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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS *of New York State*

State Board Updates **November/December 2021**

Local League To Do's (email: lwvny@lwvny.org or fax 518-465-0812)

- Complete and return the Legislative Priorities form to the state office by February 1, 2021 (see more info below).
- Schedule a local League meeting in Feb, March or April, 2021, to discuss the proposed principles of a new position on election administration structure; responses due May 1

Calendar

- January 2, 2022: First day to sign-in to the DEI 21-Day Better Listening Challenge
- February-April, 2022: Schedule a local League meeting to discuss the proposed principles of a new position on election administration structure; responses due May 1.
- March 1, 2022: LWVUS Program Planning Responses are due (see From LWVUS below)

President's Report, Judie Gorenstein, judieL728@aol.com

This has been a very challenging and busy year for all of us in leadership roles with our Leagues and next year promises to be the same. You all have been so dedicated in helping your Leagues carry out the mission of the League. But now is the time to celebrate the holidays with your own customs, your own beliefs, your own traditions. It is a time to come together hopefully with family and friends. It is also time to remember, a time to reflect, and a time to begin making resolutions for the new year.

As I reflect on all what the state League and local Leagues accomplished in 2021, I am amazed what we have been able to do together. Read all about our accomplishments in the separate articles below.

As I think about 2022, my New Year's resolution is to be the best president of the state League that I can be, to continue to learn and to grow in this role helping the state and local Leagues throughout the state increase visibility, influence and membership and achieve our mission and reach our goals.. This coming year is going to be tough and as I was reminded in a State Leaders' webinar, a very important question is, "How can we get the people all around us to see how important our messages are?" With all of you, I will help find the ways to do this next year, but for now I am going to complete planning for my holiday vacation, finish holiday shopping (decide if there is someone on my list I can give a LWV membership to), send out to my holiday cards and WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Regional Training Workshops

The state League is optimistically planning for in-person regional training workshops in the late winter/spring. Four workshops will be offered on Saturdays during March or early April. All members are invited to attend and local League board members are strongly encouraged to attend. Topics for the workshops are being determined now. But, save the dates of March 12 in Ithaca and March 19 in Rochester. Other dates will have workshops in Albany and Westchester. Stay tuned.

League Receives \$1M Gift

On Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2021, the League of Women Voters of NYS (LWVNYS) announced it has received an anonymous \$1 million donation to expand and strengthen its fight to defend democracy and voting rights for all.

The donation, the largest ever received by LWVNYS, comes during a time of great transformation for the organization which recently celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in 2019. This gift will allow the League to bolster efforts to address voter suppression at the state and local level. With this gift, the League will expand efforts to educate voters and work to ensure voting ease and access for all New Yorkers.

Judie Gorenstein, President of the State League said, “With the beginning of our 2nd century of work, the state League sees this gift as a new opportunity that will create a more impactful state League for all New Yorkers. While this is a significant gift, it does not fully fund the State League in perpetuity...”

See full press release attached.

Issues and Advocacy, Sally Robinson, VP for Issues and Advocacy,

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At the recent state Board meeting, the Board approved a number of items related to our program and positions. The first two items listed should be considered by each local League during LWVUS program planning. For more information on the LWVUS program planning process, see the link: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/policies-guidelines/leaders-guide-lwvus-program-planning-2022-2024>. More information on these two proposed concurrences (for LWVUS) will be distributed to all local Leagues in early January.

1. The Board approved the request by the Health Care Update Committee of the LWVNYS to support a proposed concurrence at Convention (June 2022) with language excerpted from LWVNYS positions on Healthcare and Financing Healthcare. The additions, which are exact language from the LWVNYS positions (2021), will strengthen the ability of all Leagues to advocate on LWVUS program priorities, such as reforms to address widening disparities in health care access and health care outcomes among vulnerable populations, inequities both exacerbated and made more visible by the pandemic. The committee has prepared the attached memo ‘The Proposed HC Concurrence by LWVUS with LWVNY’ to go to Leagues asking them to indicate that they will recommend that the Convention consider this item, telling them how to participate, and giving them the exact wording of the Concurrence Statement.
2. The Board approved the request for support of *consideration* of a concurrence with LWV of CT positions on Digital Equity at LWVUS Convention and to encourage local Leagues to do the same. The materials are attached. Unlike Healthcare and Healthcare Financing, LWVNYS does not have a current position on internet access so the Board could not support the concurrence. However, the Board agreed that it is an issue that should be considered by the delegates at the national convention.

