Calendar

LWV-AA Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
League Conference Room #202
Members welcome.

Austin Mayor and City Council District 9
Candidate Forum
Thursday, October 11
District 9 start time: 6:00 PM
Mayor start time: 7:30 PM
City Hall Chambers
301 W. 2nd St., Austin, TX 78701

Public Discussion: City of Austin Bond
Propositions
Wednesday, October 17, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
League Conference Room #202
Everyone welcome.

Holiday Brunch
Saturday, December 1, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM
Ascension Lutheran Church
6420 Hart Lane, Austin, TX

Registration Deadline to vote in
November elections
October 9

Early Voting
October 22 - November 2

Election Day
November 6

Looking for volunteer opportunities with the League? Find them below in RED!

Are you a VDR?

The deadline to register to vote in the November 6
election is October 9. That means it's crunch time
for registering voters! Many organizations and events
count on LWV-AA to provide registrars for their
activities. We notify VDR volunteers of opportunities
via email, using Sign Up Genius (SUG) for online
sign-ups.
Voters Guide available soon for November election!
Gretchen Otto, Voters Guide Editor

The Voters Guide for the November 6, 2018 General Election will be available by the time early voting begins on October 22! Find it online at vote411.org, lwvaustin.org, and in print.

The printed copies will be available at your local library, the LWV-AA office at 1609 Shoal Creek Blvd. Suite 202, and other places listed on our web page. In addition, we are excited to announce that the Voters Guide will be inserted in the October 25th edition of the Austin Chronicle, so you'll be able to pick one up everywhere the Chronicle is available!

We could use some help getting additional printed copies distributed! If you would like to help distribute Voter Guides, please contact Nancy Mossman at nmossman@sbcglobal.net. This is such an important election, and we want an informed electorate. LWV-AA hopes to spread the Voters Guide as widely as possible in Travis and Williamson Counties.

President's Message

If Summer was the League's season for planning, then Fall is the League's season of action - beginning with our Fall Kickoff and a Call to Action.

Joyce LeBombard

Kickoff Recap

We had a great turnout for our program, "Fake or Fact? How to Tell What's True in the News" on September 23rd! Thanks to everyone who attended. Professor Talia Stroud from the Center of Media Engagement/Moody College of Communications, and Maya
Patel, President of the UT student organization TX Votes, welcomed us and gave overviews for their organizations. Both organizations collaborated with us on hosting this event.

Our moderator for the panel discussion on "fake news" was Paul Brown, Associate Professor, Journalism Department, Austin Community College. He led a lively discussion with panelists Karina Kling (Capitol Tonight Anchor, Spectrum News), Debbie Hiott (Editor, Austin American-Statesman), Talia Stroud (Assoc. Professor of Communication Studies and Journalism, Director of the Center for Media Engagement, and Assistant Director of Research for Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Living), and John Thomas (Executive Producer, KXAN News).

A useful handout from LWV Palo Alto, giving tips and tools for verifying information was inserted in the program. The handout can be viewed and downloaded here.

Thank you to Debbi Voss, VP Organization, who coordinated all the event logistics, Rachel Elsberry, for contacting and booking most of our panelists, and Kassie Barroquillo, for connecting us with Professor Stroud and Maya Patel. The event wouldn't have happened without them!

Call to Action!

Volunteers, we need you to help with:

- Civic Engagement
- Voter registration and Get Out The Vote
- Candidate Forums
- Distribute Voters Guide
- First Vote! high school outreach
- Update Program Positions
- Advocacy and Observer Corps
- Development/Fundraising
- Volunteer Management

Whether you have just a couple of hours a month or a couple of hours a day, we have opportunities for you to volunteer. To learn more, go to our volunteer opportunities page.

Donations! The demand for our materials are greater than ever:

- The Voters Guide translation and printing needs have increased
- Our new our LWV-AA/VOTE411 information wallet cards are a huge hit, with over 20,000 distributed and another 5,000 on their way.

Donate to the League
Show how much you love voting AND help us produce the 2018 midterms Voters Guide: purchase a limited-edition, exclusive-to-Austin shirt!

