



# The VOTER

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## League Calendar

Thurs Nov 20 11:30 am–1 pm	<b>Brown Bag Lunch Meeting: <i>Marriage Equality</i> with speaker David Brown.</b> <i>Waktins Community Museum, 1047 Massachusetts St. All are welcome. [See announcement on p. 4.]</i>
Sat Dec 6 3–4:30 pm	<b>Consensus Meeting for LWVK Study on Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking).</b> <i>Lawrence Public Library, Mtg Rm C, 707 Vermont St. All League members are invited to attend.</i>
Wed Dec 10 7 pm	<b>Lawrence Pedestrian Coalition meeting.</b> <i>Basement conference room of the Carnegie Bldg, 200 West 9th St.</i>
Thurs Dec 11 11:30 am–1 pm	<b>Brown Bag Lunch Meeting: <i>The State of the City</i> with speaker David Corliss.</b> <i>Carnegie Building, 200 West 9th St. All are welcome.</i>
Thurs Dec 11 7 pm	<b>LWV L–DC Board meeting.</b> <i>Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St. All League members are invited to attend.</i>
Fri Dec 12 9 pm	<b>Deadline for submissions to September VOTER.</b> <i>Email submissions to VoterEditor[at]lawrenceleague.com.</i>
Sat Dec 13 7 pm	<b>LWV L–DC Land Use Committee meeting.</b> <i>Lawrence Community Mercantile, 901 Iowa St. All League members are invited to attend.</i>
Sat Jan 17 3–5 pm	<b>Save the date! Afternoon with the Legislators.</b> <i>Venue to be announced in December. All League members are invited to attend.</i>

## Message from President Cille King

Lawrence League has held **54 voter registration events** and turned in 667 voter registrations since April of this year. High points were the procrastinators who completed 60 registrations at the Library on the Monday and Tuesday before registration closed (many with proof of citizenship attached). Also, four of our members contacted (at their residence) 115 of the suspended voters in the last three days before the election (deadline to turn in documents was midnight Monday, November 3). It felt very rewarding as six documents were delivered immediately, and several registrants said that they would either hand-deliver or email the document before the

deadline. I'll examine the online data after the Kansas canvass in a couple of weeks, and provide the numbers contacted who completed their registration in the next Voter. We felt the "in-person" contact was much more effective than calling people.

We change emphasis from registrations (always an issue) to the **upcoming legislative session**. Several topics have been identified that could be addressed this coming session for which LWVUS, LWVK, and/or LWV L-DC have positions. This is a call for individuals or groups to educate themselves, other members, community, and possibly to provide information for legislative committee testimony. Email cilleking[at]gmail.com if you would like to research any of the topics listed below. Small groups interested in the same issue can meet at their convenience and do as little or as much as they want.

**1. Water in Kansas.** This issue involves examination of the Kansas Water Plan, including the funding and the uses planned, problems with reservoir silting, the impact of new large users, such as the new coal-fired plant and industrial animal production, and the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer.

**2. Impact of Privatization.** The current administration includes a goal of selling, then leasing state office buildings, privatization of Medicaid and possible state privatization of Medicare, and privatization of K-12 education. Another issue is Kansas subsidies to private, for-profit companies such as AMC and the Wichita airport.

**3. Education.** Topics that could be examined include past, present and future funding, the impact of cuts to funding, consolidation issues, privatizations, and enterprise districts.

**4. Judicial Selection.** Coming up may be a constitutional amendment to change selection process for Supreme Court Justices. Topics might include a history of how we developed our current merit selection process and a study of other states' methods of judicial selection and their results.

*We ask for your help* in obtaining information in order to be well informed on these issues, to understand the possibilities and know the problems. These issues impact all of us.



League members Marjorie Cole (L) and Marlaine Stoor (R) get ready to assist some of the voters League helped register in front of On the Rocks Liquor earlier this fall.

**5. Health in Kansas.** Kansas problems include difficulties with Medicaid funding (low income limits, current guidelines and a waiting list), Social Security disability status, and women's health issues.

**6. Mental Health in Kansas.** This could be an examination of available community service, community problems, and funding.

**7. Death Penalty.** The LWVUS opposes the death penalty that might be up for debate again this year. Issues include cost, whether it serves as a deterrent, and fairness.

**8. Voting Laws.** This examination might include learning about voting laws in other states, voter suppression caused by registration laws and voting process, the status of lawsuits, inconsistencies in Kansas counties.