The Board also approved a set of principles to be distributed to all local Leagues in January for consideration of a new position on the structure of election administration in NYS. An Election Administration Structure Committee was created right after the delegates at the LWVNYS approved a new study on the topic at the state Convention in June, 2021. The Committee met many times during the fall researching:

- How other states administer elections, including speaking with administrators in some states, for a broad look at what other states do see
- Testimony from other good government groups regarding BOE reform,
- Senate Election Committee report on BOE Reform,
- Statutory reforms we have been urging in recent years

The Committee has finished the first part of its work and prepared a set of principles to be used to write a new position on how to structure election administration in New York. A full packet of materials, including the principles to be considered by each local League with their members, will be distributed in January. **ALL LOCAL LEAGUES SHOULD SCHEDULE A MEETING BEFORE MAY 1, 2021, TO CONSIDER THESE PRINCIPLES.** All responses will be due to the state League by May 1, 2021.

As part of the packet of materials to be used for consideration of this new position, local Leagues and members will be asked to support a new position allowing individuals in prison the right to vote. In New York citizens who are sentenced to prison for a felony conviction lose their right to vote while incarcerated. More information coming on this action also.

Legislative Agenda and Legislative Priorities

The state League has again created a Legislative Agenda booklet in which the current issues to be considered by the state League are described. These items will be the ones monitored and on which we will take action during the upcoming legislative session. The state League will be shipping copies of this booklet to all local Leagues. Please use the booklet when meeting with elected officials, at membership meetings, and to educate potential members about the League's positions.

The Legislative Priorities form is attached to this email. Each local League should complete this form based on discussions at membership meetings and with their local Board. These priorities will help the state League determine the amount of resources given to each of the issues and on what issues members are most interested. Please complete and return the form **by February 1, 2022.**

Voter Services, Nancy Rosenthal, VP for Voter Services, **nancyrosenthal9@gmail.com**

The period from Thanksgiving to the end of the year, and all the holidays in between, gives Leaguers time to reflect on the past year and plan for 2022. We were all disappointed to see the voting reform proposals defeated in the November general election. League's continued advocacy efforts on voting reform will now consider possible legislative action. Stay tuned!

During the election season the Voter Service Committee heard from several Leagues asking us to reconsider the Empty Chair Policy. The Voter Service Committee (co-chair, Sheila Bernson) did so at the Voter Service Committee meeting in November. Central to the lively and lengthy discussion was how to maintain the League's core principle of nonpartisanship while not handcuffing local Leagues.

Some Leagues reported that the Empty Chair Policy can be viewed as giving one party, often the incumbent party, the power to determine if the candidate forum will occur if the incumbent decides not to attend. We have also heard that in some areas of the state, races are uncontested for years with one party control. League policy as currently applied prevents League sponsored events in this situation.

The League's credibility is built upon behavior that neither supports or opposes any political party or candidate. Our nonpartisan behavior in holding and conducting candidate events is often cited as the "gold standard. We have worked long and hard to achieve this status in the eyes of the public. The question is whether the League's nonpartisanship principle can be maintained with possible exceptions or edits to the Empty Chair Policy? The Voter Service Committee concluded that we cannot eliminate the empty chair policy. We are known for never supporting or opposing candidates or political parties and because of that, our forums and materials are valued by the public; we have no hidden agenda and provide information that is unbiased. We cannot risk losing our credibility and reputation as being nonpartisan. Allowing only one candidate to speak at a forum when other candidates don't participate appears as if the League is supporting that candidate; it also provides that candidate with free advertising which is equivalent to financial support.

The FCC's prohibition on empty chair debates for any national races, eg, congressional seats, relies on this same rationale - that such practice is tantamount to a contribution and support to the candidate who appears. This rationale applies as strongly to the state, county or local level as it does to federal elections. As we all can agree, it is in blatant violation of the League's nonpartisan policy to make a financial contribution to a candidate. Please note, however, that Leagues do NOT have to have all candidates participate in the forum. As long as two candidates in a specific race participate, the forum can be held. If there are more than two candidates in one race, the forum may proceed if at least two of the candidates in that race agree to participate.

