



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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2024 ELECTION DISCUSSION



**Friday, February 2, 2024
10:30 a.m. - Noon
215 Fair Street
Board of Supervisor's
Meeting Room**

With
**Laurin Custis,
Yavapai County
Elections Director**



Please Join Us!



The League of Women Voters® encourages and educates citizens to be active and informed participants in our community, our state, our nation and our world.

2024 Election Dates

Feb. 20, 2024	Last Day to Register to Vote for the Presidential Preference Election (PPE)
Mar. 19, 2024	Presidential Preference Election
July 8, 2024	Last Day to Register to Vote for Primary Election
Aug. 6, 2024	Primary Election
Oct. 7, 2024	Last Day to Register to Vote in General Election
Nov. 5, 2024	General Election

Calendar of League Events

Friday, February 2, 2024 ★10:30 – Noon
2024 Elections Discussion

Laurin Custis, Yavapai County Elections Director
Yavapai County Admin Building, BOS Meeting Room.

Monday, February 5, 2024 ★ 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Voter Registration at Embry Riddle

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

(3rd Tuesday each month!)

★ 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. [RSVP here!](#)

Happy Hour at the Hilton! Please join us!

February 19-23, 2024

★Legislative Lobby Week!

Lunch and Learn Sessions via ZOOM - Feb 19-22

Day at the Capital February 23rd

If you want to go, let us know -we may get a bus!

Respond to lwvcyc@gmail.com

Saturday, March 2, 2024 ★1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Count Every Vote: A Virtual Ballot Tabulation
Tour with Yavapai Elections

Register here: <https://rb.gy/dg8i4p>

Monday, March 4, 2024 ★ 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Voter Registration at Embry Riddle

Please let [Loraine West](#) know if you can help.

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Prop 211, Voters' Right to Know with Terry Goddard

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Yavapai College, Building 3, Room 119 [See Map](#)

Tuesday, March 10, 2024

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Happy Hour at the Hilton! Please join us!

Thursday, April 4, 2024 ★ 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Voter Registration at Embry Riddle

Please let [Loraine West](#) know if you can help.

Saturday, April 13, 2024

An Update on Healthcare in the Quad Cities
More details forthcoming.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Annual Meeting

Location to be Determined.

We need more League Member Support for the Arizona Access to Abortion Signature Gathering Effort!

Arizona for Abortion Access is a coalition of reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations working to ensure Arizonans can make the decisions that are best for them and their families — free from government interference.

Please contact Terri Farneti terri.farneti@gmail.com or Loraine West Loraine.west@yahoo.com to get your petition, clipboard, pen and help get your friends and neighbors to sign it!

If you haven't watched the training presentation – here it is: [Petition Gatherer Training](#)

The Nominating Committee for the League of Woman Voters of Central Yavapai County will be making calls to members. 2024 is going to be an important year and you can truly make a difference with your leadership.

- ❖ Would you like to be more involved?
- ❖ Would you like to serve on our board?
- ❖ Are you interested in any committee?
- ❖ Would you like to nominate someone for a leadership position?

Thank you for being a member of the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County, we know your time and talent are valuable. Please feel free to email any committee member to learn more:

Mary Lea Adkins, Chair – maryleaadkins@gmail.com

Susan Fleming – susanfleming55@gmail.com

Terri Farneti, Board Member – terri.farneti@gmail.com

Request to Speak (RTS) is an online real-time system that allows the public to register opinions on bills being heard in committee. You can:

If you do not have an RTS account, please complete this form, and a league volunteer will register your account at the Capitol. We will create your account with a generic password. Once you receive an email from us that your account has been set up, we advise that you change your password immediately. **If you do not have an RTS account, please complete this form:** <https://forms.gle/kf1Tetznbzs9vTEA>

Did you miss the After Holiday Luncheon? We missed You!

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai hosted an After-Holiday luncheon at Torme Restaurant on Friday, January 12th, 2024. Their invited guest speaker was Arizona Attorney General, Kris Mayes. Ms. Mayes was accompanied by her Chief Deputy, Bill Mundell.

In her talk, the Attorney General touched on the more urgent dealings in her office: the fentanyl crisis at the border impacting not only the state, but the nation; the groundwater issues in rural Southern AZ created by contracts with the United Emirates; the large number of Open Meeting Law infractions she acquired upon taking office; looking into the senior living facilities and elder abuse cases; fraudulent dealings with the ESA, school voucher program and elections; and dealing with public nuisance cases in small communities regarding mining. With her large staff, she has created task forces to investigate the legal implications with each of these issues.