**9. Poverty in Kansas.** Issues include the impact of funds reduction to help Kansans in poverty, increase in number of people in poverty in Kansas, government supports for low wages employers, food stamps, vouchers and homelessness.

## In Memoriam

**Marjorie (Marnie) Argersinger** died on October 17 after a long career spent making Lawrence a better place. She and her husband William moved here in 1946. By the 1950s her name starts appearing in records of League activities. In addition to her service to the Lawrence League, she participated in desegregation activities, served on numerous boards including the library, the Watkins Community Museum, and the Lawrence Housing Authority. She was a co-founder of the Lawrence Community Nursery School. From 1975 to 1979 she served on the City Commission, becoming the second woman mayor of Lawrence in 1977.



Marnie's name appears in League records as a panelist on Natural Resources in the 1950s. She also (with Mabel Stucky) helped host two German women visiting KU during this period. In the early 1960s she served as League President at a time of increased interest and growth for the organization. She asked that people wishing to give memorials donate to service groups of their choice.



**Marianne Beach**, well known for her support of the arts and of individuals with special needs, died November 1. She was recognized by a number of organizations, winning Fort Hays University's Distinguished Service Award, Kansas State University's Alumni Medalion Award, and Kansas University's Distinguished Service Citation. She was a member of the LWV L-DC for many years.

**Sarah (Sally) Casad**, a fifty-year-plus League member, died November 5. She will be remembered for her efforts to bring public transportation to Lawrence and her work towards health care reform in Kansas. She wrote many well-reasoned and informative letters to the editor. In addition to the League, she contributed to other community groups including Friends of the Library (which she helped found), Lawrence Symphony Orchestra, LINK and Bread for the World. A service will be held November 29, at 2 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence.



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## Voter Education Coalition Report

October 16, Lawrence Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 646 Vermont St.

The VEC met on October 16 to review the police facility sales tax forum (held on October 14) and to plan for this winter's Local Option Budget ballot question. **Police facility sales tax forum.** Lindsey Slater will share the forum link from WOW when available. The Library PA system went out early – wireless mics can present problems. There were false statements made during the forum, which were difficult to deal with, as fact checking was not feasible. For future events, schedulers should reserve 2 hours before the event to ensure proper set up. It was agreed that the panel portion of any forum can be reduced to 60 minutes. The panel got off topic at times. We need to reinforce the VEC policy that candidates should not bring up a topic at the end of a forum that cannot be addressed by the opponent. **Local Option Budget (LOB) ballot question.** Kris Adair (VEC and USD 497 board member) will be an advocate for the ballot question, so she will be the “coordinating liaison” from the pro LOB side. The ballots will be mailed to 56,000 voters in the USD 497 district five weeks ahead of the January 27 deadline for returning the ballot. This ballot will be to retain the current LOB rate. The VEC will meet in a few weeks to determine if special events are needed. **Spring election activity – City Commission and School Board.** The filing deadline is January 27. Advance voting for the primary begins February 11. The primary election is March 3. Advance voting for the general election begins March 18. The general election is April 7. The next meeting of the VEC will be mid-November or early December.

—Cille King

## ***Don't forget! Brown Bag Lunch Meeting—Marriage Equality***

*This Thursday*, November 20, 11:30 am–1 pm, Waktins Community Museum of History, Ground Floor Meeting Room, 1047 Massachusetts St

**Marriage Equality: What recent Supreme Court decisions mean for Douglas County.** Local attorney David Brown, who specializes in family and non-traditional family law, will discuss the effect of the Supreme Court's recent decisions related to same-sex marriage. He is participating in on-going legal action on the topic, and currently has the only lawsuit in the country pending in state court which argues for same sex marriage equality based on taxation. Brown was voted "Best of Lawrence" in 2013 and frequently shares information with local groups.

The topic has received attention from the National League, occasioning a resolution in 2010: *The League of Women Voters of the United States supports equal rights for all under state and federal law. The League supports legislation to equalize the legal rights, obligations, and benefits available to same-gender couples with those available to heterosexual couples. LWVUS supports legislation to permit same-gender couples to marry under civil law. The League believes that the civil status of marriage is already clearly distinguished from the religious institution of marriage and that religious rights will be preserved.*

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. for refreshments and informal discussion with the formal presentation beginning at noon. **All are welcome**, so please bring your friends and neighbors!