Our goal is to educate the voters about candidates and so, the committee is open to further discussion on the empty chair policy. If a local League has any creative suggestions on how to maintain the empty chair policy while allowing certain exceptions or edits (and still abiding by our nonpartisan policy), please email Nancy (nancyrosenthal9@gmail.com) or Sheila (sbernson@mac.com) or Laura (Laura@lwvny.org). The Committee will discuss any suggestions submitted BUT the Committee and state League are committed to sustaining the empty chair policy.

Although a candidate forum cannot be held if only one candidate agrees to participate, the following steps can be taken to avoid this result and still conform to the policy.

- Publicize the time and date of your candidate events well in advance – ideally when candidates are still collecting signatures – so the candidates, the parties, and the public can put it on their calendars. ·
- Use press releases announcing not only the date and time of the meeting but who is being invited and who has confirmed. Send the releases multiple times to the media to apply pressure on the candidates who haven't responded. · If the event must be cancelled, send another press release explaining why an event has been cancelled – listing who agreed to come and who didn't. Mention which candidates never responded to the League invite, if applicable. These events are “job interviews,” and the public should know who wasn't willing to appear or even respond. Leagues should be outspoken about the importance of candidates giving the public the opportunity to get to know them and their platforms and to become educated about the issues. Seeing candidates in the “flesh” allows the voting public to observe candidates' behavior and ability to respond to the questions. Written policy statements, or prepared ads on radio or tv are not the same. Use that argument to pressure all candidates to participate.
- If the media doesn't print the press release, write a Letter to the Editor of your local paper or media outlet after the event explaining why the candidate event was cancelled, pointing out which candidates agreed, didn't agree, or simply never responded. Letters are often printed more quickly than a press release. ·
- Use social media to encourage candidates to respond to your invitation to debate. Tweet them, asking for a response; post on their Facebook page and on your League's Facebook page, advertising the debate and naming the candidates who have/have not responded.
- If a candidate forum/event is being held for multiple races on the same evening (e.g. town supervisor and town board), and only one candidate is present for one of those races (notified in advance or not), the forum/debate for that race cannot be held. The moderator can and should make a statement in the beginning of the event explaining why the specific forum was cancelled citing a lack of response, a negative response, or last minute withdrawal with no explanation by the non-appearing candidate(s). The moderator can then introduce the candidates in the audience whose forums were cancelled. The candidates can stand and be recognized and, although not allowed to speak at that time, can speak individually to the voters following the formal part of the event. Such candidates should be encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Leagues can “be involved” in candidate forums where the criteria for the empty chair policy is not met if they partner with other organizations or news media that will convene the candidate forum. If NOT sponsoring, a League can help facilitate or coordinate the forum. Other organizations may greatly appreciate the League's expertise in organizing forums even if the League cannot be a sponsor of the event.

Voter Services Survey Responses

Thanks to the many local Leagues for their responses to the 2021 Voter Survey. As a few remaining Leagues have yet to respond, we will update the results once they have submitted them. The information gained from your replies will allow the state League to better assist local League efforts to Get Out the Vote (GOTV)! 29 Leagues (of the 42 so only 70%!) so far have responded to the survey. Leagues do what they are able, thus, not all questions in the survey have replies. The data from the survey gathered to date can be seen at the bottom. The local Leagues should be proud!

To summarize, the results from the 29 responses received are:

- 956 League members volunteered to assist in voter registration drives and candidate forums;
 - 49 joined the League as new members.
- 20 Leagues participated in Vote411.
- Leagues held 404 registration events (ie schools, farmers markets, naturalization ceremonies, underserved communities) and registered 1,083 new voters.
- 61 Candidate forums were held, 43 of which were virtual and 18 in person. Those forums had 8,240 views after the live event, whether held in person or virtually.
- Over 12,520 pieces of voting information were distributed or handed out.

Some of the comments from local League responses included:

All Leagues look forward to in person events; virtual events, though reaching more people, are a challenge for several of our Leagues because of the technology required. The Voters Guide Part II is a very useful document to educate voters; its availability in several languages helped reach underserved and underrepresented communities. All Leagues distributed and appreciated the materials the State League provided local Leagues for distribution (ie Voters Guides, information on ballot proposals).

