



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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Why Vote?

Voting is the most important means a citizen has to have a voice in their government. One person, one vote.

In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.

In 1801, Thomas Jefferson was elected by one vote in the Electoral College.

In 1824, John Quincy Adams was elected by one vote in the Electoral College.

In 1839, one vote elected Marcus Morton governor of Massachusetts.

In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the union. California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington all became states by just one vote at different times.

In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1877, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States.

In 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi party.

In 1948, Lyndon B Johnson, the 36th President, was elected United States Senator by one vote.

In 1948, one vote per precinct in Ohio and California could have changed the presidential election from Harry S. Truman to Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1960, if one person in every voting district had voted differently, Richard M. Nixon would have defeated John F. Kennedy.

In 1976, Ohio's vote gave the election to Jimmy Carter over Gerald Ford.

1993, one vote passed President bill Clinton's budget.

Every vote is important, and one vote can make a difference.

Election Protection is Back

League of Women Voters is a member of the Election Protection Arizona Coalition (EPAZ). The League has been an active member of this coalition and many league members volunteered in the 2018, 2020 elections.

The League is part of the planning team, preparing for the 2022 Elections.

The Primary Election is coming up fast, and just like in 2020, we are expecting that barriers could pop up for you and your neighbors while voting. Issues that might stop our community members from raising their voice include getting removed from the Active Early Voting List, not having the right ID, not knowing where to vote in person, or even outright intimidation at the polls.



The League continues to provide support and help organizing for this effort. Election protection volunteer monitors will be needed at polling locations for the primaries and the general election.

We want all local leagues to be part of this effort. Here is how you can make the difference in someone's voting experience.

Serve as a League Fellow, Assist in the implementation of the Poll Monitor/Poll Worker Program. A League fellow is a special assignment of a League member to the Election Protection Coalition for the duration of the 2022 primary and general election. They will be working under the supervision of the EPAZ director. Each League can submit the names of two members to serve as the League Fellow. This is an unpaid volunteer assignment and does require reliable commitment of time to provide the support needed. If you are interested in serving as League Fellow, please email pinny.sheoran@gmail.com. The role of the League fellow is to provide the support needed to the effort under the guidance of the EPAZ Director, they will also be required to provide the LWVAZ timely information to inform league members. The list of duties of the League Fellow are:

Research

- Maintain spreadsheet of all vote centers and precincts in target counties as determined by EPAZ and AVL
- Compare voting sites with what's listed on the BallotReady poll locator tool to catch any discrepancies
- If needed, call counties for information

Training

- Be the tech helper on Zoom trainings (manage the breakout rooms, be the person attendees' direct message if they need help troubleshooting tech issues, mute folks who may have somehow gotten off mute when they are not presenting, etc.)
 - Ex: Primary will have 4 trainings at 2 hours each with 1 run through

Assignments

- Assist in matching poll monitors with their voting site assignment based on their preferred counties (assignment submission form) and our highest priority need (spreadsheet referred to in the research section)
- Assist in confirmation communication about assignments to poll monitors
- Assist in assignment switches, based upon the parameters set up by the Election Protection Director

Communicate with League Advocacy leadership

- Provide updates and alerts to the LWV AZ advocacy leadership
- Communicate with League members who have signed up regarding their assignments.

Serve as a volunteer poll monitor. **Poll Monitors** are the volunteer eyes and ears on the ground outside voting sites on Election Day to help voters in the moment, and to report incidents ranging from poor accessibility of the site to outright intimidation. Your service is what will make the difference in ensuring voters are not turned away from the polls. Monitors are needed at many polling locations and vote centers through the primary and general elections.

Be a Poll Worker: Poll Workers are the paid folks inside the voting sites during the Early Voting period and on Election Day who check voters in and assist with their ballots. Contact your local county offices to apply.

Election Protection Arizona (EPAZ) - Poll Monitor Training & Poll Worker Introduction

We need the people filling both roles to understand AZ's election law, and the barriers that voters can face. We are the helpers our communities deserve! That's why we're going to be there. Volunteer Poll Monitors and paid Poll Workers who understand the complexities of casting a ballot, and who have the empathy to support their communities through that time are critical.

Dates: July 13, 14, 19, 23. [Sign up for a training now!](#)

The LWVUS Statement on the Roe v Wade Decision

The League of Women Voters believes every US resident should have access to affordable, quality health care, including birth control and the privacy to make reproductive choices. As an ally of reproductive rights organizations, we know that safe access to health care, including abortion, is essential to our democracy.

Democracy depends on equal rights for all people. Losing our right to reproductive choice opens the door to the loss of other freedoms like marriage equality, contraception, and the right to engage in private, consensual intimacy. The attack we have seen on voting rights is an attack on democracy. The attack on reproductive choice is a continuation of silencing people in this country.

Not only is the right to a safe and legal abortion a matter of personal freedom, it's also a major factor in the movements for racial and economic equality. Black women and all underserved communities already experience inequitable barriers and limited access to adequate health care services. Many of the communities targeted with voter suppression are the same ones who will be most impacted if reproductive freedom is also taken away.

