



# THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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## Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 7, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

Please join us for this important meeting to be a part of the decisions for the future of the LWVCYC



**Guest Speaker**  
Pinny Sheoran  
President LWV Metro Phoenix  
and President-Elect for LWVAZ

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**Zoom in at 9:30 for a meet and greet!**

Please Join the Zoom Meeting!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86722763436?pwd=b1pzZ3p4emhaajlEMW9ENEFCbIFwZz09>

**League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County**

**ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**May 7, 2022 – 10:00 to 12:00 Noon**

- 10:00 am** Welcome – President, Kelly Boryca
- 10:10 am** Guest Speaker- Pinny Sheoran, LWVMP, LWVAZ President elect (See her bio on next page)  
Topic: Advocacy Committee and AZ legislative
- 10:30 am** Call to Order – President, Kelly Boryca  
New Business 2022-2023:  
1) State Council in May and National Conference in Denver in June.  
2) VOTE411 Team will work through the summer on local, state, and federal elections.  
3) Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship update.
- 10:33 am** Appointment of Parliamentarian – President Kelly Boryca
- 10:35 am** Establishment of Quorum- Co-Membership Karen Sullivan & Bobbi Boyd  
Note: quorum for the annual meeting is ¼ total membership of 50 = 13
- 10:36 am** Approval of Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting- President, Kelly (voice vote by members).
- 10:38 am** Treasurer’s Report, 2021-2022- Co-Treasurers Kate Robbins & Terri Farneti
- 10:50 am** Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 – Lead of the Budget Committee Chair Joyce Haas  
Note: voice vote by members
- 11:00 am** Approval of Proposed Budget for 2022-2023 - President, Kelly Boryca (voice vote of members)
- 11:08 am** LWVCYC Programs – Results of Membership Public Policy Positions Survey – Terri Farneti
- 11: 15 am** Bylaw changes – Bylaws Committee Chair, Alice Harris LM (voice vote of members).
- 11:25 am** Nomination Committee Slate for 2022-2023 – Tina Boden-Blake, Nomination Committee Chair
- 11:40 am** Vote to Approve Slate of Nominees – President, Kelly Boryca  
Note: unless a position has 2 nominees, voice vote by members to accept slate
- 11:50 am** Closing Remarks- By the newly elected President
- 12:00 noon** Meeting Adjourned

**Please follow along with the Annual Packet:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/18oQyKs\\_R\\_AURwzNv3hCtMOnC9xoIyRufNi9doByBXgI/edit?usp=s\\_haring](https://docs.google.com/document/d/18oQyKs_R_AURwzNv3hCtMOnC9xoIyRufNi9doByBXgI/edit?usp=s_haring)



Pinny Sheoran

Pinny's commitment to the League of Women Votes has, quite literally, spanned generations of her life. She immigrated from India to the US in 1974 to pursue her graduate education at the University of Cincinnati. As a graduate student there, her dedication to the ideals of democracy was recognized by her faculty mentor and she was urged to join the League as a student member.

During that 2-year period her volunteer work included registering voters and helping at League events. Thus was her initiation into understanding the importance of voting rights in this country, and the League's role in that struggle/movement. As a foreign student, her experience in the League was critical for the development of her understanding of American Democracy, the Suffragette movement and the nexus of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights movement.

In 2016, she decided she could no longer sit on the sidelines and became a very active League member. Pinny has been a member of the League since 2016. In 2019 Pinny was appointed as a director to the LWV Arizona State Board, representing LWV of Metro Phoenix. Pinny has served as the State Advocacy chair since 2019. Her passion is protecting the freedom to vote. She has served on the LWVMP board as President Elect in 2020 and President in 2021.

Pinny has a Masters and a Doctorate in Applied Statistics from the University of Cincinnati and undergraduate degree in Sociology and English from the University of Bangalore, India. She retired as a faculty of the Maricopa Community College District in 2006. Her time in retirement has been devoted to democracy issues. Pinny and her husband Yogi have lived in Scottsdale since 1980 where she and her husband raised a son and daughter and several lovable Labrador Retrievers.



We had a great time at Earth Day. We only registered one person, but we gave out almost all the redistricting cards. Joyce and I wrote VOTE411.org on the bottom of the card and Bill explained what VOTE411 was. Bill would ask people if they were registered as they passed, people would say yes and try to walk on. Bill would begin to explain that the old voter guides the league gave out in the past was now online in digital form. He then explained that the information for local, state, and national elections would be on the site. Everyone knew about the league voter guides and were excited the information would be available again. Even the people who acted like they were not interested, stopped, listened, and took the card. We were also encouraged by how many young people stopped and took a card. We had a least two people who were interested in joining.