Profits from each shirt sold will help print and distribute the nonpartisan Voters Guide across Travis and Williamson Counties. Help us inform and engage voters, making us a better community. Get one for yourself and for your favorite voter!

Available in standard t-shirt, v-neck and tank styles for $25. Buy your shirt today!

Be an informed voter: upcoming events and programs

City of Austin Affordable Housing Bond

Wednesday, October 17th, 2018
1609 Shoal Creek Blvd, Suite 202, Austin, TX
Snacks and sips at 6:30pm, speaker at 7pm

Membership and the public are invited to an educational discussion about the $250 million Affordable Housing bond (Prop A) on the November Austin City ballot, as well as how Foundation Communities, a local nonprofit provider of affordable housing, is working to address this important issue in Austin.

Join us at 6:30pm for light snacks and mingling. Our discussion with Walter Moreau, Executive Director of Foundation Communities, begins at 7pm. Seating is limited, so RSVPs are encouraged.

Dixie Davis presents to Common Ground for Texans

Dixie Davis, Director of Advocacy with the League of Women Voters Austin Area, will explain the propositions, charter revisions and bond proposals that will be on Austin's November ballot. Everyone is invited!

Know Your Ballot Better in Preparation for Voting
Saturday, October 6, 2018, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Old Quarry Branch, Austin Public Library, 7051 Village Center Dr, Austin, TX 78731
Ari Berman on "Voting Rights in the Age of Trump"
October 11, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Bass Lecture Hall, UT campus
This program is presented by the Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, LBJ School of Public Affairs. For more information and to register: votingrightsageoftrump.eventbrite.com.

Membership Report and Interest Survey
Brenda Koegler, Membership Director

Welcome, New Members: Karen Aboussie, Kendall Bowen, Heidi Schoenberger-Cobert, Sophia Cobert, Erin Cord, Georgia Crump, Martha Frede, Radhia Gleis, Rosamaria Gonzalez, Amy Harding, Valeria Hillery, Marion Mark, Melisa and Craig Markman, Carol and Sam Martin, Suzanne Matthews, Sierra Mendez, Janhavi Nemawarkar, Karen and James Nicholson, Kate Reznick, Elyse Rosenberg, Beth Sample, Jolie Sanchez, Deb Scheer and Gaile Haney-Owens, Laura Shive, Emily Siegel, Janae Steggall, Scott Stodghill, Belinda Swan

Thank You, Sustaining Members: Shay Blankenship, Bruce and Alicia Bogart, June Conway, Martha Frede, Vikki Goodwin, Karen Haschke, Cindy and Paul Hintikka, Marion Thorpe Mark, Melissa Markman, Carol and Sam Martin, Sheila Milner, Judy Moore, Belia Nichols, Patricia Oakes, Margit and Arnold Orange, Judy and Ed Parken, Leslie Pool, Kathy Rider, Beth and Steve Schrader, Scott Stodghill, Debbi and Chuck Voss

Thank You, Renewing Members: Mary Arnold, Carole Buckman, Peggy Davis, Jan deVault, Eliza May, Frances McIntyre, Roye Reeves, Anne Roussos, Cindy Schaufenbuel, Betsy Singleton, Jane and Matt Swanson, Janet Whitehead

As a member of the Austin League, each of you is also a member of the national and state leagues. See the links below for an abundance of educational information.

www.lwvaustin.org          www.lwvtexas.org          www.lvw.org

Member Interest Survey: We are very interested in seeing what in particular interests you and why you joined the League. Click on Select Your Action Involvement to complete the survey. Please fill it out and hit submit. We will then connect you to the appropriate League leaders.

Need more information? Visit our webpage for more information on new memberships and membership renewals.

Thank you for supporting the League!
Memorial/Honorary: Cinde Weatherby in honor of Frances McIntyre.


Voters Guide: Mary Cullinane, Sierra Mendez, Martha Frede, Heidi Schoenberger-Cobert.

Randall's Good Neighbor Program gives the Austin League a percentage of sales from members who link the League to their Remarkable Cards. Complete this document and return to any Randall's store. Our account number is 465.

Making a legacy donation to the League of Women Voters Austin Area in your will is the easiest way to offer support of the League's work for years to come. Learn how to leave your legacy and become a member of our League's Legacy Society.

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