The League of Women Voters stands in solidarity with women and individuals who may become pregnant in the fight to protect reproductive freedom.

Vote411.org is LIVE! Check it Out!



League of Women Voters Central Yavapai County
"Election Information You Need - Your Voice, Your Vote"

For over 100 years, the League of Women Voters has been a *nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization* that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy.

Nonpartisan – We do not support or oppose a political party or candidate.

Not Non-political – We advocate for well-researched and agreed-upon Public Policy Positions.

Register to vote

Verify your registration status

Check your Party designation

Review what is on Your ballot

What is VOTE411?

- LWVUS Web Portal for **providing digital voter guides** <https://www.vote411.org>
- Voters can find information on elections, candidates, **ballot measures**, links to **register to vote**, and **verify your registration**

Who provides information?

- **State and local leagues** decide the information to include on this portal, **the National League reviews all material**
- **Candidates provide information** in response to league's questionnaires
- Leagues provide **recorded candidate forums, debates, and town halls**

Who can access VOTE411?

- It is a **public website**, open to everyone

How is it accessed?

- Use a computer or mobile device; accessible through all social media platforms
- Local leagues can use **QR code** or widgets to add to websites, social media posts, newsletters, and emails



Go to **VOTE411.ORG**

Learn About **YOUR** Candidates and Where They Stand on Issues Important to **YOU!**

Participate in Democracy
VOTE!

Arizona Primary Election: Aug. 2

Your candidate has not responded? Contact them and urge them to participate. Voters want to know about all candidates.

It's in Spanish, too! <https://www.vote411.org/es>

Report to the Membership on the 2022 League of Women Voters of the United States Convention

The total number of delegates eligible for attendance for all 50 states and the District of Columbia was 1785. The actual number in attendance either in person or virtually varied each day between 900-1000 and represented all 50 states and the District of Columbia. All 20 of Arizona's eligible delegates attended either in person or virtually on Zoom.

BUDGET

Budget: The adopted budget calls for \$41.5 million in expenditures with \$3.6 million coming from current reserves of \$17 million in unrestricted assets.

BYLAWS

Recommended bylaws changes that were adopted.

Approved changes to take effect in **2024**.

1. Unified Membership System: All membership payments to go to LWVUS with elimination of **Per Member Payments (PMP)** and a proposed sliding membership fee.

The new Article XIII Sec.2 Financial Support will read:

ALL MEMBERS SHALL PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES EXCEPT THOSE EXEMPTED FROM PAYING DUES IN ARTICLE III. NET REVENUE COLLECTED THROUGH MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE SHARED BY LWVUS, THE MEMBER'S STATE LEAGUE AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE MEMBER'S LOCAL LEAGUE OR MEMBER-AT-LARGE UNIT. ALLOCATION TO LWVUS SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE-THIRD.

Note: Currently when LWVCYC receives \$60 from a member, a \$32 PMP is forwarded to national, \$13 PMP goes to state and the remaining \$15 is retained locally. Since no 'regular' dues amount has yet been set, the allocation to state and local is unknown, and since national has stated that there will be a sliding membership fee, the actual effect on our local budget is unknown. However, national will not change the \$32 fee for the next 2 years. Implementation of the new program will not go into effect until 2024 at the earliest. This bylaw change was necessary to implement a larger structure transformation roadmap that was formulated with the idea of creating a more top-down distribution of funds and resources to state and local leagues. To see more on the Structure Transformation Plan go to: <https://lww.org/league-management/content-library>

2. Members at large units greater than 50 members will receive delegate(s) at convention. *Approved changes to take effect immediately.*
3. Nominations committee will include CEO as ex-officio non-voting member of nominating committee. Any member can submit suggestions to Nominating Committee
 - a. *Note: no time frame or procedure was proposed.*
4. Clarification of US Board meeting procedures and adoption of rules for emergency meetings. *Non recommended by law change: Failed passage*
5. Elimination of the age requirement for voting membership

PROGRAM: Link to updated program will be available as soon as national updates the website.

Adoption of retention of all current LWVUS Positions.

Adoption of LWVUS program for 2022-2024: Campaign for Making Democracy Work: ensuring a free, fair, and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters by focusing on Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/ Money in Politics and Redistricting, and to elevate the 'direct election of the President by popular vote' as a prominent, listed component of "Making Democracy Work". This motion includes both National Voter Interstate Compact and the Abolishment of the Electoral College by Constitutional Amendment.

CONCURRENCE

There were several proposals to adopt state concurrence positions into the National program. Some were recommended to be adopted and some were not.

