



THE VOTER

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Change in Venue!

**An Invitation for
League Members and Guests**

After the Holidays Luncheon

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023
11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.**

\$25.00 per person

Please RSVP with your check

Send to PO Box 11538, Prescott 86304

Torme Restaurant

802 Valley Street, Prescott
(across the County Administration Building on
Fair Street)



Webinar on January 14 will introduce League members to water issues in Arizona

Arizona has a water problem. In fact, it has many water problems, and they will be difficult to solve. One of the biggest challenges to water sustainability in Arizona is that our state is “a house divided” when it comes to groundwater. In only about 20% of the state’s land area is groundwater use monitored and regulated in “Active Management Areas.” That leaves 80% of Arizona, mostly in rural regions, with absolutely no regulation and no way to control predatory water pumping, especially by big agricultural interests.

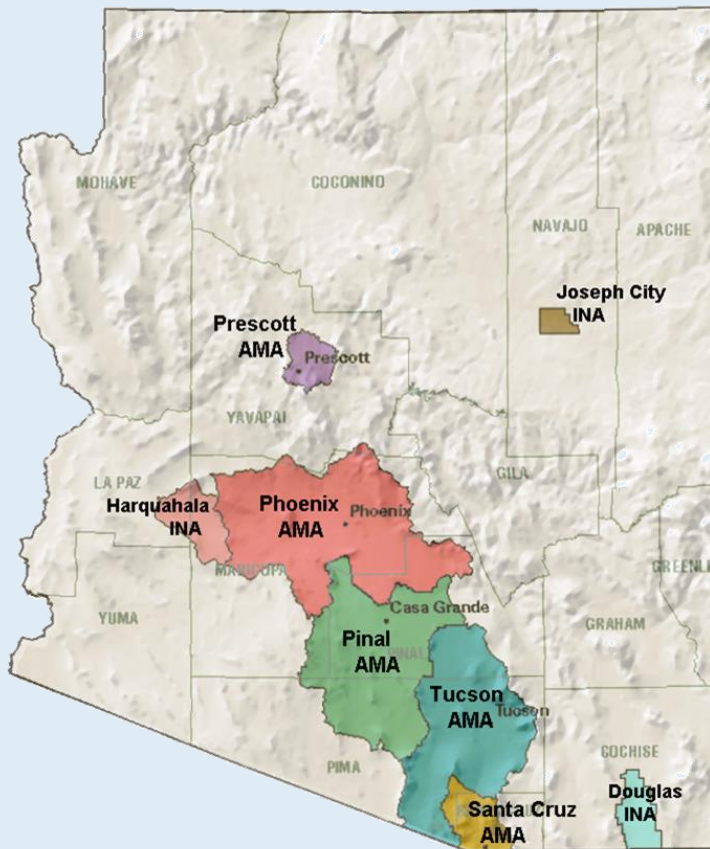
The reality is that we are largely an arid state. Our groundwater is the legacy of millions of years of rain, river flow, and percolation of water into deep aquifers. Today, in some parts of the state, groundwater is essentially being mined; withdrawals greatly exceed any natural processes that might recharge those aquifers. A changing climate and an unprecedented period of drought have further reduced aquifer replenishment. Increasingly, Arizona residents are threatened with dwindling water supplies. It is essential that we continue to demand that our legislators step up and show leadership in dealing with the hard choices that lie ahead.

To do this, we need an updated policy on water issues that reflects the League’s evidence-based perspective and provides guidance for our advocacy team to push for meaningful change. Since January 2022 a committee of League members has been working to amend and update [our current policy statement](#). Over the next four months, we hope to introduce members to our proposed policy document. The changes will then be voted on at the LWVAZ State Convention in May 2023.

On Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 10:00 am we will present an Educational Forum on “Achieving Water Sustainability in Arizona.” Our guest will be Sarah Porter, Executive Director of the Kyle Center for Water Policy at ASU. Sarah will help us to understand current water management practices in Arizona and then summarize the challenges we face going forward. Members of the Water Policy Review Committee will then join Sarah for a panel discussion and question period about what we can do to ensure that water in Arizona remains available for everyone.

To register, go to https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7snlcuKbTNKJK2gSidCXiA

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Within the five AMAs (Active Management Areas) groundwater withdrawals are regulated. Within the three INAs (Irrigation Non-expansion Areas) no new land can be put into irrigated agriculture. The rest of the state has no regulation on groundwater pumping.

