

League of Women Voters
of Dallas

VOTER



A nonpartisan organization that encourages informed participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

SUMMER ACTIVITY AFOOT FOR THE LEAGUE!

As we move into July, much activity is afoot. As you read the various articles, note the number and nature of dates all the way into October. Watch and **Mark-Your-Calendar** for **Save-the-Date** activities inside this VOTER.



... invites you to attend **Women's Equality Day** commemorating passage of the 19th Amendment on

Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 12:00 noon at Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla Street, Flag Room, 6th Floor.

The event celebrates the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote and honors those who have contributed to improve the status of women.

The program will include a Proclamation recognizing the 96th Anniversary of Women's Equality Day given by Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, the City Council, County Commissioners and others, followed by a program honoring the history and aspirations for full equality of women and girls. Guest speaker will be Debbie Branson, former Chair of Parkland's Board of Managers and 87th Linz Award recipient (and LWVD member).

We encourage everyone to wear white in honor of the suffragists.

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Nominations for 2017 Susan B. Anthony Award Are Open!

Nominations are currently being accepted for the 21st Annual Susan B. Anthony Award. **The Nomination Form is on pg. 13** and must be submitted by **Friday, September 2, 2016**.

The Susan B. Anthony Award is presented annually to a woman who exemplifies the characteristics of Susan B. Anthony - her independence, determination, and dedication in obtaining equal rights for all. Some of her words of wisdom have become memorable quotes, such as "Failure is impossible."

The award is given at the luncheon held near the date of her birthday. **Save-the-Date** The Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon will be **Thursday, February 9, 2017**.



September Unit & General Meetings Topic: **Fair Park Re-Imagined**

Who: League of Women Voters of Dallas.

What: All 277 acres of Fair Park have been proposed for maintenance and renovation of historical buildings to better meet the needs of citizens near and far.

When: September 7 & 8 Unit Meetings; General Meeting-week of September 13.

Where: Location of Fair Park meetings to be announced in September VOTER.

How: The unit meetings will be small group discussions. The general meeting will have a panel of presenters who will explain the current status of Fair Park, a brief history, the proposed plan, and who is doing the planning.

LWV Dallas Fair Park Study Committee: Becky Brakke, Susybelle Gosslee, Mary Vogelsson and Mark Wassenich. If other League members are interested in serving on the study committee, please contact Susybelle Gosslee at 214-732-8610.

NOTICE! Watch for emails and notices with more Information about Fair Park.

(See September VOTER for September Unit Meeting dates and locations.)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Susybelle Gosslee, Cecilia McKay, Elaine Wiant, Linda Wassenich and I attended the LWVUS Convention in Washington, DC, in June. We listened to many truly inspiring speakers, and we all left the convention inspired to continue our work for the League. My biggest takeaway was the magnitude of the assault on voting rights that citizens have experienced beginning around 1990. Although we have advocacy positions on many policies that could change our lives for the better, they pale in my mind to the loss of voting rights for some of our most vulnerable. **Our voice is our vote. Our vote is our voice.** It is our moral obligation to vote and to protect the rights of others to vote. We must remember that the League began just six months before the success of the suffragists in obtaining the vote for women. Voting and the right to vote are our core issues.

In keeping with the theme of voting, we have planned a **Get Out The Vote** general meeting for the fall. You will hear more about the details of this general meeting in our September **VOTER**. We will be talking about voting, encouraging voters who are registered to actually get out and vote, and how to help people register to vote.

Because we are still searching for Program Vice President, a small committee of dedicated members has kindly taken on the job of planning program and unit meetings. If you know of someone willing to accept this position, or two people willing to share the position, or if you would be willing to share this position and would like us to find you a partner, please let me or another board member know.

We are planning to move our office sometime during the fall. We will move into the GO Federal Credit Union building on Central Expressway between Meadow and Northhaven. The building is under renovation and will be ready for us in the near future. We are currently on a monthly rental at our Stemmons location. We don't know specific plans for our Stemmons location, but they did tell us not to worry about needing to vacate immediately. However, I do think the handwriting is on the wall; it is time to move.

Now that we have begun our new League year, I am looking forward to getting to know our many new members and getting to know many continuing members better. As we plan events, if you have a good idea for the League, please don't hesitate to tell me. We will have a very busy year filled with general meetings, unit meetings, and many committee meetings all providing you with new information, policy insights and new ideas to contemplate. Be sure to participate so that you don't miss out.

Thank you for your membership, support, and participation in the League of Women Voters of Dallas.

Best regards,
Eileen Rosenblum, President

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What a great way to support the League of Women Voters of Dallas!

