

THE VOTER

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This is an urgent call to action TODAY.

Redistricting Virtual Town Hall, Saturday, November 6 at 10am: First event during 30-day public comment period. Arizonans have their first opportunity to speak to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) about the final draft maps selected by the Commission.

You must register in advance to speak. Use this link by 9 am on November 6 to register:

<https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?RGID=r91ba073859ca081b83b5bd8760f9460b>. The town hall can be viewed on YouTube at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzuz9cRSGsM>.

League members, as individuals, are urged to comment on the maps for their specific locations as well as the maps overall. Redistricting will determine where you vote and who you can vote for during the next 10 years. This is fundamental democracy.

Review the final draft maps at: <https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/pages/draft-maps>. Click on View Approved Draft Maps and scroll down on the resulting page to see the draft maps and tables of demographic and election data for each map. Continue scrolling down that page to Explore Draft Maps where you can click on Launch Interactive Draft Maps to zoom in on map details, specific neighborhoods, streets, etc. You also can review a summary analysis provided by One Arizona Coalition partners.

Additional statewide public hearings have been scheduled and can be found at: <https://irc.az.gov/public-meetings/draft-map-hearings>. Some of these events are in-person and some are virtual events. Check the public meetings link above frequently for updated information about the hearings. The League also will provide notices and updates as the hearings move forward.

In League Solidarity

League of Women Voters Urges Citizen Involvement in Redistricting Process

The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission is drawing district lines for elections and preparing to release the draft maps for public comment this week. These new 2021 maps will impact your voice, vote, and power in deciding who represents you and influence how funds are allocated to your schools and community for the next decade. There will only be a 30-day window for public comment.

The League of Women Voters of Arizona (LWVAZ) is planning convenient training webinars for citizens to learn effective techniques to speak up about the draft maps. Review the final draft maps at: <https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/pages/draft-maps>.

Why should citizens pay attention? Monitoring these jurisdictional processes for the proper application of good redistricting criteria, including transparency and respect for communities of interest, is vital. How and where the district lines are drawn will determine how strong a voice each voter or each group of voters has in coming elections. It also affects how strong a voice each has when lobbying for or against current or potential laws or budget items. It's important that elected officials listen to the public, and not just to special interests. So being a part of the process to draw fair districts is crucial for your community. When citizens are left out of the process, it is far more likely that politicians will see that lines get drawn so they can choose their voters, rather than voters being able to choose their elected officials.

League of Women Voters Rolls out Vote411.org for Local Election

The League of Women Voters Education Fund launched VOTE411.org in October of 2006 providing registration deadlines and tools, absentee and early voting information, polling place locations, voting hours, candidate information, and more. The application became one of the most trusted election sites for voters around the country and a powerful tool during the 2020 election and was named Best Government & Civil Innovation Website in the 24th Annual Webby People's Voice Awards. The website is a one-stop-shop for election-related information providing nonpartisan information to the public with both general, state, and local-specific information.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Central Yavapai County, submitted questions for the one candidate on the ballot for the City of Prescott Election – Jessica Hall, which were vetted and approved at the State and National level for the website. Information about Proposition 454 is also available. Voters can access the site easily at www.vote411.org to learn more about the candidate, and the proposition.



Grants Available for Local Leagues!

2022 Youth Voter Registration Grant

The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) is pleased to announce a 2022 Youth Voter Registration project. LWVEF will award pass-through grants to state and local Leagues to undertake voter registration activities at high schools, community colleges, and/or technical and vocational schools. **Grant applications are due by midnight on November 30, 2021**, and grant decisions will be announced in December. Grants will only be considered for Leagues engaging at least five schools within the grant year (January – June 2022). Leagues must agree to undertake activities in a nonpartisan fashion and to collect contact information from registrants, as allowable, in order to conduct get-out-the-vote follow up. [Apply for the 2022 Youth Voter Registration Project here.](#) If you have any questions, contact mmurray@lwv.org.

2022 New Citizens Voter Registration Grant

The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) is pleased to announce a 2022 New Citizens Voter Registration Project. LWVEF will award pass-through grants to state and local Leagues to undertake voter registration activities at naturalization ceremonies. **Grant applications are due by midnight on November 30, 2021**, and grant decisions will be announced in December. Grants will only be considered for Leagues engaging at least five new citizen events within the grant year (January – November 2022). Leagues must agree to undertake activities in a nonpartisan fashion and must also agree to collect contact information from registrants, as allowable, in order to conduct get-out-the-vote follow up. [Apply for the 2022 New Citizen Voter Registration Project here.](#) If you have any questions, contact mmurray@lwv.org.

Many Thanks to Everyone who Attended the League Orientation!

Whether new or old members all enjoyed one more opportunity to “see” each other via Zoom for the League Orientation last Saturday. Thanks to Karen Sullivan, co-Membership Chair for organizing the event. There will be future meetings like this.



Wishing you All a Wonderful Holiday Season!



IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS www.lwv.org

LWVAZ www.lwvaz.org

LWVCYC www.lwvcyc.org

- ★ We recommend you check out these websites —lots of great information to help you with learning about the League of Women Voters.
- ★ Our website includes current and past Voters, an Elected Official Guide and more!

We are also on Facebook and Twitter
—if you'd like to follow us!



Help us **Get out the Vote for 2021!**

**Join the Board
as Voter Service Director!**

Become a Voter Registration
Volunteer



LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2021-2022

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 16 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2021-2022 cover payment for local (\$15.00), state (\$13), and national (\$32.00) memberships.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Note type of membership, and make check to "LWVCYC" - or pay online with Pay Pal at LWVCYC.org

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership _____ \$40/yr for members under 40

_____ \$90/yr Household Membership _____ **Free** for students under 26

Plus, suggested donation:

\$_____ Contribution to our local League (not tax deductible)

\$_____ *Contribution to LWVAZ Education Fund (tax deductible)

* Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund must be made by separate check, to preserve tax deductibility. These donations support our webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

Please include this form with your check New member _____ or Renewal _____

Please mail this form and all checks to: LWVCYC, PO Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please drop your check in the mail along with the form above.