Here are some photos:



Photos provided by the AZ Attorney General's
Chief Deputy, Bill Mundell

2024 LEGISLATIVE LOBBY WEEK

Join us for the 2024 LWVAZ Annual Legislative Lobby Week, featuring a Lobby Day at the Arizona Capitol on Friday, Feb. 23, and virtual Lunch and Learn programs on Monday, Feb. 19, Tuesday, Feb. 20, Wednesday, Feb. 21, and Thursday, Feb. 22. This year's legislative week revolves around the theme "Protecting Elections and Saving Democracy."

LUNCH AND LEARN

Participate in our popular virtual Lunch and Learn sessions, available to League members and the public. Our speakers, including experts in key areas of Arizona League advocacy and senior legislative staff members, will cover the current legislative landscape and guide you on advocating for issues important to you. All sessions are conducted on Zoom and begin promptly at noon.

All Lunch and Learn sessions are from 12-1:00 (1:30 depending on q/a)

- **Monday, Feb 19, [Registration Link](#) - Inside the Legislature** - Presenters: House and Senate Legal Counsels
- **Tuesday, Feb 20, - [Registration Link](#) - Will the Electoral Count Reform Act Shake up Arizona Election Certification**, Presenters: Campaign Legal Center and All Voting is Local
- **Wednesday, Feb 21, - [Registration Link](#) - Can legislation prevent the impact of AI deep fakes on elections?** Presenters: Jonah Minkoff-Zern, Campaign Co-Director, Public Citizen's Democracy Campaign (PCDC), Invited Arizona Senator Sandershan and Representative Kolodin to talk about their respective bills.
- Legislation can mitigate the impact of AI deep fakes on elections by implementing robust measures to detect, regulate, and penalize the creation and dissemination of deceptive content. Join the conversation to understand and advocate for effective regulatory solutions.
- **Thursday, Feb 22, [Registration Link](#)**
 - **Ballot measures (how does "stuff" get on our ballot)**
 - Presenters: Ballot Initiative Strategy Center (BISC), LWVAZ Cindy Walsh and Pinny Sheoran

LEGISLATIVE LOBBY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The state League will cover lunch and refreshments for the day, and donations to offset our costs are greatly appreciated. The Legislative Lobby Day is an exclusive members-only event; only current dues-paid members will receive registration confirmation. Registration from nonmembers will be canceled. [Register now for the Legislative Lobby Day.](#)

Details for Day at the Capitol:

- **Date:** Feb 23
- **Time:** 9:00 - 10:00 (check-in and breakfast); Program begins at 10:00 a.m. (please be seated by 9:45)
- **Venue:** Arizona Capitol, 1700 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- **Meeting Location:** Breakfast and Lunch - Conference room first floor; Program presentations - 2nd Floor Governors conference room.
- **Parking:** West side of the Capitol campus. For transportation arrangements, contact local league leaders regarding carpooling or other logistics.
- **Speakers:** Dr. Deborah Turner, LWV US President; Adrian Fontes, Secretary of State; Legislative Leaders of the House and Senate have been invited to speak.

MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

The registration form will include a place to request appointments with your state senators and representatives. League interns will schedule the appointments. In the spirit and purpose of League Legislative Lobby Day, we ask all league members to advance league advocacy work and priorities during meetings with legislators. League policy handouts will be provided before the meetings.

Job Opportunity from the Yavapai County Elections Office

Seasonal Election Clerk for Bipartisan Travel Team

The position we are recruiting for is a Seasonal Election Clerk who will be assigned as part of a bipartisan travel team. We will be offering to have this team travel to senior/assisted living facilities throughout the county for a scheduled appointment time and bring with them a secure ballot box to allow those living in facilities to deposit their ballots. We have received previous questions and interest from the community about giving those who may not be able to travel to vote in-person the ability to have an opportunity to have a better voter experience. We don't know how successful the pilot program will be but will at least make the effort. We will notify the communities and it will be up to them to respond and ask to participate. This will be on a limited as-need basis and the time commitment will depend on the amount of participation requests we receive from the communities.