League of Women Voters of the United States 52nd National Convention

from Eileen Rosenblum, President LWV Dallas

It was really special for me to meet our League sisters and brothers from all over the United States and share our perspectives on the current political situation. I was also glad that fellow Dallas League members Cecilia McKay, Susybelle Gosslee, Elaine Wiant (President LWV Texas), and Linda Wassenich (LWVUS Board member) were there to share the experience.



One of the best aspects of the convention was what I learned from the invited speakers and fellow League members who spoke and asked insightful questions. Joe Goldman, President of the Democracy Fund, an organization that provides funding and grants to organizations that support democracy, made many important points. One that resonated with me was the important role the League plays in providing a place where people with divergent opinions can come together. Its forums and meetings provide a place where differing opinions can be presented, ideas explored, and opposing points of view considered.

In another discussion lead by Elisabeth MacNamara we were reminded that most people don't understand us when we describe ourselves as non-partisan. She indicated that

we should describe ourselves as an organization that does not support a political party or specific candidate. We support positions on public policy issues after deliberation and study. I believe she is correct and that when asked about the League's politics we should explain what non-partisan means, not assume the public actually knows or understands the meaning of non-partisan.

Two important amendments to the bylaws the League made were in Article III. These Article III amendments, proposed by LWV Minnesota, will cause all state and local Leagues to amend their bylaws. The LWVUS will send us the precise wording, but the essence of the change is that we will no longer require members to be citizens of the United States and we will allow individuals who are at least 16 to become members. LWV Minnesota provided the following rationale for changing the wording of *citizens* to *persons* and *18 to 16 years of age*. The requirement for citizenship might have made sense at one time, but now its purpose is unclear. Welcoming those who are on the path to citizenship and those who will soon be old enough to vote in national elections into LWV will serve LWV's purpose of encouraging informed and active long-term civic engagement. Opening LWV to these new voting members will enlarge and diversify the LWV talent pool, enrich LWV discussions and inform decision-making.

Participating in the LWVUS Convention provided me with many new ideas to share with you over the next few months. I am looking forward to putting some of these ideas into action for the 2016-2017 year.

Announcing 2016 Online Voters Guide for November Election

LWV Dallas, along with LWVUS & LWVTX, is producing an online **Voters Guide** for the November 8th Presidential Election. The non-partisan, non-filtered, informative online **Voters Guide** will be available the first week of September at www.VOTE411.org or www.lwvdallas.org.



HEARD AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

There were many wonderful speakers at the LWVUS Convention who were courageous and inspiring in what they had to say. Following are some paraphrased excerpts from the speakers:

Elisabeth MacNamara, President of LWVUS:

Quoting Carrie Chapman Catt, she said, “The vote is the symbol of equality. Use it and use it well.” If you don’t vote, you don’t count. We must include every voice, stop the voices of power from excluding others, oppose them in the state house, fight them in the court house, and if all else fails, educate the public.

Amanda Taub, author of “The Rise of American Authoritarianism”: Authoritarians crave order and the status quo. They fear “others.” This election is about a person’s world view and fear.

Arturo Vargas, National Association of Latino Elected Officials: There are 700,000 Latino voters in Texas who have voted before who may not be able to vote in November because of voter ID.

Wylecia Wiggs-Harris, LWVUS CEO: Funders have been concerned about the relevance of LWVUS. They are glad to see that LWVUS is considering change.

Joe Goldman, the Democracy Fund: People have a distrust for government. They are disappointed when government does not live up to the promises of politicians. We must put people back at the center of our democracy.

We need to find ways to negate the notion that facts don’t matter, and encourage journalists to call out lies. We need to think hard about where there is leverage in the system. There is a systematic

effort to erode public trust in government. We don’t need smaller government; we need smarter government. We are experiencing a failure of government to deliver what people need.

Celina Lake, President of Lake Research Firm, a polling firm:

The League needs to help people see the importance of voting, how to register, and how to cast a vote. In the messaging, emphasize fair treatment and the future, especially public education. Negative tone depresses turnout; be aspirational, positive, and focus on solutions.

Ari Berman, NPR and author of Give Us the Vote:

The Voting Rights Act was passed by Congress in 1965 and immediately challenged. The Supreme Court upheld the law 8 to 1. However, challenges continued. In 1980, the Republicans argued that the VRA should not be renewed. They attempted to add restrictions and tried to make it more difficult to prove violations. John Roberts, now the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was the lawyer in the DOJ who pursued these cases. Roberts had clerked for Justice Wm. Renquist.

In 2000 Florida purged more than 100,000 voters from the rolls. Later it was determined that at least 12,000 of those purged should not have been. That number is larger than the margin of the Bush victory. New efforts started to suppress voters with claims of voter fraud.

2016 will be the first presidential election without the protections of the VRA. “It is immoral to try to win an election by preventing people from voting. Voting is a right; democracy is better when more people participate

The following statement was released to media, the Dallas and DART Police Departments, Dallas City and County officials, and to Texas Senate and House members who represent the Dallas County area.