***We thank Laird Noller Automotive for underwriting this event!***

## **Induced Seismicity**

Last week a 4.6-magnitude earthquake in Conway Springs, near Wichita, brought back attention to the seismicity part of the fracking discussion. Since the beginning of the year there have been 94 events in the south central section of the state. These small earthquakes appear to coincide with more oil and gas drilling activity in the area. While the USGS has concluded that there is not a relationship between fracturing and earthquakes, there are data to suggest that earthquakes can be triggered by fluid injection. Fluid injection near a fault under a certain set of conditions can cause a fault to move resulting in an earthquake.

Significant amounts of salt water are produced along with oil and natural gas in Kansas. This salt water and contaminated backflow are not processed as wastewater but are generally injected into wells for disposal. These wells are called Class II Injection wells and they are not supposed to compromise drinking water supplies. There are more than 16,000 such wells and this number is growing. Also of concern is the volume of fluids that are injected. In October the governor established a 3-member task force to address public safety based on seismic activity. The task force met five times and held a public meeting in Wichita. The task force developed a draft plan which cites national studies. More information can be found at <http://lwvk.org/studies/fracking.html>.

On Saturday, December 6, League members are invited to participate in a consensus meeting at the Public Library (see Calendar for details). Please plan to join us and discuss the results of the state League's two year study.

—Marlene Merrill

## **Welcome New Member!**

Please welcome **Jean Patterson**, who joined the League after hearing President Cille King speak at the Welcome Club. We have sent her information and look forward to learning more about her interests.

—Margaret Arnold

## Open Meetings Update

The September 2013 report on Government in Secrecy in Douglas County, Kansas (available on the Publications page of the LWV L–DC web site) showed that the Board of Trustees of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, the Board of Directors of the Health Department, the County Commission and the City Commission held at least 176 closed sessions (closed portions of open meetings) in the 4½ year period between January 2009 and August 2013. In at least 120 instances, with the full support of their attorneys, no meaningful information was disclosed to the public about the subjects or issues discussed in those closed sessions. By doing this, those groups conducted a substantial portion of their business in complete secrecy, acting in opposition to the clearly-stated purpose of the Kansas Open Meetings Act, which is that “the conduct of governmental affairs and the transaction of governmental business be open to the public.” Their actions were inconsistent with the respect most citizens want shown for open government. In addition, the Health Board, the Douglas County Commission and the Lawrence City Commission successfully hid their discussions of a \$750,000 lawsuit and other matters.

Since that report was issued, the practice of closing meetings without providing any information about the subjects or issues to be discussed has continued. Inspection of the minutes of other governmental bodies in the State of Kansas shows that the practice of closing meetings without providing any information to the public about the matters to be discussed is common across the state. A preliminary survey has failed to locate any county or city commission that does not occasionally conduct business in complete secrecy.

The source of the practice of doing government business in secrecy is an interpretation of a section of the Open Meetings Act (specifically K.S.A. 75-4319(a)) that states,

*Upon formal motion made, seconded and carried, all bodies and agencies subject to the open meetings act may recess, but not adjourn, open meetings for closed or executive meetings. Any motion to recess for a closed or executive meeting shall include a statement of (1) the justification for closing the meeting, (2) the subjects to be discussed during the closed or executive meeting and (3) the time and place at which the open meeting shall resume.*

Neither “justification” nor “subjects” is defined in the Act. Since the Open Meetings Act states that “the conduct of governmental affairs and the transaction of governmental business [shall] be open to the public,” we can reasonably expect that motions to close meetings include meaningful disclosures of the subjects (topics) that the group plans to discuss in the closed meeting. For example, a motion stating that the group is going to discuss “an incident in which a City employee may have misused a City credit card” would be suitably informative. However, motions stating that the group is going to discuss “stuff” or “privileged matters” or “personnel matters” would be not be informative.

The commonly cited legal justification for doing business in secrecy in Kansas is a 1987 Salina case<sup>1</sup> in which Judge Carl Anderson, Jr. decided, without considering the purpose of the Open Meetings Act or the alternative interpretations of the word “subject,” that mentioning any subject listed in a later section of the Act (K.S.A. 75-4319(b)) would be adequate. In adopting Judge Anderson’s interpretation, the Appeals Court gave no additional thought to the issues, stating “Little need be said about this issue.”<sup>2</sup> It was sloppy work on the part of both Judge Anderson and the Appeals Court. Taking advantage of these decisions, we commonly see governmental groups closing meetings to “discuss privileged matters ... with our attorney” or “personnel matters,” thereby providing no useful information about the topics or issues being discussed. Thus, governmental business is conducted at any time the group desires in complete secrecy.

