

Less than 2 Weeks Until Election Day!

The State Voter looks a little different this month. As we get closer and closer to Election Day we want to keep you informed with all you need to know. As such, the State Voter will be sent out every Friday between now and November 5th.



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A little over a week until Election Day. Leaguer's know this more than anyone else. I have heard of and seen your efforts. Continuing this momentum to GOTV and push a YES vote on Prop 1 is a must. Efforts in these last days will yield results. Voters are ready to listen and make a decision on how they will vote. Thanks to our efforts, all of these voters are registered, know the value of

Vote411.org, and will VOTE!

Make sure you, your friends and family, everyone you know, has a voting plan for how, when, and where to VOTE. Double check voter registration status and your poll site on www.vote411.org. At your polling place, if you feel that you've been a victim of, or witnessed, voter intimidation or threats, please report the experience to the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

In these last days, we expect bad actors to spread disinformation. Respect for the League comes because we speak truthfully. Talk about the safeguards in how election officials implement ballot processing and tabulation designed to ensure each ballot cast in the election can be correctly counted. Talk about the pre- and post-election testing of voting equipment, as well as ballot counting processes open for public observation, and post-election audits that ensure that the vote count was done correctly and that we can trust results.

Let people know election results may take a few days so that every vote is counted. We will not have election results on election night. Election officials are working around the clock to count ALL ballots, and it's essential that they take the time to make sure every vote is counted. All of us want a complete and accurate ballot count.

Tomorrow is the first day of early voting in NYS!

October 26th, colloquially known as Golden Day, is second most important day on the NYS election calendar. This year it marks the following:

- The LAST day to register to vote in NYS
- The FIRST day of early voting!
- The LAST day to submit your application for an

absentee ballot or early vote by mail ballot here

Here are a few important reminders

- The board of elections must receive your voter registration by the 26th. This means the best way to register is either online <u>here</u>, in person at your poll site, or in person at your local board of elections.
- You can register to vote when you go to early vote! Head to your early voting poll site and ask to fill out an affidavit ballot. An affidavit ballot will register you to vote and is also how you will submit your ballot.



Important Dates

- October 26th November 3rd: Vote early from Saturday the 26th to Sunday the 3rd. Check out your county board of elections website to find the closest early voting poll site to you. *If you're in NYC you will be assigned an early voting poll site*
- **November 5th:** Election Day! This is also the last day to postmark your absentee ballots or early vote by mail ballot.
- November 12th: The day by which your absentee ballot or early vote by mail ballot must arrive at the Board of Elections

Problem at the polls?

Don't leave without submitting your ballot! Call the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE with any problems.

- Spanish/English 888-VE-Y-VOTA
- Asian Languages/English 888-API-VOTE
- Arabic/English 844-YALLA-US
- American Sign Language Video Calls 301-818-VOTE

What are your rights as a voter?

Check out the following guides for the basics on voting in NYS

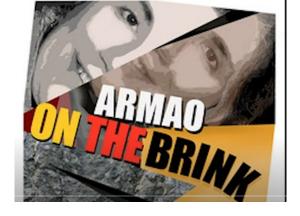
- First Time Voters (Spanish)
- Your Right to Vote Series and more

Reminders

- Your vote is private
- You do not need an ID to vote in NYS, unless you are a first time voter who did not provide ID or your SSN when you registered
- Kids are welcome! Bring your kids (under the age of 18) with you to vote so they
 get to see democracy in action!
- If you submitted an absentee ballot or early vote by mail ballot you can track it here.

Where in the news is the local League of Women Voters?

Local leagues across the state have been putting in the WORK! This week we are highlighting efforts around the state that have made it to the news.







MaryKate Owens, President of the League of Women Voters of Albany County, Linda McKenney, Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Saratoga and Tiffani Silverman, President of the League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County were featured on "On the Brink" talking about Prop 1. "On the Brink" is a podcast by Rosemary Armao (regular panelist on NPR's "The Roundtable"). Listen here!

The League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County got their letter to the editor in support of Prop 1 published in *North Country Now* and *North Country This Week*. Read it heex!

The League of Women Voters of Huntington worked with students at Five Towns College to produce radio PSA ads for the election. The ads are being featured on Connoisseur Radio on Long Island. Listen below!

- Election Day PSA- English
- Election Day PSA- Spanish

Shout out to the League of Women Voters of Buffalo's Cindy Havey who was honored by The Bengal Vote Coalition at SUNY Buffalo State as an "Outstanding Community Partner". LWV of Buffalo helped register almost hundreds students on campus this semester and is a part of the push to get 100% of the campus registered to vote in four years.

This is a small snapshot of all of the incredible work that's going on around the state. If you'd like to share what your local League is up to email Erica at erica@lwvny.org.

LWVUS Corner:

 Check out recorded Election Webinars here: <u>LWV.org/2024ElectionWebinars</u>.

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