National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) allowed many local Leagues to ramp up registration events and partner with local organizations and businesses, some of whom, like Price Chopper in Albany, are already agreeing to partner for the 2022 election season. Several Leagues trained volunteers in other organizations to register voters, including high school students and college students. Partnering with local libraries and school districts allowed for dissemination of voting information in all communities, but especially in targeted minority and underserved areas. Several Leagues accessed voter turnout information from the 2020 election, allowing them to target areas to improve voter turnout.

For many Leagues, a relationship with the local Board of Elections facilitated their GOTV efforts and their accessing of candidate information. Most Leagues have a good relationship with both local BOE commissioners, though a few said one commissioner was more accessible than the other commissioner. Continuing to build a relationship with the Board of Elections will better serve League efforts.

Lawn signs were used by many Leagues. There was a widespread use of Eblasts. All Leagues made some use of social media to educate and inform voters on deadlines for registering to vote, submitting applications for absentee ballots, early voting dates, times and sites, etc. Some Leagues have requested additional training in using social media channels to improve their outreach. Being able to provide links to Voters Guides, Palm Cards, Voter Registration forms and instructions on filling out the forms helped in outreach efforts.

Many Leagues reached out to communities with minorities and with disabilities by partnering with other community organizations like Self Advocate of NYS GOTV Task Force, state facilities and organizations that deal with mental health and physical disabilities. These organizations, being present at League events, greatly assisted in providing handouts at food pantries, school snack programs.

Leagues working with youth want to strategize on how to get out the youth vote.

Two additional points throughout the surveys: Pounding the pavement seemed the best form of outreach in communities and voter turnout was very disappointing this year.

Specific results from the surveys:

Did your League conduct in person voter registration drives? 22 Leagues did and 5 Leagues did not.

If yes, how many drives or locations? 191 drives.

Did you register high school students in the schools? 6 Leagues did and 21 Leagues did not.

How many schools? 45

How many students were registered? 394

Did you register college students at colleges? 11 Leagues did and 16 Leagues did not.

How many colleges? 29

How many college students registered? 362

Did you register voters at naturalization ceremonies? 4 Leagues did and 23 Leagues did not.

How many ceremonies? 11

How many registered? 87

Did you register voters in communities, eg, farmers' markets? 17 Leagues did and 10 Leagues did not.

How many days? 128

How many registered in these communities? 240

Did you provide training to League members on voter registration virtually? 13 Leagues provided virtual trainings to League members on voter registration; 14 did not.

Did you provide training to League members on voter registration in-person? 8 Leagues provided in-person training; 18 did not.

Did you provide virtual training workshops for other organizations or groups? 5 Leagues did and 22 Leagues did not.

Did you make or have videos made? 6 Leagues did and 21 Leagues did not.

Did you reach out to underserved communities? 21 Leagues did and 6 Leagues did not.

Did you reach out to people with disabilities? 7 Leagues did and 20 Leagues did not.

Did you reach out to youth? 18 Leagues did and 9 Leagues did not.

How many in-person candidate forums did you organize? For what races? Total: 18 in-person forums

How many virtual candidate forums did you organize? What races? (For example State Assembly or Senate, Congressional, County, Local, or other) 43 virtual forums

How many people viewed during and after event?

Total views during events: 1,352

Total views after: 6,888

Combined total: 8,240

Did you need to cancel any events due to our empty chair policy (requirement needing more than one candidate in a race to appear at a candidate event)? 10 Leagues needed to cancel and 13 did not.

If so, how many? 19 events were cancelled due to the no empty chair policy.

Did you cancel any other events for other reasons? 7 Leagues had to cancel events for other reasons and 17 Leagues did not.

Were the templates for virtual events in the Candidate Event Toolkit Helpful?

19 Leagues found the templates helpful and 1 League did not.

What efforts did you take to Get Out the Vote? Check all that apply.

Flyers – 19

Workshops – 4

Videos – 8

Facebook – 21

Webpage – 14

Instagram – 6

Digital Signs – 4

Lawn Signs – 15

Voter Guide (English) – 24

Voter Guide (Spanish) – 19
Palm Cards – 16
Power Point Presentations – 1
Doorknob Hangers – 1
Letters to the editor – 2
Billboard – 1
Radio Station PSAs – 2
Ad Campaign – 1
TV on Mayoral Debate – 1
e-blasts – 1
Digital and Print Newspaper Information – 1
Member Bulletin – 1
Displays at Community Libraries – 1
Twitter – 1
Vote 411 – 1
“Make a plan to Vote” Flyers – 1
Voter Guide (Burmese) – 1
Voter Guide (Korean) – 1
Voter Guide (Arabic) – 1

Did you print and distribute flyers, Voter Guides or palm cards?