Thank you to all the League members who volunteered their time to help Make Democracy Work!

## Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship

We have had eight high school seniors apply for the scholarship this year! The Scholarship Committee will be reviewing the applications and determining the winner of this year's \$500 scholarship based on their essays about civic engagement. When you renew your dues, please consider a separate check to the LWVAZ Ed Fund and designate LWVCYC and the restricted Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund. It would be great to expand the program to offer \$1,000 in future years.

## Vote411 Team takes Follow the Ballot Tour

A big Thank You to the Yavapai County Recorder, Voter Registration & Elections Office for the **Follow the Ballot** tour. Six members of the VOTE411 Committee were excited to attend the **Follow the Ballot Tour** to see **Democracy in Action**. This public tour utilizes a "Cookie Election simulation" to follow the process your ballot follows from your vote to the "election results" for the winning cookie. To see how ballots are processed, the checks and balances at each step, the verification process, and finally the vote totals was impressive. The VOTE411 members have a better understanding of all the steps our ballots go through to ensure an effective and safe election. If you have ever wondered how Yavapai County process your vote, consider taking the tour. If League members are interested in this tour, we can line up another opportunity with the County Recorder's Office.

## Voter Registration Training

Many League members attended the Voter Registration Training the Yavapai County Voter Registration Department held in March: Kelly Boryca, Cory Shaw, Bonnie McMinn, Loraine West, Mary Lea Adkins, Terri Farneti, Joyce Haas, Lindsay Bell, and Cindy Wagner! Enough to train any member who is interested in registering voters!

## Climate Change and Water Conservancy Meeting was Excellent!

Congratulations to Gerre Carley for putting together the line-up of speakers for this meeting. It was so interesting to learn the history of water in Prescott, the innovative ways communities can come together to reach climate sustainability, and having the Mayor Pro-Tem join us to talk about the recent necessary annexations. Let's hope it's our last meeting by Zoom as we look forward to getting together in person in the coming year!



## Advocacy this Summer!

The LWV VOTE411.org site will focus on local, state, and federal election information for August 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This summer, our league and the State Advocacy Committee will continue to engage in Voter Education and Voter Registration. The LWVCYC VOTE411 team will be working on mayoral and council elections in Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt. We will also focus on positions open on the School Board.

If you are interested in remaining engaged this summer, send your name to the LWVCYC email: [lwvcyc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcyc@gmail.com). We will continue the monthly Voter and will have Voter Education and Registration events that will need participants.

Your involvement this summer will help the League of Women Voters continue to Make Democracy Work.

## Arizona voters facing changes for future elections, by Howard Fischer

PHOENIX — Arizonans going to the polls this year could be faced with three vastly different and often-conflicting approaches for the conduct of future elections. An initiative campaign to broaden access to the ballot reported Tuesday it now is in line to have more than \$1 million to gather the 237,645 signatures needed to put the question to voters. That includes \$500,000 already donated by Living United for Change in Arizona, the group that convinced voters, twice, to hike the state's minimum wage. Laura Dent, spokeswoman for the coalition of groups coming up with the cash, known as Activate 48, says the campaign already has more than 60,000 signatures collected since launching in early February.

Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections has until July 7 to gather the rest on its proposal to do everything from automatic voter registration when people get a driver's license to overturning some of the restrictions on early voting previously approved by the Republican-controlled measure. Only thing is, it's already clear it would not be the only measure on the November ballot. Republican lawmakers already have placed another vastly different one there which actually would impose new voter ID requirements. That measure began as an initiative by the business-oriented Free Enterprise Club. But the action by the Republican-controlled legislature saves it the effort — and the cost — of getting signatures by agreeing themselves to put it on the ballot. And a third group that wants to curb early voting is hoping for the same favorable treatment of being able to bypass the signature requirements for an initiative.

Lee Miller, one of the Republican organizers of what is dubbed Easier to Vote, Harder to Cheat, said he has been unable to hire the necessary paid circulators to get people to sign petitions to qualify the measure for the 2022 ballot. He blames Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections, claiming that the deal they have with companies they hired to circulate their petitions forbids them from also taking on petitions for the conflicting measure. Joel Edman, who heads that effort, acknowledged his group does not want its circulators also advancing an effort that works contrary to what it is trying to accomplish.

So now Miller is hoping GOP lawmakers do for him and his allies what they did for the Free Enterprise Club: put the issue on the November ballot without the need to gather signatures showing public support. Theoretically speaking, all three could be approved in November. And if there are conflicting provisions, the measure that gets more votes would become law.

