



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK

STATE VOTER

Happy New Year! 2025 is Here

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a new year of the State Voter! Check out these updates.



President's Message

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Best wishes for 2025 to all of you! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season – January kicks off the League year in full swing!

At the 2023 LWVNY Convention, delegates voted to move forward with two studies. These studies have now been completed; the state Board has approved the position statements for each. The following study materials will be emailed to League members this month: Rake Choice Voting (RCV)/Primary Study Materials and Voting Systems Approval Process Study Materials. Please schedule a meeting with your League's membership to review, discuss, and vote on the position statements in these two studies.

There is also an LWVUS study that local Leagues must vote on by April 14, 2025. At the LWVUS 2024 Convention, delegates voted to proceed with a study on the federal judiciary. This study will follow a fast-track timeline, with a position to be announced at the LWVUS 2025 Council in June 2025. The Federal Judiciary Study Groups.io is now up and running! To sign up, visit [the discussion group's homepage](#) and click the button "Apply for Membership to this Group" to join the list. Leagues should schedule their Federal Judiciary Study consensus meetings between February 8, 2025, and April 14, 2025. You can find the scope and full timeline for this study on the [League Management Site](#).

There is much to accomplish this month, and I truly appreciate your attention to these important League tasks. Thank you for everything you do for the League. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and fulfilling new year!

LWVNYS Hires Financial Administrator

Join us in welcoming our new Financial Administrator, Virginia Gokhale!

Virginia has worked in nonprofit finance for over 20 years and has served as the Director of Finance for several small nonprofits. Virginia seeks to support mission-driven organizations by applying a common-sense approach, focusing on increasing the transparency and efficiency of financial tracking, reporting and planning.



Virginia received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from SUNY Oswego, a Master's in Taxation from SUNY Albany and is a licensed CPA in the state of New York. She has taught the basics of business accounting to entrepreneurs and college students. In her spare time, she participates in animal rescue, serves as a volunteer usher for music and performance venues, and acts as a patient advocate.

Virginia's first day was January 2nd. She is excited to join the League of Women Voters and support our mission.

Virginia can be reached at virginia@lwvny.org.

LWVNYS 2024 Impact on Issues Released

The LWVNYS Issues and Advocacy Team has updated Impact on Issues after the 2024 legislative session. The revised version of Impact is now posted on the website. Check it out here! - <https://lwvny.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Impact-on-Issues-2024.pdf>



Local League Happenings

We hope you all have had an amazing holiday season and had a chance to recuperate after a long election season!

League of Women Voters Rivertowns County- The Rivertowns League will kick off their first board meeting in January of 2025 with a guest appearance from New York State Assemblymember MaryJane Shimsky. Assemblymember Shimsky will talk about the upcoming legislative session and be there to answer questions from members of the Rivertowns League. Connecting with your local Assemblymember is a great way to kick off the 2025 Legislative Session, which starts on January 8, 2025!

If you'd like to share what your local League is up to email Xavia at xavia@lwvny.org.

LWVUS Corner:

The LWWUS Annual League Survey (Jan. 2) - This survey provides an opportunity for local Leagues to highlight not only their individual impact but also our collective strength as one League. A League officer will receive an email with the League's personalized survey link. If you're unsure who the survey contact is or need to update your contact details, please reach out to evaluation@lww.org as soon as possible. **Leagues that complete the survey will be entered to win a \$200 gift card or one of three Convention 2026 registrations!** For additional resources and information, and more information [on the League Management Site](#).

More than 140 Diverse Nonprofit Organizations Call on President to Act for Publication of Equal Rights Amendment (Dec. 16th) - the League of Women Voters U.S. and more than 140 nonprofit organizations leading in women's, reproductive, LGBTQIA+, civil, and human rights sent a letter to President Biden calling for immediate action to add the duly ratified Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the US Constitution. Click [here](#) to read more.

ERA Toolkit - In this toolkit, you will find talking points and resources for us to use in our nationwide push for ERA inclusion in the Constitution. Click [here](#) to explore the toolkit.

For more information on the ERA, click [here](#) for FAQ's.

The League's Top Achievements in 2024 (Dec. 11th) - Reflect on the League's greatest moments of 2024 with The League of Women Voters' United States President, Dianna Wynn. Click [here](#).

Missouri Court Permanently Strikes Down Unconstitutional Restrictions Criminalizing Voter Engagement Efforts (Dec. 3rd) - League of Women Voters of Missouri along with other voting advocacy groups proposed this challenge. Marilyn McLeod, President of the Missouri League of Women Voters commented. Click [here](#) for more details.

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