Voter Guide Pt. II – 24
Palm Cards – 16
Their Own Flyers and Info – 16
Digital Only This Year – 1

How many Materials were distributed? 12,520

Did you have digital/electronic signs displaying voter information? 3 Leagues did and 24 Leagues did not.

If yes, how many and where? 3 total electronic signs.

Were you able to reach out to underserved communities and groups

Minority Communities – 17
People with Disabilities – 7
Youth – 13
Elderly – 1
Department of Correction and Community Supervision – 1
Low Income – 1

Did you find the Toolkit on GOTV while social distancing helpful? 18 Leagues did and 4 Leagues did not.

Did you participate in Vote 411? 20 Leagues did and 6 Leagues did not.

Did you receive questions or comments on how to apply for absentee ballot? (Please estimate totals and most frequently asked question or issue) Questions received: 62

Approximately how many volunteers participated in Voter Registration? 417

Approximately how many volunteers participated in Candidate Events? In-person or Virtual? 273

Approximately how many volunteers participated in GOTV? 266

Did you recruit any new volunteers or members through these activities? 16 Leagues did and 10 did not.

If so, how many? 49

People Powered Fair Maps, Milly Czerwinski, Milly@lwvny.org

The state redistricting process has been a challenging one – with the unexpected release of the two sets of maps and the hearing dates falling mainly during election season, many Leagues faced a steep learning curve and a busy autumn. With every written testimony, map, or comment submitted to the IRC, our local Leagues’ efforts have accumulated into a united front that has been noticed by many.

Below are highlights just a few of our local Leagues’ tremendous efforts to influence redistricting in their areas.
LWVs of Albany, Saratoga, and Rensselaer

Albany, Saratoga, and Rensselaer were a major part of the Capitol Region’s One Person, One Vote Coalition on redistricting. The Coalition had the capitol region’s Leagues work with The Capital Area Council of Churches, the NAACP, and The Capital District Coalition of Black Trade Unionists to educate the public on State redistricting through public events and community outreach. They’re still working now on educating the public and keeping them aware of the next steps now that the IRC hearings are almost over.

LWV of the North Country

Throughout the entire redistricting process, the North Country League sent all educational materials from the State League to all of their members, and to a second email list that consisted of “friends” of the League – people and organizations who were not members of the North Country League.

Not many people testified at the North Country IRC hearing. However, one of the only people who did testify was someone who was on the “friends of the League” email list, and who had learned more about the 2021 redistricting process from the materials North Country sent them.

LWV of Rochester Metro Area

At the start of the redistricting process, The Rochester League prioritized community involvement. Rochester put together an email list of over 300 new groups and individuals that they hadn’t previously been in contact with. They sent this list information about redistricting, the IRC hearings, and educational events. Rochester went above and beyond in making sure that their community was aware of the redistricting process, and they are seeing an uptick of community involvement as a result.

LWVs of Westchester ILO

Westchester County was extremely involved during the redistricting process, and worked with community groups such as Latino Justice to get the word out on redistricting. They hosted several educational events, sent out informational e-mail blasts, and designed flyers. Most notably, their testimony included six examples of potential congressional districts within the county.

Kathy Meany, the president of the Westchester County League, testified at the White Plains IRC hearing on November 8. The Westchester League’s testimony reminded the commissioners of their duty to release a single set of maps. After Westchester’s testimony, IRC Commissioner Jack Martins complimented the Westchester League and Leagues from throughout New York.

“I want to thank the league for taking such a strong position on [releasing a single set of maps],” he said. “Everywhere we have held and heard testimony we have gotten that admonishment from the league, and I thank you for that.”

Local Redistricting

Now that the state redistricting process is winding down to a close, the State League has begun to shift our focus to local redistricting. The local redistricting process may look different for a few counties this cycle. A bill (S.5160-B) that sets solid redistricting standards for all New York counties, was recently signed into law by Governor Hochul. Despite this new, universal standard, all New York counties have varied redistricting processes. Because of this, the State League is currently working on creating guides that explain the individual redistricting process in each New York County. These guides will be sent out to all local Leagues in January.