But what ultimately will be at play is whether Arizonans believe that the existing voting laws, including new restrictions that Republicans are enacting this year, are too lax or too restrictive. The most comprehensive of these proposals is the initiative being pushed by **Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections**. It would restore the "permanent early voting list" lawmakers eliminated in 2021, ensuring people who want can continue to get early ballots even if they do not use them for several years. It also would require counting early ballots postmarked by 7 p.m. on Election Day — existing law says they have to be received by that deadline — and add to the kinds of documents that those going to the polls could present to show their identification. Then there's the provision that says people are signed up to vote when they get a driver's license unless they specifically opt out. Also gone would be the requirement to be registered at least 29 days prior to the election in order to vote. It would repeal the 2016 law that makes it a crime for individuals to take someone else's early ballots to a polling place.

And of particular note, it would spell out that a signature on an early ballot envelope is sufficient to have the votes inside of it counted. That directly conflicts with what's been dubbed the Arizona for Voter ID Act, the one GOP lawmakers agreed to put on the ballot for the Free Enterprise Club.

It seeks to spell out that those who use early ballots provide information beyond their signature on the early ballot envelopes. That includes an affidavit with the voter's date of birth and the number from one of several acceptable forms of identification. These include a driver's license, a state-issued non-operating license, the last four digits of the person's Social Security number, or a unique number issued by the secretary of state to those who lack the other types of ID. But it would leave it up to counties to decide whether that information would have to be provided on a separate document that voters would need to remember to put into the envelope.

A similar requirement enacted in Texas reportedly resulted in thousands of votes not being counted. The Arizona for Voter ID Act also would affect those who go to the polls on election day. It would bar anyone from voting who does not provide an acceptable photo ID. Gone would be an alternate option of bringing in two different documents without a photo that contain the person's name and address, like a utility bill, vehicle registration certificate or property tax statement. The Easier to Vote, Harder to Cheat proposal lobbyist Miller and other Republicans hope to get lawmakers to put on the ballot takes a somewhat different approach to early ballots. It would continue to permit voters to provide only their signature on the envelopes. But it would prohibit people from dropping off such an early ballot at a voting center after 7 p.m. on the Friday before election day.

There still would be an option for those who want to bring their early ballots to a polling place on Election Day. But they could not simply drop it off, as is the case now, but instead would be required to stand in line and provide the same kind of voter ID as those who were standing in line to vote that day. It also seeks to require that ballots be scanned and the images placed online for public viewing as well as mandates county officials to set up a system so those who cast early ballots can be sure their votes were counted. And it says anyone who needs to "cure" a ballot where election officials question whether the signature matches would have only through 7 p.m. on Election Day. Current law gives them up to five day to resolve the issue, which sometimes can be done through a phone call, and ensure their vote is counted.

Miller said there may be tweaks between the original proposal and what his group asks GOP lawmakers to put on the ballot. And some of it, he said, is based on what appears popular. "We are in the field right now talking to voters to get a better understanding on what they're looking for in order to make Arizona's election safe and secure," he said.

The initiative proposal by Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections actually deals with more than the voting process. If approved, it would provide more cash for candidates who choose to run with public funds. Conversely, it would scale back the limits on donations by private individuals and political action committees who now can give up to \$6,250 to candidates every election cycle to no more than \$2,500 to those running for statewide office and \$1,000 for legislative, city, town or county offices.

It also would eliminate the exemption that now exists for travel, lodging, food and drinks from laws that ban gifts to lawmakers from lobbyists.

And there is language designed to tighten up requirements that presidential electors actually cast their votes for the candidate who won the popular vote.



## **VOTE411 - We Need Your Ideas & Input Questions for Federal and State candidates (Aug. Primaries)**

Are you looking for information about how the candidates will address issues that matter to you so that you can make an informed decision when you vote? Look no further than **VOTE411.org**, the League of Women Voters platform for providing timely, accurate, unbiased, and nonpartisan voter guides --- a time-honored tradition of the League.

VOTE411 is an online Voters Guide offered by LWVUS to provide a one-stop information solution for voters. Its "On Your Ballot" feature allows voters to enter their home address and review all races and ballot initiatives specific to that address, from President to municipal candidates and school boards. VOTE411 is a convenient online tool to provide Voters Guides to the community.

**Preparation of questions for candidates and analysis of ballot measures is underway by LWV Arizona.** We encourage our members to help craft the questions that will elicit substantive and revealing responses from the candidates. We have team leads in place for most federal and state races: U.S. Senate; U.S. House; State legislators; Governor; Attorney General; Secretary of State; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Secretary of the Treasury; Mines Inspector; and Arizona Corporation Commission.