**Scheduled State-wide Educational Forum
on Water Issues**
Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.
The link for Zoom registration for this
webinar is:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register
/WN_7snlcuKbTNKJK2gSidCXiA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7snlcuKbTNKJK2gSidCXiA)

Citizen's Water Advocacy Group is offering this Program:

Water, Climate, and Democracy

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 06:30pm - 08:30pm

Sponsored by the Yavapai Group of the Sierra Club. Sandy Bahr, Chapter Director of the Sierra Club, will describe where we've been in 2022 and where we're headed at the Arizona Legislature for 2023 with a specific focus on water. Sandy has deep experience at the Legislature and is well-respected by both parties. CWAG has worked closely with Sandy on state water issues, particularly on several important bills that were not heard in committee: Rural Management Authority, Expanded Non-Irrigation Expansion Areas, measuring large wells not in AMA's, and environmental water. Additionally, Sandy will describe how the new water augmentation bill affects rural Arizona.

Please register in advance (required) for this meeting: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For more information, contact yavapaisierra@gmail.com

Concurrence Vote for May 2023 State Convention

A statewide committee has been formed to explore a concurrence vote at the May 2023 State Convention.

For those new to the League, a position can be reached when a League does their own 2-year study, like League of Women Voters Greater Tucson did for gun safety. Alternatively, a position can be adopted by concurrence with a position that has already been researched, developed, and adopted by another League. For example, at the last State Convention in 2021, Arizona delegates voted to concur with a position adopted after a 2-year study done by the California League on criminal justice reform. Since we agreed with their position, this saved us from doing our own 2-year study and we adopted the California position.

We are proposing a concurrence in Arizona on a study done in Utah about medical aid in dying (MAID), also known as death with dignity. MAID is allowed in ten states plus Washington DC and a bill has been proposed almost every year at the AZ State Legislature since 2003. At least three other states have voted to concur with this Utah study: New York, Maryland, and New Mexico.

Starting mid-January, keep an eye out for a program for League members explaining 1) an in-depth look at the qualifications and safeguards the law, 2) Arizona's past history and future involvement in this issue, and 3) the details of the proposed concurrence/position statement.

We look forward to getting your feedback on this concurrence vote for the May 2023 State Convention.

Mary Ganapol, Concurrence Study Group Chair (LWVGT)

LWVAZ Board Committees is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Topic: Concurrence for MAID at State Convention 2023

Time: Jan 21, 2023 10:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84758904429?pwd=LzFoY1ppejJoamZicXJkVTZVd0E0QT09>

Meeting ID: 847 5890 4429

Passcode: 489366



Read the LWVAZ Advocacy & Action Newsletter!

See our Advocacy Priorities and How YOU can Get Involved

<https://mailchi.mp/8f985d235b13/december-2022-9255765?e=62823a9e15>



2022 WAS A GROUNDBREAKING YEAR IN OUR DEMOCRACY

- a blog by Deborah Turner, MD, JD, serves as the 20th president of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and chair of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters Education Fund

We witnessed:

- a midterm election where voters came out in droves to take a stand against anti-democracy extremists.
- landmark Supreme Court decisions, including overturning the right to abortion.
- the implementation of congressional maps that will define our election systems for the next decade; and
- the appointment of the first Black woman to the Supreme Court.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Through it all, you rallied, donated, wrote representatives, registered and educated voters, and voted to defend a democracy in which all voters can safely and fairly make their voices heard.

As I look back at 2022 here are some of the highlights I am reflecting on:

1. You Protected 17.7 Million Voters with Legal Action

With anti-voter laws on the rise in the wake of the 2020 election, you supported our work on legal cases to defend voters nationwide from discrimination, intimidation, and suppression.

In 2022 alone, LWV **protected 17.7 million people** through litigation, funded and spearheaded by local and state activists like you.

Voters from [Arizona](#), [Tennessee](#), [Missouri](#), and more are among those whose freedom to vote was protected due to your grassroots efforts.

OUR LEGAL WORK.

2. You Shared Voting Resources with 23+ Million People

Ahead of the contentious 2022 midterms, you ensured your communities had all the information they needed to vote.

You used voter education booths, social media posts, friendbanks, homemade videos, and more to make sure your friends and family knew how to register to vote, find their polling locations, learn about **over 52k candidates**, and get all the information they needed to make their voices heard with our one-stop-shop for voting resources, [VOTE411](#).