The League of Women Voters of Dallas grieves with our community for the officers lost and injured on July 7, 2016. This terrible act occurred during a peaceful rally where concerned citizens and officers there to protect were marching side-by-side in mutual respect and camaraderie.

We need to join together to work on measures that can protect from gun violence and policies to increase the availability of mental healthcare.

Most importantly, Americans must reject bigotry and embrace diversity.

LWVD President, Eileen Rosenblum PhD

LWV Dallas Voter Registration Aug-Sept 2016 *(as of 7-28-16)*

Certified Deputy Registrars and Volunteers Needed. Be a Part of Helping Make Democracy Work!

(If no contact is listed for event, let ewalley1@gmail.com know you want to volunteer.)

Wednesday August 3	Wilkinson Center Food Pantry 9 AM – 11 AM 3402 N Buckner Boulevard Dallas 75228	Voter Registration Drive. Register clients to vote. (STAFFED) Contact Kate Foutz at 214.402.0613
Saturday August 13	For Oak Cliff http://www.foroakcliff.org/blog/ 9 AM – 12 PM at Glendale Park 1515 E Ledbetter Drive Dallas 75216	Back to School Fair presented by ForOakCliff.org. Outdoors at Glendale Park on Ledbetter. (STAFFED) Contact celestelgraham@gmail.com Donna Peterson & Judith Conley
Tuesday September 13	Brookhaven College 10 AM – 1 PM 3939 Valley View Lane Farmers Branch/Dallas 75244	DCCCD Fall Service Learning Fair. Recruit volunteers for LWV and register voters. Lunch provided. Approximately 3 hours.
Wednesday September 14	Richland College 10 AM – 1 PM 12800 Abrams Road Dallas 75243	DCCCD Fall Service Learning Fair. Recruit volunteers for LWV and register voters. Lunch provided. Approximately 3 hours.
Thursday September 15	North Lake College 10 AM – 1 PM 5001 N MacArthur Boulevard Irving 75038	DCCCD Fall Service Learning Fair. Recruit volunteers for LWV and register voters. Lunch provided. Approximately 3 hours.
Tuesday September 20	Mountain View College 10 AM – 1 PM 4849 W Illinois Avenue Dallas 75211	DCCCD Fall Service Learning Fair. Recruit volunteers for LWV and register voters. Lunch provided. Approximately 3 hours. Contact Katherine Homan at 214.797.6992
Wednesday September 21	Eastfield College 9 AM – 12 PM 3737 Motley Drive Mesquite 75150	DCCCD Fall Service Learning Fair. Recruit volunteers for LWV and register voters. Lunch provided. Approximately 3 hours.
TBD	Cedar Valley College Time TBD 3030 N Dallas Avenue Lancaster 75134	DCCCD Fall Service Learning Fair. Recruit volunteers for LWV and register voters. Lunch provided. Approximately 3 hours.
TBD	El Centro College Time TBD 801 Main Street Dallas 75202	DCCCD Fall Service Learning Fair. Recruit volunteers for LWV and register voters. Lunch provided. Approximately 3 hours.
TBD	Texas Women's University Time TBD 5500 Southwestern Medical Avenue Dallas 75235-7299	Voter Registration Drive. Details to follow.
Tuesday September 27	Dallas County National Voter Registration Day/Week Various Times At Schools and Government buildings around the County	Annual County-Wide Drive initiated by the Dallas County Elections Department. Contact Esmerelda Garcia at 214.819.6346

See Insert to the Summer VOTER for "Voter Registration Deputization Classes"

At Annual Meeting, two proposed changes to the local positions were adopted. With editorial changes, they are:

- Added “civic participation” to II.A.5. Social Policy-Education so it now reads:

II. Social Policy

A. Education

5. A curriculum starting in primary grades and continuing through high school on age-appropriate life skills and responsibilities including problem solving, communication, parenting, substance abuse, sex education, violence prevention, and civic participation (1991-93, 2016)

- Added new position to II.E Social Policy that reads:

II. Social Policy

E. Communications (2016). The League of Women Voters of Dallas supports:

1. Continuous efforts on the part of the LWVD, media and institutions to inform voters of:
 - a. Issues of importance in upcoming elections
 - b. Relevant information about candidates
 - c. When, where and how to vote
2. Elevation of lower profile yet important elections in public perception, including:
 - a. Local and non-partisan elections
 - b. “Down ballot” contests in major partisan elections
3. Emphasis on improved turnout of responsible voters at least on a level with the emphasis on voter registration

LWV Dallas 501 (c)3 Bylaws

(adopted at April 30, 2016 Annual Meeting)