**We also welcome feedback from the community at large.** The more voices represented the more meaningful and relevant the questions. Please ask your Arizona friends, family, neighbors, and acquaintances to send questions to you that they would like to ask one or more of the candidates and pass them along to the team leads. **Locally, we need questions for the mayoral and council races for both Chino Valley and Dewey-Humboldt. Send your questions to [LWVCYC@gmail.com](mailto:LWVCYC@gmail.com).**

If you are ready to help shape the conversation with our future elected officials or are interested in contributing in other ways, please send an email directly to the team leads listed below or email [lwvzadvocacy@gmail.com](mailto:lwvzadvocacy@gmail.com). VOTE411 is a collaborative effort, and we welcome as little or as much time as you can spend.

### Federal and State Races - Team leads

- U.S Senator - **Lynne Leonard**
- U.S Representative - **Bonnie Jackson**
- Arizona Legislature (Senate and House of Representatives) - **Deborah Howard**
- Governor - **Cory Shaw & Joyce Haas**
- Attorney General - **Nancy Hand & Abdi Lopez**
- Secretary of State - Marianne **Schaefer**
- Superintendent of Public Instruction - **Bonnie Jackson**
- Secretary of the Treasury - OPEN (we need a team lead)

- Mines Inspector - OPEN (we need a team lead)
- Arizona Corporation Commission - **Deborah Howard**

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### State Ballot Measures (Nov. General Election)

We will include state ballot measures in VOTE411 and would appreciate volunteers who want to help with the work of preparing an unbiased analysis of the measures in plain English. An essential part of this work is explaining the impact of a “yes” or “no” vote. If you would like to join this team, please contact Gretchen Bolerjack [emojigretch@gmail.com](mailto:emojigretch@gmail.com), who leads the team with Cindy Walsh. The inclusion of voter education information on these measures for the Vote411 site does not in any way imply LWV support or opposition to a measure.

We will start with the 5 measures that have been certified to be on the ballot in Nov. As other measures are approved, we will add them to the list.

- **Arizonans for Voter ID Act.** Requires date of birth and voter identification number for mail-in ballots and eliminates two-document alternative to photo ID for in-person voting.
- **Arizona Legislative Changes to Ballot Initiatives with Invalid Provisions Amendment.** Allows the legislature to amend or repeal voter-approved ballot measures that contain provisions ruled unconstitutional or invalid by the state or federal supreme court.
- **Arizona Single-Subject Requirement for Ballot Initiatives Amendment.**
  - Requires citizen-initiated ballot measures to embrace a single subject.
- **Invest in Arizona.** Reduces income tax brackets to two and provides for a flat rate when state revenue exceeds \$12,976,300,000.
- **Arizona In-State Tuition for Non-Citizen Residents Measure.** Repeals provisions of Proposition 300 (2006) to allow in-state tuition for non-citizen residents.



**It's not too late! This opportunity is open to ALL Members!**



## **CALL TO COUNCIL 2022**

**Friday May 20th & Saturday May 21, 2022**

Council is an opportunity for the league to grow league leadership. This year, Friday workshops will be held via zoom.

The Saturday Council meeting will be a hybrid event. All League members are welcome to register and attend the Council. Delegates selected by Local Leagues can vote during the business meeting.

### **Registration Fee:**

In person attendees: **\$125.00** per attendee

Virtual attendee: **\$75.00**

You will receive Zoom links upon receipt of council registration fee.

### **Registration Link and More Information:**

[2022 COUNCIL AND ANNUAL MEETING - REGISTRATION FORM | MyLO \(lww.org\)](#)

**Friday, May 20 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Leadership workshops**

**On Friday, league members will have the opportunity to attend 4 leadership development workshops via zoom. Workshops will cover topics such as DEI, Legislation and Advocacy, Voter engagement & GOTV, and more. You can attend one or all the four ZOOM virtual presentations. All attendees will receive a zoom link to register for the Friday events upon receipt of council registration fee.**

**Saturday, May 21, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hybrid Council Meeting**

**The hybrid meeting will allow delegates and members to attend either in person or via zoom. Zoom attendees will receive the zoom link upon receipt of payment of council registration fee.**

# Thank you for your Membership!

## IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

- LWVUS** [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)
- LWVAZ** [www.lwvaz.org](http://www.lwvaz.org)
- LWVCYC** [www.lwvcyc.org](http://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 2022!**



**And promote VOTE411.org**



## LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2022-2023

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2022-2023 cover payment for local (\$15.00), state (\$13), and national (\$32.00) memberships. The LWVCYC fiscal year is July—June. We offer a discounted rate between Feb—May, but full dues are paid for the new fiscal year.

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Note type of membership, and make check to "LWVCYC" - or pay online with Pay Pal at [LWVCYC.org](http://LWVCYC.org)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60/yr Individual Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40/yr for members under 40      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$90/yr Household Membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Free</b> 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