Your work didn't stop with Election Day! You kept the spirit going even as the year came to a close by empowering Georgia voters during a memorable runoff election. Georgia League members in particular sent out **80,000+ postcards** in English and Spanish so all voters knew about upcoming election deadlines.

3. You Demanded Sex and Gender Equity

On August 28, you raised your voices for #WomensInequalityDay, sending a message to elected officials that women and nonbinary people are strong and united in the fight for equality. Specifically, you insisted they **restore reproductive freedom, certify the [Equal Rights Amendment](#), and pass voting rights legislation** empowering women to cast their ballots.

As we enter our first calendar year without the right to abortion in over 50 years, you continue to stand with our allies in the abortion rights movement through rallies, letters, and, of course, your votes. In 2023 and beyond, we will continue to let the world know that every person who can experience pregnancy deserves to control their own body.

4. You Implemented Fair Congressional Maps

2022 marked the end of the most recent redistricting cycle, during which congressional maps were drawn based on US Census data. You organized through our People Powered Fair Maps™ (PPFM) campaign, whose first "season" ended this year, to get **2+ million people involved in the redistricting process**.

You drew new, fair maps in your states — **5 of which were implemented!** You also supported us in challenging maps where politicians gerrymandered maps based on political party or racial identity. Overall, with your support, LWV filed **24 lawsuits against gerrymandering** and **organized public testimony hearings in 24 states**.

PPFM'S IMPACT

5. You Wrote Your Representatives

You sent thousands of letters to your elected officials about issues like gun control, voting rights, dark money, and DC statehood. And it will take less than a minute to [send more!](#)

6. You Registered 140k+ Voters

Through digital and in-person events across the country, you empowered your friends and family to participate in our democracy.

With your support, local Leagues were able to reach **more than 140k people**, including people in high-opportunity populations like young folks, people of color, women, and new and returning citizens.

By September 2022, League members and supporters hosted **900+ registration events at high schools and community colleges**.

Leagues also hosted **600+ events at citizen naturalization ceremonies, registering 33.5k+ new citizens** to vote!

7. You Campaigned for Greater Financial Transparency in Elections

You fought to make elections more transparent through legislation such as the *DISCLOSE Act*, which came before the Senate in 2022.

Nearly 10k of you wrote to your representatives supporting the *DISCLOSE Act*, and you tuned in when LWV's CEO Virginia Kase Solomón [testified on the bill before](#) the US Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

8. You Learned More About SCOTUS Rulings, Election Laws, and More

In a year filled with legal-ese and complex political strategy, you stayed informed.

You read our blogs explaining recent bills, SCOTUS cases, election challenges, and more **nearly 250k times**. You were particularly interested in reading about SCOTUS's rulings on [gun control](#) and [abortion](#), the rules of [runoff elections](#), and how [reproductive rights are essential](#) in an equal nation.

9. You Showed the Power of the South

LWV had the pleasure of [touring states across the South](#) and witnessing the organizing power of activists in these high-energy states! LWV members and supporters from Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi held trainings focused on advancing voting rights in the disability community, getting out the vote, supporting climate protection efforts and reproductive rights, and more.

Our tour will continue in 2023 with dates and locations to be determined.

10. You Rallied for #PeopleOverPolitics

On December 7, as SCOTUS heard oral arguments for [Moore v. Harper](#), you braved the rain and cold to defend people over politics.

Moore v. Harper is a case that could change our democracy forever, allowing certain state legislatures to move without the checks and balances that make our government fair. If passed, it would create a confusing and chaotic electoral system that allows politicians to pick their voters rather than the other way around.

As we await a decision in the summer of 2023, we'll continue to post opportunities to take action and defend our democracy.

11. You Cast Your Ballots in Defense of Democracy

In the face of mis- and disinformation, poll worker shortages, and anti-voter efforts, you went to the polls (more than once, for those who had runoff elections) and stood up for a fair and representative government.

We are living in trying times, no doubt. But by voting, you gave us all hope that our democracy can grow even stronger and that we can continue to build a nation that inspires and includes us all.

Thank you for your support and activism this year. It has been my honor to do this work alongside you, and I look forward to doing even more in 2023.

If you'd like to see the Election Protection Arizona End of Year Report
[Copy of EPAZ Report \(electionprotectionaz.org\)](https://electionprotectionaz.org)





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

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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**

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