Bylaws

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ARTICLE I NAME

- Sec. 1. NAME. The Corporation to which these bylaws pertain is the League of Women Voters of Dallas ("LWVD"). The League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States ("LWVUS") and the League of Women Voters of Texas ("LWVTX").
- Sec. 2. FORM. The LWVD shall be a nonprofit public benefit corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES AND POLICY

- Sec. 1. PURPOSES. The purposes of the LWVD are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be attempting to influence legislation.
- Sec. 2. POLITICAL POLICY. In accordance with Section 2.002(a) of the Texas Business Organization Code (the "TBOC"), the LWVD has been formed for the purposes described in Article II, Section 1. LWVD shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. LWVD shall not, except in an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described in Section 1., Article II.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1. ELIGIBILITY. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of LWVD shall be eligible for membership.
- Sec. 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP.
- a. Voting Members: Citizens at least 18 years of age residing within the United States, a territory or an associated commonwealth, who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, State Leagues, and of the LWVUS.
 - (1) Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
 - (2) Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
 - (3) Those who have been members of LWVD for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.
 - b. Associate (Non-Voting) Members: Individuals joining LWVD who are less than 18 years of age or who are not United States citizens shall be associate (non-voting) members.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Sec. 1. POWERS AND DUTIES. Except for matters for which the approval of the members is required by these bylaws or for non-waiveable provisions of the TBOC, the affairs of the LWVD shall be managed by a board of directors (the "board"). The board shall manage and supervise the business, affairs, and activities of the LWVD subject to the instructions of the annual meeting. The board plans and directs the work necessary to carry out the program adopted by the national convention of LWVUS, the state convention of LWVTX and the annual meeting of LWVD ("annual meeting"). The board may create special committees as it deems necessary.
- Sec. 2. NUMBER, MANNER OF SELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE. The board consists of the elected officers of the League, and eight elected directors, and not more than eight appointed directors. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected at each annual meeting. In the event additional officers are elected, the number of officers shall increase accordingly.
- Term of office for an officer or director shall be two years or until their successors have been qualified and elected, with eligibility for reelection or reappointment to two additional two-year terms. After an officer or director completes three consecutive two-year terms, such board member shall not be eligible for reelection for a period of two years, or one term. If an officer or director assumes the presidency in his/her final term, his/her board term may be extended in order to complete two terms as president.
- Sec. 3. QUALIFICATIONS. Any person elected or appointed or continuing to serve as an officer or director shall first be a voting member.

- Sec. 4. **VACANCIES.** Any vacancy occurring in the board, other than in the office of president, by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member, may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.
- In case the president shall be temporarily unable to perform her duties, the president, if available, shall designate the president-elect or one of the vice presidents to act as president until such time as the president shall be able to resume her duties, or until the next annual meeting. If the president shall be unavailable, or if the president's office should become vacant, the remaining officers shall have the authority to designate the president-elect or one of the vice presidents as temporary president until the next meeting of the board at which time the board shall elect a new president by majority vote.
- At the annual meeting the un-expired term of any officer or elected director whose office may have become vacant shall be filled by regular nomination and election.
- The absence of any member of the board from three consecutive board meetings may be deemed a resignation from the office.
- Sec. 5. **MEETINGS.** There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the board annually to be held at such date, time, place and method as the board may determine. The president, together with a majority of the officers, may call special meetings of the board and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board with a minimum of four-days notice. The board may take action between meetings by mail or an email ballot, when necessary, provided that notice of the proposed actions set forth provides the opportunity to specify approval or disapproval of the proposal and a reasonable time in which to return the ballot is allowed. Notice, quorum and other requirements for the conduct of the meetings shall apply. Ballots shall be filed with a report of the action and shall be part of the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors.
- Sec. 6. **QUORUM.** A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
- Sec. 7. **PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS.** Any one or more members of the board may participate in a meeting by use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all participants in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other.
- Sec. 8. **COMMITTEES.** The president may create one or more committees, each consisting of two or more voting members.
- Sec. 9. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** Consists of president, president-elect, vice presidents, treasurer and secretary. The executive committee may transact emergency business between meetings of the board of directors. The proceedings of the executive committee shall be reported to the board at its next meeting for ratification.
- Sec.10. **REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS.** Any director may be removed by the Board of Directors of LWVD, with or without cause.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