A legal challenge to this interpretation of the Open Meetings Act, arguing that motions closing meetings need to disclose the subjects to be discussed in meaningful ways, might be successful. However, with both “justification” and “subjects” undefined, the Act should be amended to make clear the need for groups closing meetings to disclose the subjects to be discussed in meaningful ways. The people of Kansas expect governmental business to be as open to the public as reasonably possible and deserve no less. I plan to see that the Open

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<sup>1</sup> State of Kansas vs. Board of Education of Unified School District No. 305, et al. Saline County District Court, Case No. 87 C-169

<sup>2</sup> 13 Kan.App.2d 117, 121 (1988)

Meetings Act is amended so as to eliminate the widespread conduct of governmental business in secrecy that we now see and to restore open government to Kansas as the Open Meetings Act intended. You can help by letting your state senators and representatives know that you want the Open Meetings Act amended in such a way that governmental business can no longer be conducted in complete secrecy, as it is done now.  
—Alan Cowles

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## Land Use Committee Report

October 18, 7 pm, Lawrence Community Mercantile, 901 Iowa St.

At the October meeting of the Land Use Committee (LUC), we discussed all of the agenda items on the October Planning Commission (PC) Agenda, and decided to write one letter. Cille King represented the League at the PC meeting.

Our letter was on **Item No. 1: RSO (single-dwelling residential office) district to RM24 (multi-dwelling residential) district, 1.09 Acres**. The location is on the north side of 4th St, one-half block west of Michigan St. This lot is surrounded by RM24 zoning. Because of this, originally we thought that this would be a logical rezoning. However, after further research into the land uses in the area and its history, we came to the conclusion that the entire area from McDonald Drive to Michigan has been improperly zoned RM24 for many years based on its actual land uses. An area from McDonald Dr north of 4th St to the Holidome extending east to Michigan St has mostly been built on small lots and developed as single family with some duplex and fourplex housing. Our current zoning ordinance would allow an appropriate residential zoning more suited to this type of existing use.

After research with the aid of the planning staff, we learned that the area had originally been rezoned to this high density multiple family dating from our Zoning Ordinance 3500 adopted in 1965, and was *later* developed with single family and duplex homes, but had never been down-zoned from the high density district. We came to the conclusion that the entire area needed to be rezoned to a more appropriate zoning and that the rezoning of the 1.09 acre lot to the requested RM24 would be inappropriate for the area. This is what we stated in our letter. OUTCOME: the PC deferred the rezoning request so that the applicant could submit a Planned Development Overlay District request for this 1.09 acres and thereby would be required to submit a site plan for the PC to review for its appropriateness for the area.

The only other item on the PC Agenda that was a public hearing on land use was **Item No. 2: RSO to CN2, 0.8 acres, 4101 W 6th St (MKM)**. This was a request of an area currently being used for office and residential use to be rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial. It is located in the middle of the block on the south side of 6th St surrounded by residential uses and non-commercial use. The staff recommended denial because it is contrary to the Comprehensive Plan and the Plan recommendation for locating commercial uses in nodal locations at intersections. Rezoning to commercial here would lead to strip zoning along this corridor. OUTCOME: the PC denied the rezoning request.

**Item No. 3** was the presentation to the Planning Commission of the Douglas County Natural Resource Inventory. It was a pamphlet published at Kansas State University outlining available GIS-based resource data for locating environmental features for planning purposes. Some of the available information is for stream corridors and floodplains, wetlands, wildlife areas and similar features. The purpose is to “better inform planning and development strategies to protect local natural resources” for sustainable urban development. As explained in the October PC Draft Minutes, “Mr. Tom Huntzinger, Upper Wakarusa Watershed Restoration, said the goal was to protect the public water supply and to talk to land owners and encourage them to participate in conservation practices. Ms. Heidi Mehl provided a Powerpoint presentation and provided Planning Commissioners with a brochure (the brochure was added to the packet).” This is something that we should look into because it appears to be an accurate and very detailed resource available for land use planning.

—Betty Lichtwardt

## Report on October Brown Bag, “Guns—What are the Rules?”

County Attorney Charles Branson and Police Chief Tarik Khatib clarified rules about open and concealed carry weapons to a sizeable and interested group on October 16. Branson shared examples of signs for establishments to post about their gun rules. Khatib answered questions about enforcing the current gun-carrying policies. Both speakers responded clearly to audience queries, indicating a few ambiguities associated with current laws, especially the difficulty of recognizing a concealed weapon. One consequence of the meeting is an interest in educating the public about guns, especially to help others understand or to change regulatory policies. One member has joined a Kansas City Group, “Grandmothers against Gun Violence.” Their leader gave us contact information at the state League meeting on November 8, so we can pursue the topic if others are interested.

