presented to the state board for consideration and to the delegate body at State Convention May 14-15.

What suggestions do you have for League program in the following General Program Areas:

- ❖ **Government:** election laws and procedures, redistricting, Utah state taxation, utility regulation, citizen participation, government transparency
- ❖ **Natural Resources:** energy, land use, waste management, water resources, air quality, climate change
- ❖ **Social Policy:** education (including financing, governance, programs, charter schools) education and economic development, corrections, employment, housing, childcare, health, immigration
- ❖ **Should the League do New Studie(s) in other areas?**
(Please include study scope and possible committee members)

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I am very interested in the following program area(s) and want to be involved:

**The LWVU 2007-2009 Program (above) shows current LWV program. The latest information about items has been added. Be sure to indicate on that page if the topic should be dropped, reworded, or expanded.*

Eye on the Future: Redistricting

The 2111 Utah Legislature (members determined by the elections of 2010) will decide the electoral districts for the years 2012-2021 for to be represented by the US Congress and the Utah Legislature based on the 2010 census results. The stakes are high—public policy will be determined, in part, by that decision. The party in power in every state usually designs districts to favor their party. It is difficult to focus the public's mind on this process: it is usually not a burning issue in the previous election, the next election will be too late to have input and angry citizens must wait ten years for redress.

The ramifications of non-competitive districts are well known, and for many they threaten the democratic process. The Utah League has had a position since 1980 which favors an advisory committee to advise on political boundaries when redistricting occurs. Bills have introduced in the Utah Legislature to create such a commission nearly every session and have mostly languished in committee. After all, the party in power is not sympathetic. A group, Fair Boundaries, is organizing an initiative drive to authorize a non-partisan commission to draw redistricting lines (remembering that the Legislature has the constitutional responsibility to actually draw the lines). The language at this time is the process of being formalized. The LWV Convention on May 16th will have a workshop on redistricting.

Strengthening Democracy

"Democracy is not a Spectator Sport" is a favorite League slogan. Increasingly it seems citizens are less and less inclined to get involved in public policy. We see the results of citizen non-involvement in many areas: Government is making efforts for transparency at the federal, state and Salt Lake City levels. But the public doesn't always respond. For example, Utah voter turnout has decreased in the last few years; a public workshop on the Salt Lake City budget (funded with property tax dollars) drew seven people last week. Senator Wayne Niederhauser, a proponent of transparency, told the Salt League Legislative Wrap-up that his city council neighbor had observed there were fewer citizens at the budget adoption council meetings than for leash law proposals. What are the reasons for seeming citizen apathy?

Governor Jon Huntsman has established a 16 member commission to look at *Strengthening Democracy* headed by Kirt Jowers, Director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah. LaVar Webb, a member of the Commission, spoke at the League Day at the Legislature.

The commission has met 3 times and has a website:

<http://www.strengthenedemocracy.org/meetings/>.

Public participation on the website is invited in the areas of campaign finance laws, ethics laws, elections, lobbying regulations and redistricting laws and procedures. What do you think are the reasons for civic non-participation? Your comments are solicited.

The League will be following the work of the commission and plans a speaker/workshop on the program at League convention. If you are interested in being a commission observer for the League please contact the league office at (801)272-8683.

Gigi Brandt 801-582-1102 or gigibrandt@att.net

STATUS OF LOCAL LEAGUES

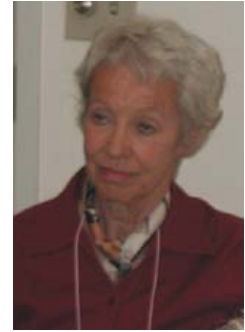


The Weber League <http://www.weberleague.org/>

The Salt Lake League: <http://www.lwvutah.org/saltlakecounty.html>

By *Marilyn O'Dell*, Vice President for Local Leagues

(All local leagues have a web page on the state site; information can be added at any time by contacting the office at lwvut@xmission.com)



Meet the League's new Valued Assistant:



Marie Fulmer was politically activated by the events surrounding September 11, 2001. She discovered a radio station that gave her what seemed to be a low-key, measured look at what was happening. She was teaching at the time at Salt Lake Community College.