- Sec. 1. **ENUMERATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** The officers of LWVD shall be a president, or two co-presidents, president-elect, five vice presidents with co-vice presidents if necessary, a secretary, and a treasurer. The officers shall be elected at an annual meeting, by the voting members, for a term of two years, and take office on June 1. The president, two vice-presidents, and the secretary shall be elected in the odd numbered years. The other three vice presidents and the treasurer shall be elected in the even numbered years. A president-elect may be elected in even numbered years for a one-year term or in odd-numbered years for a two-year term if the serving president does not wish to stand for re-election as president. Should there be a need to elect additional officers, then the number of officers shall increase accordingly.
- Sec. 2. **THE PRESIDENT.** The duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of LWVD and the board; to sign all legal documents, unless delegated to another officer; to serve as ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee; to have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president; and to perform such other duties as may be designated by the board. The president shall have those powers, including but not limited to, the hiring and management of the staff, the representation of the League at functions and meetings, the promotion of the League and its services to the business, government and nonprofit communities, budget oversight and working with the board to effectuate the purposes of the League, together with, and such other duties and responsibilities as from time to time may be assigned by the board or as are prescribed by these bylaws.
- Sec. 3. **THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.** The president-elect shall perform such duties as prescribed by the president or co-presidents and the board; shall be familiar with the duties of the presidency and may be nominated for that office concurrently with the nomination of the president or during the president's term. In the event of absence, disability, resignation, or death of the president, the president-elect may possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. The board may fill the vacancy of the president or may choose to fill the vacancy of the president-elect if the president-elect becomes president.
- Sec. 4. **THE VICE PRESIDENTS.** It shall be the duty of each vice president to supervise and coordinate the activities of an assigned jurisdiction and, when so designated, to perform the duties of the president. The vice presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and the board may designate.

- Sec. 5. THE SECRETARY. The duties of the secretary shall be to keep the minutes of all meetings of the membership and the board; to sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board; and to perform other such functions, as may be incidental to the office.
- Sec. 6. THE TREASURER. The duties of the treasurer shall be to collect and receive all monies and be the custodian of these monies; to deposit them in a bank designated by the board and to disburse the same only upon the order of the board; and to present a statement to each board meeting and an annual report to the annual meeting. The treasurer shall be bonded or insured under LWVD's liability insurance policy and books of the treasurer shall be audited or reviewed annually.
- Sec. 7. STANDING COMMITTEES.
- a. Annual Meeting Awards – The chair is appointed by the president. The committee consists of former award recipients and meets to select recipients of the Myrtle Bales Bulkley Award and the Virginia MacDonald Leadership Award.
 - b. Local Policy Review – The president appoints a chair when needed.
 - c. Bylaws – This committee shall consist of three or five members. The president shall appoint the chair at least five months prior to the annual meeting or any special meeting at which the bylaws are to be approved by the membership. Its charge shall be to review the bylaws and present any changes or amendments they deem necessary to the board of directors.
 - d. Development – Members of the development committee may include board members and non-board members. Its charge shall be to devise the annual fund development plan for action by the board and recommend results and benchmarks for action by the board.
 - e. Nominations – The nominating committee shall consist of five members, of whom three shall not be members of board. The three to be elected by voting members at the annual meeting shall include a chair. The chair of the nominations committee is an off-board position. Promptly after the annual meeting, the board president shall appoint two members to the committee who may be current or former members of the board. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the board's president. All shall serve a one-year term. The nominations committee proposes a slate that includes board members, as required, and the chair and two members for the upcoming nominating year.
 - f. Finance – The president appoints the chair of the finance committee. Its charge is to set long-range financial goals along with funding strategies to achieve them and submit them to the board for approval. The finance committee works with the strategic plan committee to determine the financial implications of the plan. The treasurer is a member of, but does not chair, the finance committee.
 - g. Budget – The president appoints the chair of the budget committee. The committee develops the budget for the upcoming year and presents it to the board for approval. The treasurer is a member of, but does not chair, the budget committee.
 - h. Personnel – The personnel committee is chaired by the Vice President of Organization and includes the president, secretary and treasurer.
 - i. Local Program Exploratory and Planning – It is chaired by the Vice President of Programs. The committee identifies issues for study, review and update, and/or concurrence.
 - j. Periodic Program Review – The president appoints a chair on an annual basis.

ARTICLE VI FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of LWVD shall commence on the first day of June of each year.

Sec. 2. DUES.

- a. Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of the anniversary month of a member's joining LWVD. The amount of the dues shall be determined by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at the annual meeting. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after dues become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, the dues payment determined at the annual meeting shall be made for the first member; a payment equal to one half the amount of the dues shall be paid for the additional member. After eight months, the additional membership will be subject to renewal on the full member's anniversary date.
- b. Members who have been enrolled in LWVD or any other integral part of LWVUS for 50 years or more shall be life members and shall not be required to pay annual dues. A state and local League shall be excused from making a per member payment for life members.

Sec. 3. BUDGET. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the board to the annual meeting for adoption.

- a. The budget shall include support for the work of LWVD, LWVTX, and LWVUS.
- b. Endorsement of Documents and Contracts – Unless so authorized by the board, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the League by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or amount.