Additionally, we have been meeting with redistricting professionals and experts from throughout the state. Educational programs on local redistricting will be offered in the near future for all members.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Regina Tillman, VP for DEI, rmt371@live.com

Beginning in January along with your other New Year’s Resolutions, please look forward to joining us in a **21-DAY BETTER LISTENING CHALLENGE**© open to all members of LWVNYs throughout the State and beyond. Info will be forth coming shortly to allow members to pre-register. In the meantime, your calendars can

be marked to sign-in and begin the Challenge as of *Sunday, January 2, 2022*. Preregistration will be required of members ahead of participating in the Challenge and info to accomplish that will be sent out shortly.

When you receive the registration announcement for the 21-Day Better Listening Challenge, please forward to the members of your Local League chapters, via an email blast under your local banner, or as content for your newsletter, and/or via your social media accounts. This members-only DEI educational opportunity is intended for all those interested in helping both themselves as individuals and our League, to continue to grow in the implementation of DEI. Many members even noted in submitted workshop responses and surveys that enhancing the skills to become more effective listeners was important. *(See the "State Voter" for info on how enhancing listening skills will impact our DEI efforts as well as member retention.)*

The DEI Task Force (co-chair, Crystal Joseph) has been joined by several new members in the past months. Plus, a Steering Committee has been formed that will allow the team to work on several projects at the same time. It is also gratifying to have so many of the previously appointed members carry over into 2022, thanks to local league leadership! All our team members are invaluable in their input and in the emotional support they render. I appreciate them all. And I wish the best of the Holiday Season to you and your families!

Local League Support Committee, Joy Rosenzweig, joyrose6@gmail.com, and Kathy Stein, kstein1@twcny.rr.com, Co-Chairs

The Local League Support Committee (LLSC) created a Google group for all local League presidents and it has already generated some interesting and valuable exchanges. Calls for technology assistance produced many suggestions and we now have a much better idea of the needs of Leagues around the state. One problem voiced by several Leagues that will not be easy to solve: what to do when the League web manager steps down and no one else steps up to take their place. Other issues discussed were DEI and redistricting.

Because local Leagues indicated in the LLSC survey that Membership is their most pressing concern, the topic chosen for the November 10th Presidents' call was recruiting and retaining new members. We heard from LWV Rensselaer County LWV of Saratoga County, LWV of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork, and St. Lawrence MAL unit. The key takeaway was that we must continuously ask others to join the League. Having visibility in the community and working on important local issues are crucial, as is involving new members in areas in which they are interested and making them feel welcome. Merging Leagues in an area can keep members on board even when there is no one willing to step into the leadership role for one or more of the Leagues.

The next Presidents' call will deal with ways to help local Leagues create a leadership pipeline to improve their strength and sustainability.

In addition to the above, our committee is continuing to compile and edit a selection of membership materials and resources to share with the local Leagues. We also plan to have Membership and Leadership topics included in the spring regional training.

Youth Committee, Crystal Joseph, crystal.v.joseph@gmail.com, and Nick Doran, ndoran33@gmail.com, Co-Chairs

The Youth Committee held its first call with local youth chairs on September 28th. There was good discussion on some local League programs, and the local Leagues shared materials with the YC to distribute to other Leagues and update the youth page on the website.

YC members are contacting local youth chairs to get a better idea of youth programming and the needs and wants of local Leagues around the state. The YC will hold a second call with local youth chairs in January to highlight local League programs. Another call will be held in the spring to discuss engagement on college campuses.

Any local Leagues who organize programs for youth or students, should send a summary of their program to laura@lwwny.org. The committee will be compiling these summaries and sharing with all local Leagues for replication.

From LWVUS

2022 Program Planning Leader's Guide Now Available!

As the first step in the Program process that will culminate in adoption of LWVUS organization-wide program at Convention 2022, the Program Planning Leaders Guide and Survey response form is now available for Leagues to use at their program planning meetings in early 2022. The input of League boards will help shape the proposed program of study and action that will be debated and voted on by convention delegates. Program planning reports forms must be returned online by Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2022. Each League is entitled to one response, and individual member responses are not accepted. You can access the [Leader's Guide here](#) and the [2022 Program Survey here](#). For questions about program planning, email progplan@lww.org.