

THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Our Holiday Luncheon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
The Hassayampa Inn

A Limited Menu will be Offered*
*estimated cost between \$20-\$25

A Guest Speaker has been Invited
All Members are Welcome
Including those with Unpaid Memberships

*Please consider bringing a bag of non-perishable items
to be donated to the Food Bank

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If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please email Kelly at kjboryca@yahoo.com.



JANUARY 6TH PEACE AT THE POLLS VIGIL

ARIZONA'S PEACE AT THE POLLS MOVEMENT:

Building confidence in our future elections by assuring peaceful elections, protecting voting rights, and defending democracy.

Join the League and partner organizations at the January 6th Vigil at our State Capitol grounds. We will be live streaming this event on the LWVAZ Facebook page. If you live outside of Maricopa County, please host a virtual vigil with league members as you watch the live streaming of the vigil from the state capitol. League of Women Voters of Arizona, African American Christian Clergy Coalition, The Arizona Faith Network, AFL/CIO, SEIU, Mi Familia Vota, AZ AANHPI

for Equity, RAZE, People.org, Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter and AZ Jews for Justice launch "ARIZONA'S PEACE AT THE POLLS MOVEMENT." They are joined by more than 60 Arizona organizations and hundreds of organizations around the country in the history-making Declaration for American Democracy.

As the anniversary of the Jan. 6 coup attempt approaches, this coalition of non-partisan democracy defenders calls on the public to stand with us to assure Peace at the Polls and the survival of American democracy. Throughout 2022, we will speak up and stand up in response to both the Jan. 6 insurrection at our nation's Capital and the growing call to violence against our democracy.

Register for the Vigil at <https://bit.ly/Peacepoll>

Volunteers to help at the vigil: <https://bit.ly/Peacepollvolunteer>

[Read more about Peace at the Polls](#)

GET READY FOR 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2022 Legislative Session Calendar

JANUARY 2022

- Monday 1/10 Session begins
- Monday 1/31 Senate bill introduction deadline (5:00 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 2022

- Monday 2/7 House bill introduction deadline (5:00 p.m.)
- Friday 2/18 Last day to hear bills in committee in chamber of origin

MARCH 2022

- Friday 3/25 Last day to hear bills in committee in other chamber

APRIL 2022

- Friday 4/15 Last day for conference committees
- Tuesday 4/19 100th Day of Session

LWV ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE WEEK - FEBRUARY 7-11.

*****LWVAZ LOBBY DAY AT THE CAPITOL - FEBRUARY 10*****

How you can influence the outcome of legislation - use Arizona's Unique Request to Speak (RTS) system

Request to Speak (RTS) is a real-time system that allows the public to register an opinion on bills being heard in committee & to request to speak on a bill (testify) during the hearing. You can

- Indicate whether you are “for” or “against” the bill
- Write a brief comment explaining your positions
- Register your willingness to speak (testify)

We encourage you to use this powerful tool to make your voice heard at the legislature.

RTS is integrated into the Bill Status Inquiry (BSI) functionality of the AZ Legislature website. If you want to follow bills through the legislative process, this is the place to go.

Write to us at lvvazadvocacy@gmail.com if you need an RTS account.

Defining "Advocacy" vs. "Lobbying"

It is common for Leagues to support their advocacy activities with only non-charitable contributions. However, this is unnecessary. Leagues may, and are encouraged, to use charitable contributions to support their non-lobbying advocacy activities. Advocacy encompasses pleading for or against causes, as well as supporting or recommending positions.

LWVUS policy recommends against using charitable funds for any lobbying even though it is legal within strictly defined limits. Therefore, it is important to understand the difference between the broad concept of advocacy and lobbying, which is a specific advocacy technique. While lobbying can be part of an advocacy strategy, advocacy does not necessarily include lobbying.

Lobbying is defined as an attempt to influence specific legislation, including both legislation that has already been introduced in a legislative body and specific legislative proposals that the League may oppose or support. There are two types of lobbying: direct lobbying and grassroots lobbying.

To constitute direct lobbying, a communication must either be directed to a legislator, their staff or other governmental employee who may participate in the formulation of legislation,

- a. AND refer to
- b. AND express a view on specific legislation;

OR Be directed to the general public,

- a. AND refer to
- b. AND express a view on a specific referenda or other ballot measure.

To constitute grassroots lobbying a communication must be directed to the general public,

- a. AND refer to
- b. AND express a view on specific legislation,
- c. AND include a statement that directs readers to contact their legislators or include the contact information for a legislator or employee of a legislative body.

Most other activities promoting League positions that do not fall within the strict definitions of lobbying noted above are general advocacy and may be funded by charitable contributions. One important caveat is Leagues are advised to keep clear lines between voters' service activities and advocacy activities. For example, Leagues that have taken a position on a ballot measure should not include that position in their Voters' Guide.

LWVAZ Calls for Ranked Choice Voting

Time to Increase Our Support of Ranked Choice Voting

Imagine pulling into a McDonald's parking lot, turning around, and asking the kids, "what do each of you guys want? And just in case they're out of what you want, tell me what your second and third choices are?"

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) isn't really any more complicated than that. When voters complete their ballots, they have the option to rank as many candidates as they wish based on their preference. First choice, second choice, and so on. It's a very easy system for voters.

For background, a very clear explanation of how RCV works and the benefits, please read the excellent [article](#) written by David Patchen, the State Ranked Choice Voting Issue Team Lead.

To learn more and join the issue team to advance the League position on electoral reform choices and Ranked Choice Voting contact David Patchen, dpatchen@maintrax.com, 651-470-7766

The LWVUS website is a wealth of knowledge for all Members!

Program Planning for the LWVUS 2022-2024 and LWVCYC. Read more about what that entails here:

<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/policies-guidelines/leaders-guide-lwvus-program-planning-2022-2024>

Observing our Government – https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/lwvof_observingyourgovernment.pdf

Volunteers needed for Nominating Committee for LWVCYC!
Please contact Kelly at kboryca@yahoo.com if you're interested!



We wish you all a Wonderful Holiday Season
and Look Forward to Seeing YOU in the New Year!



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.