- Sec. 4. BUDGET COMMITTEE. A budget committee shall be appointed by the board at least two months prior to the annual meeting to prepare and supervise a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget committee shall be made up of the treasurer and at least one other member nominated by the president and appointed by the board. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the budget committee. The proposed budget shall be sent to the membership at least 21 days before the annual meeting.
- Sec. 5. DISSOLUTION. The property of LWVD is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of LWVD shall ever inure to the benefit of any director or officer hereof or to the benefit of any private person. In the event of a dissolution or merger of the League for any reason, all monies and securities which at the time be owned or under absolute control of the League shall be distributed at the discretion of the board or such other persons as shall be charged by the law with the liquidation or discontinuation of the corporation and its affairs, to any member organization of the LWVUS which is exempt under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code. If none of these organizations are in existence or exempt, under such provisions, then, at the discretion of the board to another organization organized exclusively for charitable or educational purposes and which has established their tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

- Sec. 1. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year, such as issue forums, general meetings, combined unit meetings, and the annual meeting. The board shall determine time and place.
- Sec. 2. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting is a meeting of the membership that shall be held in the spring of each year, the exact date to be determined by the board. The annual meeting shall:
- Adopt a local program for the ensuing year,
 - Elect officers, directors and members of the nominating committee,
 - Adopt a budget, and
 - Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting.
- Sec. 3. VOTING. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the members. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.
- Sec. 4. QUORUM. Ten percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the membership. Those who choose on the dues renewal form to 'support the League financially but participate minimally' shall not be counted when determining the quorum for the Annual Meeting.
- Sec. 5. NOTICE. Written notice of any annual or special meeting shall be given to each member 21 days before said meeting. Such notice shall state the place and time of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted with no other business permitted.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- Sec. 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. The nominating committee shall consist of five voting members, two of whom shall be members of the board. The chair and two members who shall not be members of the board shall be elected at the annual meeting. The current nominating committee shall make nominations for these offices. The other members shall be appointed by the board immediately following the annual meeting. The board shall fill any vacancy on the nominating committee. The chair of the nominating committee shall request suggestions from the voting members for nominations for officers and directors.
- Sec. 2. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to the membership at least 21 days before the annual meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, any voting member may make nominations from the floor, providing the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.
- Sec. 3. ELECTIONS. The elections held at the annual meeting shall be by ballot, except that when there is only one nominee for each office, election shall be by voice vote. Nominees receiving a majority vote of those voting members present and voting shall be elected. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX LOCAL PROGRAM

- Sec. 1. AUTHORIZATION. The governmental principles adopted by the national convention of the LWVUS constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.
- Sec. 2. PROGRAM. The program of LWVD shall consist of (a) action to implement the principles, and (b) those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.
- Sec. 3. PROGRAM SELECTION. The annual meeting shall select local program using the following procedures:

- a. Voting members may make recommendations to the board at least two months before the annual meeting. The board shall consider these recommendations when it formulates a proposed program.
 - b. The proposed program shall be sent to the membership not less than 21 days before the annual meeting along with the non-recommended items.
 - c. A majority vote of those voting members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed program.
 - d. Any program item submitted by voting members two months before the annual meeting but not recommended by the board may be adopted by the annual meeting provided that:
 - (1) The annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote of those voting members present and voting, and
 - (2) The annual meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting.
- Sec. 4. EMERGENCY PROGRAM PROCEDURES. Additions to the program necessitated by altered conditions may be made by the board, provided notice of any proposed changes and explanations has been sent to the membership at least one month in advance of the decision by the board. A two-thirds vote by the board shall be required to adopt any changes.
- Sec. 5. MEMBER ACTION. Members may act in the name of LWVD only when authorized to do so by the board.
- Sec. 6. BOARD ACTION. The board may act on local program only after consensus or concurrence has been reached by the membership.
- Sec. 7. CONCURRENCE, AN ALTERNATE FORM OF MEMBER AGREEMENT.
- a. To update or enlarge an existing local program position, the Program Review Committee or a board appointed committee shall review the issue and present its recommendations, along with the pros and cons, for board approval. The approved recommendations and the pros and cons shall then be presented to the membership through a general meeting and/or a unit meeting not less than 21 days before the annual meeting in order to be considered for their concurrence and adoption.
 - b. To concur with a consensus reached by another local League, a committee shall be appointed by the board to consider the other League's *Facts and Issues*, pros and cons, and then present those findings to the membership through a general meeting and/or a unit meeting for their concurrence.

