



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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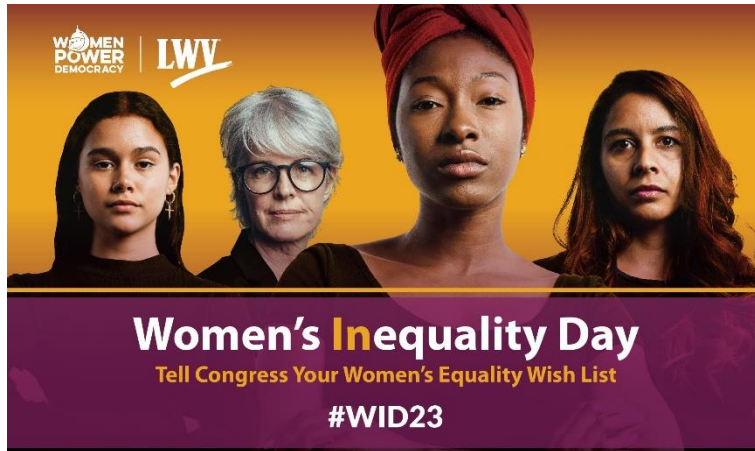
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August 26, otherwise known as Women’s Equality Day, marks the anniversary of the certification of the 19th Amendment, which granted *some* women the right to vote in 1920.

In 2022, we declared this day to be Women’s Inequality Day in the aftermath of the Supreme Court rollbacks of reproductive freedom (in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Center*) and the failure of Congress to pass voting rights legislation or add the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

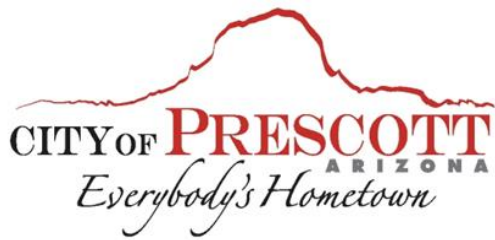
One year later, we have seen the impact of the *Dobbs* decision on women and those who can become pregnant. We have seen anti-voter laws passed in states nationwide that could silence voters at the polls in the months ahead. And a century after it was first introduced, we are still calling on Congress to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and make it part of our Constitution.

The fight for women’s equality has always been grounded in the right to vote. When some women have fewer rights and access, we cannot call ourselves equal or celebrate equality.



This August, women are standing together demanding that our rights be restored, our voices be heard, and that we ourselves be seen and treated as equals in our democracy. Together, we have the power to create a more perfect and inclusive nation that celebrates our diversity and welcomes everyone to participate. We can create the change we need and want with the power of our votes.

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/JIIUIAB-QAs>

Sign the Petition: <https://www.lwv.org/WID23>




Wednesday, August 30th
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
The Rowle P. Simmons Center
1280 E. Rosser Street, Prescott


Save the Date

General Plan and Historic Preservation Master Plan Updates


The City of Prescott is requesting public comment on the General Plan and Historic Preservation Master Plan Updates. Come learn more about the updates and provide public comment. Visit planprescott.com for more information.



Link to Website



Rowle P. Simmons Adult Center
1280 E. Rosser Street



Wednesday, August 30th
@ 3-6 pm

Come and join us!

Your Input is Important!
Take the Community Questionnaire!

[Prescott General Plan Public Input \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)

If you would like to answer some General Questions, please click below:

[Here are some general questions for additional input. \(arcgis.com\)](http://arcgis.com)

The City of Prescott is requesting community input on updating of the General Plan and Historic Preservation Master Plan. An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30th from 3-6 pm at the Rowle P. Simmons Center on East Rosser Street requesting input on challenges and opportunities on the following topics: Circulation (movement of people, goods, and services), Economic Development, types of Housing, Land Use, and Public Facilities and Services.

The City of Prescott General Plan is a policy guide and provides a vision of what the City will become in 10 years. To guide us into these potential futures, the Prescott General Plan provides:

- A collaborative community vision;
- A collection of goals and policies to achieve that vision;
- A tool for decision makers, developers, businesses, and citizens; and
- A framework for general planning.

The current General Plan was adopted in 2015 and needs to be updated every 10 years. A reevaluation and calibration of goals and policies is necessary to ensure Prescott continues to grow in a sustainable way.

The City of Prescott Historic Preservation Master Plan was last adopted in 1998 and the goal of this project to have an up-to-date Master Plan that provides guidance for staff, Preservation Commissioners, developers, architects, and homeowners. Additionally, the end-product will be a plan formatted to allow for more frequent updates without having to undergo a major project or expense. This includes:

- Update the plan to reflect changes or additions to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards and Treatments for Historic Properties
- Incorporate newer districts that have never been in the Master Plan
- Incorporate an Archaeology section
- Reformat to streamline and make more useful to property owners, staff, and Commissioners
- Public outreach and incorporation of the results of such.
- Publication of digital drafts of plan and limited printing for public outreach and review
- Launch Plan through Web-based applications and Arches data management platform.

League History – Candidate Debates and Forums – Part 2

In 1987, the chairpersons of the Democratic and Republican parties announced their intention to sponsor their own debates. They encouraged the League and its nonpartisan, third-party perspective, by affiliation to stand aside. On September 28, representatives from the nominated Bush and Dukakis campaigns presented the League with an agreement that gave the campaigns the power to:

- Pack the debate hall with their own supporters and relegate press to the back two rows.
- Control the selection of the people who asked candidates questions during the debate.
- Determine the debate's format; Restrict what the television cameras could take pictures of during the debate.