—Margaret Arnold

### *League Members Speak Out!*

Opinions expressed in the Lawrence *Journal-World* recently include:

Letter to the Editor by Laura Routh, *Tax Process*, (re CityCommission, September 21); Letter to the Editor by David Burress, *Smart Business*, (re:highspeed internet fiber provider, October 10); Letter to the Editor by Ann Carlin Ozegovic, *Women on a Mission*, (re return to Kansas values with comments from Cille King, October 23); Letter to the Editor by Robert Duver, *Law of the Land* (re supremacy clause of the US constitution, October 25); Letter to the Editor by J. Mike Pryor, *Out of the Mideast*, (November 7); and Letter to the Editor by George M. Brenner, *Disappointed* (re police facility vote, November 8). —Marjorie Cole

## Highlights of the October LWV L-DC Board Meeting

October 9, 7–9 pm, Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.

**Present:** Cille King (President), Debra Duncan (President Elect-Vice President), Marjorie Cole, (Treasurer), Directors: Margaret Arnold, Caroljean Brune, Midge Grinstead, Carol Klinknett, Austin Turney, Melissa Wick. **Absent:** Caleb Morse, Secretary, James Dunn, Marlene Merrill. The agenda and the consent agenda were approved unanimously. **Treasurer’s report.** Marjorie reported that the total income for September was \$267.00. Expenses were \$200.44. Current Balances as of September 30: Checking Account: \$4,416.50, Money Market: \$2,103.85, Stucky: \$4,628.67, Judiciary: \$381.65, Education Fund (LWV-EF): \$179.35. The October calendar was reviewed, including upcoming dates for the final VEC meeting, various voter registration and information sites, and the Police Facilities Forum. **Brown Bags.** Margaret reviewed plans for upcoming brown bag lunch meetings, including meetings on November 11 with David Brown on New Marriage Laws and December 11 with David Corliss on the State of the City of Lawrence. The December meeting will be held at the

Carnegie Building instead of the Watkins Museum. The brown bag lunch topic for February will be on the Health Compact. Plans are in progress for the Afternoon with the Legislators in January. Because of the increasing number of attendees, a larger venue is being explored. **State Fracking Study.** The deadline for our response to the consensus question from LWV-Kansas is December 15. Questions will be sent via email in early November. A general meeting in early December will determine our consensus with the State League position. **Fund Raising.** Plans were discussed. Midge suggested exploring restaurants willing to have a 15-20% “donation night” one night a month for a year. A fund raising letter will be mailed to friends and members by December 1. **Membership and Leadership Development.** MLD issues were discussed, such as establishing committees to concentrate on specific issues. Melissa Wick and Debra Duncan volunteered to plan New Member socials.

—Marjorie Cole & Melissa Wick

## Report on League Day in Topeka

There was a good turnout for League Day in Topeka, Saturday, 8 November. We pondered the election, celebrated our achievements, and looked ahead to challenges and opportunities.

**Dr. Bob Beatty**, Political Science Department at Washburn University, talked about what happened with the mid-term election and why, and what it means. He spoke of past elections. In 1978, one-term Gov Bob Bennett lost to democrat John Carlin (Bennett wasn't particularly liked, and well, he had a beard). In 1990, one-term Gov Mike Hayden lost to democrat Joan Finney (Kansans weren't too fond of Hayden either). In 1974, Senator Bill Roy lost to Bob Dole, in spite of Dole being a strong Nixon supporter (and the Watergate break-in was June 1972). In 2008, Nancy Boyda (who voted down the middle and had excellent constituent services) lost to Lynn Jenkins. Polls showed Boyda far ahead, so she didn't run her last TV ad, which showed Lynn Jenkins, then current Kansas Treasurer, didn't attend KPERS meetings.

Dr. Beatty said that the Republican Governors Association paid for \$3.9 million in ads for Brownback and against Davis, while Koch Industries contributed \$3.7 million in ads, much of it connecting democrats to Obama. Kansans have difficulty voting for anyone not Republican, even when that candidate represents their values. Beatty suggests that Kansas Democrats change their name to Democratic Republicans (similar to British Prime Minister Tony Blair rebranding Labour Party as New Labour).