ARTICLE X NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND STATE COUNCIL

- Sec. 1. NATIONAL CONVENTION. The voting members or the board, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVUS office, shall select delegates to the national convention of LWVUS in the number allotted LWVD under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.
- Sec. 2. STATE CONVENTION. The voting members or the board, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the LWVTX office, shall select delegates to the state convention of LWVTX in the number allotted LWVD under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVTX.
- Sec. 3. STATE COUNCIL. The voting members or the board, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVTX office, shall select delegates to the state council of LWVTX in the number allotted LWVD under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVTX.

ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

The LWVD is empowered to indemnify the officers, directors and agent to the extent provided and within the limitations imposed by law.

ARTICLE XII CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All members of the Board of Directors of the LWVD shall sign a Conflict of Interest statement and, if necessary, disclose any conflicts of interest that he or she may have.

ARTICLE XIII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern LWVD in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members then present and voting at the annual meeting at which a quorum is present, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least 21 days in advance of the annual meeting.

Runoff Elections 2016

Continuing an intense election year, Dallas County held two runoff elections in less than a month. The Democratic and Republican primary runoffs were held May 25 and the joint (local) election runoff was held June 18.

Turnout for the primary runoff was very low. A comparison of percentage turnout of registered voters for the election compared to the runoff follows:

	Election	Runoff
Democratic Primary	13%	1%
Republican Primary	14%	.9%

Turnout for the joint (local) election was barely better. A comparison of percentage turnout of registered voters for the local election compared to the runoff follows:

	Election	Runoff
DISD District 02	7%	7%
DCCCD District 3	3%	1%
DCCCD District 4	4%	2%

ANNUAL DONOR HONOR ROLL

During FY 2015-16, our members and friends responded generously to the LWVD call for contributions and to honor Regina Montoya at the Susan B. Anthony luncheon. Listed below is the cumulative giving of many donors.

\$1000+ Leigh Bailey, Cecilia Boone, Serena Connelly, Carol Donovan, Katherine McGovern, Cecilia McKay, Gwen McKinney, Eileen & Harvey Rosenblum, Pat Sabin, Judy Shure, Cat & Donald Turner, Pat Vaughan, Linda & Mark Wassenich

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In addition, Rose Harder, Pat Mitchell, and Fran Morris gave two or more times during the fiscal year.

These individuals support the League's mission to promote informed and responsible public participation in government. The League is committed to Making Democracy Work, which begins at home with local government. Please join me in thanking these generous members and friends.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Dallas (LWVD), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, natural origin, or disability.

LWVD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVD affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff, and programs.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DALLAS

2017 Susan B. Anthony Award Nomination Form

Susan B. Anthony Awardees

- 1997 - Elizabeth Cowles
- 1998 - Cathy Wilkins-Moffitt
- 1999 - Joanne Hill
- 2000 - Elizabeth Johannaber
- 2001 - Catalina Garcia-Gary, M.D.
- 2002 - Rebecca Russell Sykes
- 2003 - Suzanne Ahn, M.D.
- 2004 - Vivian Castleberry and Louise Raggio
- 2005 - Patricia Patterson
- 2006 - Essie Reed
- 2007 - Laura V. Estrada
- 2008 - Virginia Bulkley Whitehill
- 2009 - Cecilia Guthrie Boone
- 2010 - Julie Lowenberg
- 2011 - Ellen K. Solender
- 2012 - Jan Sanders
- 2013 - Beverly Mitchell Brooks, Ph.D.
- 2014 - Hon. Harryette Ehrhardt, Ph.D.
- 2015 - Hon. Ann Margolin
- 2016 - Regina Montoya

This award is presented annually to
a woman who exemplifies the
characteristics of

Susan B. Anthony

her independence, persistence,
determination, and dedication in
obtaining equal rights for all.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Twenty-First Annual Susan B. Anthony Award

Nominations must be received by Friday, **September 2, 2016**, to be considered. **The Recipient must be in attendance on Thursday, February 9, 2017, to accept the Susan B. Anthony Award.**

Please submit a detailed explanation of how the nominee exemplifies Susan B. Anthony along with this nomination form. Supporting information and/or documents may be added. All attachments must be legible. Documents submitted with the Nomination Forms will not be returned. An organization or individual may submit more than one nomination for consideration.

Return the Nomination Form with a nominating letter and any other attachments by **September 2, 2016**, via –

- Email - lwvdallas@sbcglobal.net
- Fax - League of Women Voters of Dallas, Dial (214) 688-4125, Press (1) to fax
- Mail - Susan B. Anthony Award, c/o LWVD, 2720 N Stemmons Frwy, Ste 812S, Dallas, TX 75207

For further information, contact **Dominique Torres (214) 734-0302** or **Candice Quarles (817) 793-0918** or League of Women Voters of Dallas (214) 688-4125.