In response, on October 3, 1988, the League withdrew its sponsorship of the presidential debate.

After withdrawing from the presidential debates, the League continued to sponsor debates, forums, and other opportunities for candidates on the state and local levels to speak directly to the public. In 2022, local Leagues across the nation held more than 3,075 candidate debates and forums ahead of the midterm elections. In 2022, our league held a debate between the candidates for State Legislative District 1.

We also held three forums for local elections. The League historically produced hard-copy Voter Guides. The development of the award-winning VOTE411.org website provides a digital platform where voters can find comprehensive voter guides where candidates can state where they stand on issues of importance to state and local voters.

(Reference: LWVUS, The League's History Sponsoring Presidential Debates; Blog / Last Updated: May 11, 2023)



Here are the links to the recording of the webinar above, slides, and additional answers to questions we weren't able to get to during the webinar's lively Q&A.

- [Watch the webinar](#) on Nonprofit VOTE's [YouTube channel](#)
 - [Download slide presentation](#)
 - [Download Q&A](#)

Report on the Indigenous Rural Action Summit in Kayenta

Loraine West, Director of Voter Services for LWVCYC, attended an Indigenous Rural Action Summit in Kayenta on July 22, 2023. The non-partisan event brought together nearly 100 people from grassroots organizations and the local community to network, learn, and share experiences related to voting rights, elections, education, and community outreach and solutions. A partial list of organizations attending the summit is provided below, if you are interested in learning more about them. Workshops focused on voter registration, voter turnout, and citizen participation as candidates for local offices. One participant spoke of the eagerness of senior citizens to participate by voting but that they faced language and literacy barriers. Her organization was translating ballots and candidate information into Navajo and then visiting senior voters in her community to orally share the information. During lunch, attendees heard from Arizona House Representative Mae Peshlakai and Arizona Senator Theresa Hatathlie, both representing District 6. It was rewarding to see so many organizations and people focused on voter participation.

The groups and links provided are all organizations who attended the summit, had tables in the main venue, and led workshops during the summit.

VoteRiders: Voter ID Help • VoteRiders
<https://www.voteriders.org/>

Renew US - We are winning multi-racial, working-class, progressive governing power in states across the country to solve the crises we face.
[Renew U.S.](#)

NextGen America -- NextGen America is the nation's largest youth voting organization that's using innovative digital and field strategies to turn out young voters in key states.
[NextGen America](#)

GLSEN - Championing LGBTQ issues in K-12 education since 1990
[Homepage](#)

Instituto - Instituto launched Building for the Future (BFTF) project, a three-part effort to grow awareness of Arizona's civic engagement organizations, build a case for support to engage the local philanthropic sector, and identify opportunities to practice and dream up new pathways to sustained funding.
[INSTITUTO](#)

Generation Vote -- Generation Vote sparks an intersectional, youth-led movement that fights for our right to vote and a just democracy for all.
[Generation Vote](#)

Indivisible -- [Homepage](#)

SOS Arizona -- Save Our Schools
[Home - Save Our Schools Arizona \(sosarizona.org\)](#)

Arizona Native Vote -- Jaynie Parrish executive director and founder; Arizona Native Vote (ANV) is non-partisan 501(c)(3) dedicated to building tribal and rural political power. We do this by working with community members to increase voter registration and civic engagement.
[Arizona Native Vote](#)

Arizona List -- Arizona List is a statewide membership network that works to recruit, train, support and elect pro-choice Democratic women running for office in Arizona.
[Home - Arizona List](#)

People First Economy -- A joint campaign of the Arizona Center for Economic Progress, Arizona Center for Empowerment, and One Arizona built by and for the people.
[People First Economy of Arizona](#)

Arizona Center for Empowerment - The Arizona Center for Empowerment educates, empowers and engages our state's working families to create solutions to issues of social and economic justice.
[ACE](#)

LWVCYC Nonpartisan Policy

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

The League does not support or oppose any political party or candidates.

League members are encouraged to participate fully in all political activities available in our democratic process.

Nonpartisan Policy for Members of the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County

League Position:

Once a League (local, state, or national) takes a position on an issue, members may not identify themselves as League members in public expressing an opinion that is in opposition to a League position.

Representing League:

Members representing the League in the community should be sensitive to their responsibilities. When acting in public as League representatives, members must not allow partisanship to be discernible.-

Serving on Commissions and Committees:

Members may serve on governmental commissions and committees at their own discretion. If the appointment is League-related, the appointee should be fully aware of the League positions as they relate to the commissions or committee's responsibilities, and regularly report to the Board.

League Meetings:

Members in leadership roles at general and other public meetings have the responsibility to ensure the nonpartisanship of the meeting and its environment. Only Board of Directors-approved petitions may be circulated at League meetings.

Amended 06.20.2022



A Welcome Back Social

is being planned for Thursday, September 14th

More details in the official Invite!

Please invite friends and neighbors, too.



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Web: LWVCYC.ORG Email address: lwvcyc@gmail.com

2023-2024 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)