This will be limited to the early voting period for about 3-weeks and the voters will have received a ballot by mail. We will not be delivering or taking ballots to the locations. It will simply allow those interested voters to place their ballots into a secure ballot box and delivered to the Recorder by a bipartisan team.

We are looking for someone willing to commit the time to this process and willing to travel as a team in a company vehicle. The applicant will go through the same process as all seasonals and pass a background check. We already have someone representing the Republican side and need a Democrat to complete the team.

The link below is universal for all seasonal employees, so please disregard most of the job descriptions.

[Elections Clerk II \(Seasonal\) - Recorder \(Prescott\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

Yavapai County Elections Travel Board

Did you know in the state of Arizona it is illegal to collect voted or unvoted early ballots from another person? This is considered *ballot harvesting*, and can result in a class 6 felony!

According to A.R.S. §16-1005, only the following persons may collect an early ballot: an election official, a family member, household member, or caregiver of the voter.

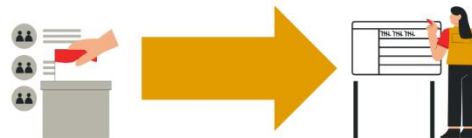
Because of this law, we are offering to send a **bipartisan** travel board to your institution to collect early ballots if needed. Residents may deposit their ballot in a **secure** ballot drop box brought by Yavapai County Recorder employees. Contact us to schedule a time for ballot pickup!

Please contact Courtney Comstock to schedule:
courtney.comstock@yavapaiaz.gov



Count Every Vote: A Virtual Ballot Tabulation Tour with Yavapai County

Join the League of Women Voters of Arizona & All Voting is Local - Arizona on Saturday March 2, 2024 from 1 - 2 p.m. MST



Get informed about the **Presidential Preference Election (PPE)** and gain an insider's perspective on how Maricopa counts every vote!

Presenter: Laurin Custis
Yavapai County Elections Director



REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://RB.GY/DG8J4P](https://rb.gy/DG8J4P)

Review of Prop 211 Voters' Right to Know Act with Terry Goddard



Saturday, March 2, 2024
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Yavapai College, 1100 E Sheldon St, Prescott
Building 3, Room 119

In 2022, the voters of Arizona overwhelmingly passed a ballot initiative establishing the nation's most comprehensive election spending transparency law - Proposition 211, or the Voters' Right to Know Act. Terry Goddard, former AZ Attorney General and Phoenix Mayor worked for several years to get the initiative on the ballot and passed into law. The Act will be effective in the 2024 election. Mr. Goddard will discuss the challenges to get the initiative on the ballot, passed into law and what the voters can expect to change in the upcoming campaign season.

[Here's a great video for Terry Goddard when he was honored as an Arizona Historymaker in 2023](#)

Thank You for Your Membership!

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS www.lwv.org
LWVAZ www.lwvaz.org
LWVCYC www.lwvcyc.org

- ♦ We recommend you check these out —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 2024!**



And promote **VOTE411.org**



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2024-2025 LWVCYC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Name(s) of additional member(s) in household: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address _____

Member information – Note type of membership and make check to LWVCYC.

Voting Member(s)

Non-Voting Member(s)

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership

\$_____ Associate/ Friend of the League

_____ \$90/yr Household Membership

\$_____ Contribution to our local League operations

Local League membership dues and donations are **not** tax deductible. Your support helps our Voter Service and local program activities! Please include this form with your check(s). Membership can also be renewed using Zelle at lwvcyc@gmail.com or through PayPal at our website, LWVCYC.org using the join/donate tab.

Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund and Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund.

Make check out to LWVAZ Education fund with notation as to where it is to be used. Contributions to 501 (c) 3 funds are tax deductible and must be made by **separate check** to preserve tax deductibility. Thank You

\$_____ Contribution to LWVAZ Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund 501(c)3. *The funds you contribute under this program will be used for the Scholarship program.*

Make Ruffner Scholarship Fund check payable to: **LWVAZ Education Fund** write on notation line: **CYC-Scholarship**

\$_____ Contribution to LWVAZ Education Fund 501(c) 3 *The funds you contribute to the League of Women Voters Education Fund under this program may be used to support the charitable and educational activities of our League.* Make Education Fund check payable to: **LWVAZ Education Fund** write on notation line: **CYC General**

You may also make donations to the Education Funds through PayPal or Zelle by following the donation link on our website: LWVCYC.org

For Membership Use: Date received: _____

Membership / Renewal form (05/12/2023)