When she retired in 2002, she remembered an LWV meeting she had attended many years ago in Albuquerque, NM. She remembered being impressed with the careful and compassionate point of view that she heard there. She sought out the LWVSL, paid her dues and watched the Utah Legislative sessions for 3 years in a row.

Between Legislative sessions, she was encouraged by leadership to propose a study for LWVUT. It was accepted and she was privileged to sit on the committee that put that study together. She and her partner, Julien Puzey and the other members of the committee put in many hours of research. They conducted interviews, combed through newspaper archives and read legal briefs and documents. It is a document that Marie is proud to have been a part of. <http://www.lwvutah.org/Studies/Hate%20Crime%20Study%202006.pdf>

When Barack Obama was elected President of the United States of America, he issued a call to all Americans to do their part to bring into practice and action the promise of our hallowed documents. Marie answered his call by offering to sort through the paper and computer files in the office and perform administrative tasks with the goal of freeing Sandy to do more in-depth research of the Utah political activities. This is her contribution: more of Sandy's observation and analysis of the past and current political scene.

Marie has been employed by the LWVUT and LWVSL to help out in the LWV office. Her hours are:

Monday --- 1 - 6
Tuesday --- 11:30 - 4:30
Wednesday --- 1 - 6, and as needed

She is on a steep learning curve at the moment but hopes to soon be able to provide you with all the lists, mailings and other documents you need to do your work for the League in a timely manner. Do not hesitate to call her at the office or email her at the office or at home. marie.fulmer@comcast.net (801) 268-0841.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON-LINE

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Utah urges all members to renew their memberships on-line. The on-line renewal system is secure and easy. On-line renewal is slightly more expensive than renewing by mail due to the service charges of the credit card companies. However, LWV Utah must pay a monthly minimum regardless of how many people use the web to renew. Thus, the additional charges paid by members go to cover our contractual minimum. If members do not renew on line, we will have to use a portion of the membership dues to cover the cost of bringing you this service and will have fewer dollars to put to work to make our issues known in the community. Please RENEW ON-LINE!

THE 'IN CELEBRATION OF' FUND

The traditional 'Memorial Fund' has changed its name to 'In Celebration of' Fund. This fund has always been available for contributions from members or non-members in memory of League members who have passed away. It is also appropriate to donate to this fund in acknowledgment of a celebration of such events as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc.

The fund is a joint savings account for both the State and the Salt Lake Leagues. Stuart Gygi, the Salt Lake League Treasurer, chairs the Memorial Fund Committee. In addition both Salt Lake and State have two representatives. The committee meets whenever the office has a need for equipment. For example, the fund recently purchased a copy/fax/scan/printer and a new DSL modem.

For a comprehensive explanation of types of donations and to donate online, go to: <http://www.lwvutah.org/donations.aspx>



Peggy Shaw 1922 ~ 2009

Margaret (Peggy) Maughan Ashton Shaw died in the early hours of April 6, 2009. A member of the League of Women Voters since the 1950's, she was proud to serve on both the Salt Lake City and Utah State Boards of this organization. For her full obituary go to The Salt Lake Tribune Obituaries

<http://www.legacy.com/saltlaketribune/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=125828807>

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We are –

- Empowering millions of voters to protect their right to vote
- Working to ensure that ALL votes are counted and all voices are heard
- Preserving our constitutional rights by safeguarding civil liberties
- Acting as a force for positive change in our communities and in our democracy

We believe that sensible, responsible civil discourse and action, based on substance rather than partisan battles, is essential if we are to avoid polarization and get something done. We believe that American democracy is at risk and that now is the time to act.

Donate to the League. Your tax-deductible contribution to our LWVU Education Fund will provide important support for advancing our critical work to safeguard the vote. Contribute today!