**Local leagues shared their actions and experiences.** LWV Johnson County created a billboard for 4 weeks before the primary election with the message "Your Vote Matters. Johnson County League of Women Voters." They also had similar yard signs made and sold – appropriate for all elections. The Johnson County Commission on Aging, stood up to Kansas Legislators' threats, and published their findings on the Health Care Compact. Topeka sent members to low turnout neighborhoods and got over 40 voters to sign up for a mail-in ballot. Members from LWV Wichita noted the actions of the Sedgwick County Election Official, who closed counting of ballots to media and hired 50 of her friends and family to work the polls. LWV L-DC turned in 667 voter applications and worked to get suspended voters to finish their registration. Members from Manhattan and Emporia Leagues also attended.

**Diane Eickhoff** of the Kansas Humanities Council gave a presentation on *Women Rising: How Kansas Women Gained the Vote 1859–1912*. She reminded us of our foremothers and their struggles and success in bringing us our right to vote. Kansans were at the front of this battle, which continues, to have and retain our rights as equal citizens.

Marge Ahrens spoke on the MLD—**Membership, Leadership, Development program**. Our emphasis is now on recruiting and retaining members, especially young members, and developing leaders.

**Legislative Session 2015.** Many issues will be addressed, most against positions the League holds: death penalty, public funds to private schools, health programs and funding, TANF and poverty, courts, voting (including the role played by the DMV), privatization, public transportation, funds transfer from water plan and KDOT, Ogallala depletion, and renewables portfolio. President Furtado asks that each League learn which day of the week their legislators eat lunch together, and meet with them in Topeka for a day.

**Kansas Open Meetings Act.** Lead by Lawrence League member Alan Cowles, the study committee showed how boards and commissions all across the State of Kansas transact governmental business any time they want to in complete secrecy. They do this most commonly by closing open meetings with motions stating that the group is going to discuss "privileged matters" with their attorney or discuss "personnel matters." Alan recommends amending the Kansas Open Meetings Act to require groups to identify the specific issues that compel them to close each open meeting, and to correct other problems with the wording of the Act (K.S.A. 75-4317–75-4320).

—Cille King



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*(Membership is open to anyone who will be eligible to vote in the next November election.*

*New or renewed memberships received now will expire March 31, 2015)*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing member  
 \_\_\_\_\_ New Member. I heard about the League via (Facebook, Web Site, Friend, Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested voluntary membership assessment:\*

Approximate Household Income	Individual membership	Household membership
Student**	_____ \$17	_____ \$29
Under \$25,000	_____ \$20	_____ \$35
\$25,000 to \$50,000	_____ \$35	_____ \$55
Over \$50,000	_____ \$55	_____ \$85
Sustaining member	_____ \$100	_____ \$150
Life member (of 50 years)	_____ \$0	

\* Our membership assessment supports the National and State Leagues at \$49/member (\$31 National and \$18 State).

\*\* High school or postsecondary student enrolled at least part time in an accredited institution.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member, but would like to support the League with my contribution as indicated below.

I have enclosed a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the League General Fund.

I have enclosed a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the League Education Fund\*\*\*

\*\*\* This contribution is tax-deductible. Write check to "LWV Education Fund."

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

As a League member or supporter, I would like to help support League activities by participating as follows:

General Membership Meetings:

- Set up and/or tear down
- Hospitality (provide coffee/tea/dessert)
- Taking notes/writing up report of meeting

Membership:

- Recruitment
- Mentor/follow-up with new members
- Provide a ride to a fellow member
- Phone members without internet access about special updates

Voter Services:

- Register voters
- Help with voter education

Promotion of League to our Community:

- Public speaking
- Represent League at community events
- Observer corps (attend/report on government meetings)
- Help with research for League studies on issues
- Serve on the Board of Directors

I have the following skills:

- Editing articles/reports
- Database management
- Microsoft Word / Excel / Quickbooks
- Website/Social Media design/management

My interests include:

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*William Bradford’s transcription of the Mayflower Compact.*  
 Adopted on Nov 11, 1620, the Compact was one of the earliest expressions of self-governance by Europeans in the New World. In signing, members of the Plymouth Colony pledged to “...convenant, & combine our selves together into a Civill body politick; for our better ordering, & preservation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by virtue hearof to enacte, constitute, and frame such just & equal Lawes, ordinances, Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye generall good of ye Conlonie; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.”