Of the recommended concurrence positions now included in National Program are:

LWV NY: Health Care and Financing of Health Care

LWV CA: Criminal justice

Sixty-Seven proposed positions were not recommended. Six were not recommended for concurrence but were presented for consideration and 2 were ultimately adopted by the Convention:

LWV Connecticut Digital Equity

LWV Florida Focus on Ratifying the ERA

STUDY:

One study was proposed by Maine on Digital Democracy and was not supported by the LWVUS. The motion to approve was defeated and LWVUS recommended that the state create a position in concurrence with other states and organizations rather than LWVUS commit to the cost and time required for a study. It appears no study has been conducted nationwide since 2014.

RESOLUTIONS:

10 Resolutions were submitted to Convention and 5 that met the Convention parameters were approved:

1. Immigration Reform and LWV Advocacy
2. Climate Emergency Declaration
3. DC Statehood
4. Action and Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
5. Reproductive Choice

LWVCYC Year End Report from the Treasurer

	Year End 06.30.21	Year End 06.30.22
LOCAL		
Cash Assets		
Checking Account	5779.02	6140.61
Non- Cash Assets		
Tote Bags	1000.00	600.00
	6779.02	6740.61
ED FUND		
Non-Restricted	1708.06	1852.26
Scholarship	1231.28	1590.00
	2939.34	3442.26
LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	9718.36	10182.87

The LWVCYC has two new upcoming Voter Registration Events Please Volunteer!

At Las Fuentes Resort Village, 1035 Scott Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301 on Monday, **July 18 from 10:00am - 11:30am**. Looking for 2 members to join me as we sit in their lobby and assist residents to register to vote and update their existing voter registration.

At the Arizona Pioneers' Home, 300 S. McCormick St. Prescott, AZ 86303 on Friday, **July 22 from 9:00am - 11:00am**. Looking for up to 2 members to join me in assisting residents to register to vote and update their existing voter registration. We will also give a presentation on Vote411.org.

Please let me know if you would like to volunteer for either of these two events. Thank you.

Loraine
 Director of Voter Services
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 703-419-5313

Another opportunity to Volunteer and Learn About How to Run a Candidate Forum!

**Town of Dewey-Humboldt
2022 Primary Election**

**COUNCILMEMBER
CANDIDATE FORUM**

Presented and Moderated by:



DATE: Wednesday - July 13, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m. – Meet the Candidates
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Forum

PLACE: Cherry Creek Ranch, 938 So. Foothill Dr.,
Dewey-Humboldt, AZ 86327

Hand out 3x5 cards to attendees to write their questions.

Hand out Vote411.org information.

Collect questions from the audience and take back to Question Sorting Committee.

Contact Cory Shaw to help out!
928-848-8867.

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 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 the 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

LWVCYC Letter to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

July 4, 2022

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors
1015 Fair Street
Prescott, AZ 86305

Dear Chair Mallory, Vice Chair Gregory, Supervisor Brown, Supervisor Michaels, and Supervisor Oberg,

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County and the League of Women Voters of Northern Arizona, which encompass a large part of Yavapai County, are writing to express our serious concerns with the resignations of Recorder Leslie Hoffman and Elections Director Lynn Constabile.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering voters, has worked with both of these officials for many years. We have found them to be completely impartial and professional, with an unwavering dedication to meeting the needs of the voters of Yavapai County.

Across the country we have seen increasingly hostile attacks on elections workers. To learn that this has happened to our own dedicated professionals in Yavapai County is deeply disturbing and serves as a strong warning that we must stand up to those elements in our society who would undermine our election system.

We request that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors consider with great care the appointment of their replacements during this critical time of the approaching 2022 Primary and General Elections. The League of Women Voters believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed.

We support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters. Elections conducted under the guidance of Leslie Hoffman and Lynn Constabile have always adhered to these essential principles.

We urge you to carefully screen and thoughtfully consider any appointed replacements. Their qualifications and dedication to fair, nonpartisan conduct of elections will be essential to continuing Yavapai County's dedication to a safe and fair election process.

We further request that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors issue a statement of support for election workers, disavow the attacks that have occurred, commit to running public meetings that embody civic discourse and respect, and declare that the 2020 election in Yavapai County was fair and accurate. As individuals who have been elected via this same fair election system, each of you have stepped forward to serve our citizens. We expect you to defend democracy.

Respectfully yours,

Board of Directors, LWV Central Yavapai County

T. Boden-Blake, K. Boryca, K. Robbins, C. Shaw, L. West,

T. Farneti, B. Boyd

M. Kenney, President LWV Northern Arizona

Thank You for Renewing Your Membership!

Thanks for
Sticking with Us!



The Winner of the Early Bird Membership Renewals is:

Mary Kaye O'Neill



**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 2022!**



And promote VOTE411.org



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2022-2023 LWVCYC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

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

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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

Voting Members

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership \$_____ Associate/ Friend of the League

_____ \$90/yr Household Membership

_____ \$40/yr Student Member \$_____ 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).

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 generally 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 and to make contributions to [state 501(c)(3)] and the national League of Women Voters Education Fund.* 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 by following the donation link on our website: LWVCYC.org.

For Membership Use: Date received: _____

Membership / Renewal form (06/20/2022)