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Name of Nominee _____

Occupation _____ Employer (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/Work phone _____

Fax Number _____ Email _____

Name of Nominator(s)/Contact(s) _____

Organization/Company (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/Work Phone _____

Fax Number _____ Email _____

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 31	August 1	2	3 Voter Reg Drive Wilkinson Center Food Pantry <i>(see pg. 5)</i>	4 Board meeting 11:45 am League office	5	6
7	8	9	10 NO August Unit Meetings	11 Vol. Deputy Registrar Class 6:30 pm <i>(see Insert)</i>	12	13 Voter Reg Drive Oak Cliff Back to School Fair <i>(see pg. 5)</i>
14	15	16 <u>VOTER DUE</u>	17	18 WDCD 61 st Annual Awards Luncheon <i>(see Insert)</i>	19	20 LWVD Board Retreat 10am-2:30pm GO Credit Union
21	22	23	24 Women's Equality Day <i>(see pg. 1)</i>	25	26	27
28	29	30 Vol. Deputy Registrar Class 11:30 am <i>(see Insert)</i>	31	September 1 Board meeting 11:45 League office	2 SBA Nominations <u>DUE</u>	3
4	5 Labor Day Office CLOSED	6	7 Unit Meetings 'Fair Park Privatization' <i>(see Sept VOTER)</i>	8 Unit Meetings 'Fair Park Privatization' <i>(see Sept VOTER)</i>	9	10 Vol. Deputy Registrar Class 10:30 am <i>(see Insert)</i>
11	12	13 Voter Reg Drive Brookhaven Col- lege DCCCD Fair <i>(see pg. 5)</i> <u>VOTER DUE</u>	14 Voter Reg Drive Richland College DCCCD Fair <i>(see pg. 5)</i>	15 Voter Reg Drive North Lake Col- lege DCCCD Fair <i>(see pg. 5)</i>	16 Constitution & Citizenship Days	17

Mark-Your-Calendars and Save-the-Date and Participate!

21 st Annual Susan B. Anthony Luncheon Thursday February 9, 2017	North Texas Giving Day Thursday September 22, 2016	Voter Registration Drives Tues, Sept 20, 2016 Wed, Sept 21, 2016 Tues, Sept 27, 2016
Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program Good Neighbor #: 2917 Quarterly Payment: \$130.41	Presidential Election Tuesday November 8, 2016	Kroger Community Rewards Community Rewards#: 95073 NEW: Sign up at Kroger

LWV DALLAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please review the following list and put a check beside the activities that look interesting to you and return it to the League office. Someone will contact you with more details to trigger your interest.

✓	ON-GOING PROJECTS	✓	ON-GOING ACTIVITIES
	VOTER OUTREACH		VOTER OUTREACH
	Voter Guides & Vote411.org:		Voter Registration:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with fact gathering from candidates & elections offices (Jan & Feb – Mar & Apr – Jul & Aug). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become a Deputy Registrar.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with distribution and mail out of VG prior to elections. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist a Deputy Registrar with registration. (2 Hr. shifts)
	MEETINGS		Candidate Forums: Help arrange candidate forums.
	Unit Meetings: Need coordinators to assist with monthly Unit Meetings.		Your Elected Official Pamphlets (YEO): Contact newly elected officials for current contact information.
	ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT		MEETINGS
	Membership: Help with recruiting, communicating with and engaging new members and retention of existing members. (2-3 Hrs./month)		General Membership Meetings: Assist with arrangements for quarterly meetings.
	VOTER Newsletter:		ONE-TIME ACTIVITIES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following up with members/board for submission of articles. 		ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT
	Photographer: Take pictures at all League events.		Susan B. Anthony Luncheon: Assist with the fundraiser (2 nd Thursday of February).
	Publicity: Submit articles/press releases to local publications and other media.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mailings: Prepare and distribute Susan B. Anthony luncheon invitations.
	Fundraising: Assist with the fundraising efforts of the League.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration Table: Welcome and register attendees.
	ADVOCACY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact local businesses, restaurants and others for donations to the auction. Assist with the Auction on the day of the event. Cashiers at checkout. Assist with pre-event set-up and post-event teardown.
	Issues:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up an issue of your interest 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help develop and implement League action on the issue. 		
	Observer Corps: Attend meetings of City Council, County Commissioners Court, Parkland Hospital Board, and/or DISD and pass on pertinent information to Advocacy VP.		Monthly Mailing: VOTER Newsletter and other as needed.
			Other Mailings: LWVD Handbook, YEOs, Annual Meeting Workbook and other as needed.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

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Comments: _____



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It's not for women only!

Membership Levels

___\$60/year Individual ___\$30 additional member at same address
___\$150/year Patron ___\$500/year Benefactor
___Scholarship information available upon request. Call 214-688-4125
___\$25/year Student \$___Contribution to LWVD Scholarship Fund

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Cell _____ E-mail _____

**Mail your payment to -
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