

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS DETROIT



4 Things You and I Can Do NOW to Support Our Election Process! Call us at 313-288-9590 or email LWVdetroit@gmail.com for more information.

- 1) **Make copies of our Vote 411 flyer to post/leave copies at a local business or church. Can also pick up a packet from us.**
- 2) **Put up a Vote411 lawn sign.**
- 3) **Write postcards to voters. Pick up a package of postcards, with a list of voters and recommended messaging. [sign up here.](#)**
- 4) **Get a voter registration packet from us that will help you register voters in your area.**

A Bit of League History!

Old sheet music about the Suffragettes can be found at the Library of Congress. One piece is titled "The League of Women Voters".

It was written in 1923 by Mrs. D.P. Owens. The words give you a flavor of the fervor of the times!

"There are many different Leagues, In our Uncle Sam's domain, but there's one of which we'll sing in this refrain; There, are Leagues both great and small, but the greatest one of all, Is the League of Women Voters, we'll maintain. Choir: Why not come and join the League of Women Voters? They are gaining greater power every day; Ever Striving for the right, Never faltering in the fight; The woman voter is in the ring to stay." (take that Antis! – my words, CB)

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2020 ISSUE

September and October Events:

September

- Sept. 17 – **Virtual Suffrage Panel Discussion**, Rhonda Craig (panelist) University of North Florida
- Sept. 19 – **Membership Meeting**, 10:00.

October

- Oct. 1 – **School Board Candidate Forum**, Citizen Detroit Zoom event, 6:00-8:30 pm, RSVP required for link.
- Oct. 6 – **Just the Beginning: A Century of Women's Political Power**, Zoom Event, Sponsored by the LWV in California, 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
- Oct. 15 – **Proposal N on the Ballot**, Citizen Detroit zoom event, 6:00 – 8:30pm RSVP for link.
- **Oct. 17 – Membership Meeting, 10:00 am on Zoom.**
- Oct. 22 – **Grosse Pte. Membership Meeting regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** (LWV Detroit members invited to attend through Zoom, link to be sent prior). National, State, Local

Media contacts: President, Rhonda Craig, was quoted in the Detroit Free Press of Aug. 27 regarding absentee ballot drop boxes in Detroit, link [Advocates worry Detroit hasn't done enough to be ready for November election.](#) In addition, Rhonda has been interviewed by a reporter for Bloomberg News on events during the primary election and what to expect during the General Election.

LWV Detroit **Membership Renewal** time is NOW!
Renew on-line at www.lwvdetroit.org or mail.
For more information please contact the League at

LWVdetroit@gmail.com or 313-288-9590.



Remember to check out Vote411.org for a personalized nonpartisan voting guide. Printed voter guides will be available shortly. If you know of a location where people could come to pick them up, please let us know at LWVdetroit@gmail.com or call 313-288-9590.

Proposals on the Ballot in Detroit, Hamtramck, and Wayne County

Detroit – Proposal N, Neighborhood Improvement Bond Proposal Shall the City of Detroit issue bonds in an amount of not more than \$250,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of neighborhood improvements in the City through property rehabilitation, demolition and other blight remediation activities? The bonds will be payable from taxes the City is allowed to levy in addition to state statutory and City Charter limits.

Hamtramck - CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1 Should the Hamtramck City Charter be amended to delete and remove the following Articles and Sections: Article 9, Section 16; and Article 10, Sections 01 through 05, regarding the organization of the police department, so that Council may provide for public safety (police and fire protection) in a manner that Council determines is in Hamtramck's best interests. This charter amendment shall not be effective unless the electors also approve the amendment of Article 9, Section 17; and Article 11, Sections 01 through 06, regarding the organization of the fire department. Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

NO.2 Should the Hamtramck City Charter be amended to delete and remove the following Articles and Sections: Article 9, Section 17; and Article 11, Sections 01 through 06, regarding the organization of the fire department, so that Council may provide for public safety (police and fire protection) in a manner that Council determines is in Hamtramck's best interests. This charter amendment shall not be effective unless the electors also approve the amendment of Article 9, Section 16; and Article 10, Sections 01 through 05, regarding the organization of the police department. Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

Wayne RESA - REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL. Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local constituent public school districts including eligible public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count. As a renewal of authority which expires with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2 mills (\$2.00 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2022 to 2027, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$90.4 million when first levied in 2022. The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to public school academies within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency which are eligible to receive enhancement millage under the Revised School Code. (public schools in Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park will receive funding.) Click on the link to County Clerks Candidates List and an Informal List of proposals.

<https://www.waynecounty.com/elected/clerk/election-information.aspx>

Current Paid Volunteer Opportunities

➤ THE DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS IS HIRING PRECINCT INSPECTORS AND POLL WORKERS

The City of Detroit is hiring individuals to work during the November 3. There is a great need for more applicants. To apply, go online to detroitmi.gov/employment. For additional information, call (313) 876-0231 or (313) 876-0230.

➤ ELECTION NIGHT POSITION: Vote Reporter for the General Election.

Duty: Call in county vote results as they are released throughout the night. In preparation, a brief rehearsal call must be completed before the Election. 11/3, 7:30 pm until final vote results are released \$85 for the evening.

***If you are interested or have any questions, please email Vianca Martinez at vmartinez@edisonresearch.com
Please include name and phone number in any emails.***

The League of Women Voters encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government; works to increase understanding of major public policy issues; and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is strictly nonpartisan meaning we neither endorse nor oppose candidates or political parties. Membership is open to men and women that are of at least 16 years of age.