



LEAGUE OF  
WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK

# STATE VOTER

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## Less than 3 Days Until Election Day!

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It's been a busy week, but don't worry, we didn't forget about the State Voter! We've been working hard to make sure New York voters have everything they need before they head to the polls on November 5th.



### President's Message

Nancy Rosenthal [nancyrosenthal9@gmail.com](mailto:nancyrosenthal9@gmail.com)

We're in the final stretch to Election Day, and I want to express my deep appreciation for everyone working overtime to empower voters and defend democracy. We owe huge gratitude to the people who made our elections run: the poll workers, election officials, election observers, postal workers, and volunteers.

Elections are how we shape the world we want. Once they are cast, our votes must be respected, no matter the results. Beware of false claims about the election results. We expect bad actors to spread disinformation to cast doubt for their own political gain.

As we wait for votes to be counted, we know that this waiting period is exactly what should be happening. 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. Remember: a complete and accurate ballot count is more important than a fast ballot count. We may not get a complete count on election night, and that's OK — it means our trusted election administrators are counting every ballot.

On a completely different but equally important note, Thursday December 5th, we will be honoring Laura Bierman and her 16 years of working for the League as our Executive Director. Hopefully many of you will attend this event! In case you missed the invitation in your inbox you can also find it [here](#).

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### Early Voting Records Broken Across the State!

This week New Yorkers leaned into early voting and broke turn out [records](#) in the first weekend. The number of voters in the first weekend of early voting was almost double the number of voters that turned out the first week of early voting in 2020.

Sunday, November 3rd marks the last day of early voting before Election Day on November 5th. If you are voting via absentee ballot or early vote by mail ballot you must postmark your ballot by November 5th. You can also drop it off

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CHECK OUT

**VOTE 411**

for all the  
**information you**  
**need** before  
heading to the polls

at an early voting poll site, your election day poll site on November 5th, or your county board of elections.

## Why won't we know the results of the election on November 5th?

- In New York, absentee ballots and early vote by mail ballots have until November 12th to arrive at the Board of Elections. Ballots will still need to be counted after election day.
- Sometimes voters may make a mistake on their absentee ballot or early vote by mail ballot. Voters have up to 7 days to fix or "cure" their ballot, meaning we may not have the total count until several weeks after Election Day.
- Counting ballots takes time. Our county board of elections across the state are working hard to make sure the election is running smoothly and that every ballot is counted.

## Reminders

- Flip your ballot!
- Check your polling place at [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) before heading to the polls
- If you submitted an absentee ballot or early vote by mail ballot you can track it [here](#). You must submit your ballot or have it postmarked by November 5th.
- If you are in line when the polls close, stay in line. As long as you are in line you can cast your ballot.
- Do not leave the polls without voting. If you are not in the poll book you have the right to vote via affidavit ballot.

## Problem at the polls?

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
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## Local League Happenings

**The League of Women Voters of Cooperstown** spoke to 2,300 voters this election season. Almost 800 of those voters were reached on college campuses. They also distributed 3,000 "Be a Voter with a Plan" flyers and created lasting relationships with SUNY schools in their area and the Oneonta NAACP.

**The League of Women Voters of Syracuse** was featured in the *Auburn Citizen* with an op-ed on Prop 1. Read it [here](#)!

**The League of Women Voters of Westchester** has held over 9 candidate debates this season. They held an LWVW hosted an in-person Candidate Forum for U.S. Congressional District 16 in mid-October. Local Leagues across the region have held debates for NYS Senate Districts 35, 37, and 40, for NYS Assembly Districts 88, 90, 94, and 95, and for the Tuckahoe Village Board of Trustees. Recordings of the debates can be found [here](#).

Boosting the PSA election day ads from **The League of Women Voters of Huntington**. They worked with students at Five Towns College to produce radio PSA ads for the election. Listen below!

- [Election Day PSA- English](#)
- [Election Day PSA- Spanish](#)

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@lwny.org](mailto:erica@lwny.org).

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

This week we were busy! You may have caught us on TV, in the paper, or on a podcast.

- Our LWNYS Election Specialist and member of the League of Women Voters of the City of NY, Kate Doran, was featured on Spectrum talking about her long history as a poll worker. Read it [here](#)
- We joined Susan Arbetter on *Capitol Tonight* to talk about misinformation around our elections. Watch [here](#).
- We were on News Channel 10 with Jamie DeLine talking about early voting turn out across the state. Read it [here](#).
- Watch our appearance on *Empire State Weekly* talking about what to expect on election day. Watch [here](#).
- Check out our op-ed on Prop 1- [Opinion: New York must enshrine women's rights. Pass Prop 1](#)

We also joined Cheryl Wills of *In Focus* to talk about Prop 1 and Syracuse.com to talk about why we won't know the results of the election on Election Day.

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## LWVUS Corner:

Check out the training "Election 2024: Bystander Training & Voter Intimidation"

- : [LWV.org/2024ElectionWebinars](https://LWV.org/2024ElectionWebinars).

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