

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CURRY COUNTY

CoastLines

President's Letter

★ *By MaryJane LaBelle*

Hello Fellow Quarantees and League Friends and Members,

By now you will have received your ballots in the mail. I am grateful for Oregon's vote-by-mail process.

Frankly, I moved here from a state that allowed mail voting only for absentees and I thought that I would miss the ceremony of going to the polls and voting. I taught my children about the sacred trust of our vote by having them accompany me. Today, I appreciate the convenience and increased turnout that vote-by-mail affords.

Challenge, change and community are operative words for this time in the world. We accommodate and help one another and we do our duties as best we can. The Board of Directors has been working hard, despite the pandemic, to best accomplish our goals of advocacy and education.



As I previously announced in an email to all members, we have rescheduled our Annual Meeting for Saturday, June 20, 2020. In advance of the meeting, we will be mailing all members an agenda, along with several important items for decision, including the budget, the election of officers and directors, as well as a proposal for a number of bylaw changes.

As this volume of Coastlines goes to press, we are not sure what shape the annual meeting will take, given Oregon's current lock-down orders. But rest assured that your board is exploring all viable options for a format that will enable the important member-driven decision-making that takes place at the annual meeting.

LWVCC Voter Service has made available the "Voter's Guides" at places in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford. Press releases (published in this volume) have gone out to all papers to tell you where to get them. Voter Service has also worked to get candidates to enter their information on VOTE411.gov, which also is addressed later.

Our work on Census2020 and Redistricting has been interrupted due to the pandemic, but we are doing our best to keep people informed.

★ *Be safe at home and in the community!* ★

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Redistricting

By Charlie Alexander

A This article has been taken from the Oregonian article by Norman Turrill, former President of LWVOR, and Kate Titus from Common Cause. I have struggled to explain the concept of redistricting and I believe Norman and Kate have done a great job explaining the issues.

"This simple concept is the basis of our electoral system. It is embedded in the U.S. Constitution's opening three words, "We the People." And it is the principle behind a series of ballot initiatives that could reshape Oregon's political future.

Under current Oregon law, state legislators redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts after each census to adjust for population changes. This once-in-a-decade system was designed to ensure that each district contains roughly the same number of people. In the 2020 census, Oregon is projected to gain another U.S. congressional seat due to population growth, which means not only will we have a new district and a new electoral vote, but all five of our existing congressional district boundaries will radically change in shape and size. Not only are congressional districts redrawn, but so are the 90 state representative and state senate seats that make up Oregon's Legislature. Every single Oregonian will be impacted - every single Oregonian should be represented. These significant changes make the need for a fairer process more important than ever.

Letting politicians draw their own voting maps is an inherent conflict of interest, like putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. Politicians in power shouldn't be allowed to draw voting maps that benefit themselves, but that's exactly what the process allows for now. We need to reform the process to create a fair system so that Oregon voters are choosing their politicians, instead of politicians choosing their voters.

A diverse coalition, People Not Politicians, has united across party, identity and geographic lines to propose a fair and transparent redistricting system that puts everyday Oregonians in charge of drawing these districts. We are asking voters to support a series of measures proposed for the November ballot that would create an independent citizen redistricting commission to draw Oregon's voting maps in 2021 and beyond.

The independent citizen redistricting commission would be made up of ordinary Oregonians -- four members of the state's largest party, four of the second largest party, and four registered voters unaffiliated with either major party. No lobbyists or consultants, big dollar political donors, party officers or elected officials would be allowed to serve.



Redistricting - *continued*

The commission would draw district borders with respect to geographic and voter diversity, reflecting city, county or other natural boundaries, as well as language, racial or other communities of interest. Favoritism or discrimination against any political party or office holder is prohibited. Perhaps most importantly, the entire process would be completed with full transparency and public meetings held across the state, instead of behind closed doors in the Capitol.

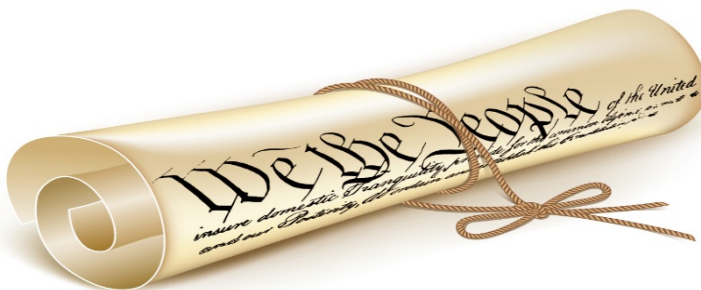
This reform would put Oregon at the forefront of history. We are the latest voice in the chorus of activists across the United States calling for people, not politicians, to be the center of the redistricting process.

Oregon is known for its ballot initiative process which gives ordinary voters the ultimate say in the biggest issues facing our state. Likewise, our coalition of unexpected allies - which includes nonpartisan groups Common Cause and League of Women Voters, the Independent Party of Oregon, NAACP, the Taxpayer Association of Oregon and the Oregon Farm Bureau - wants to put people, not politicians, in charge of drawing our maps.

To be clear, this reform isn't about taking power from one party and giving it to the other. The goal is to give Oregonians the opportunity for a fair, transparent process by which voting lines are drawn which will allow for more competitive primaries and general elections, for historically marginalized communities to be representing, and for elected officials to be held accountable to their voters. It's about unrigging the electoral system and holding our officials accountable to the growing number of people who call Oregon home.

Oregonians face a choice - to let politicians draw districts in a way that serve their own interests, or to reform Oregon's redistricting process with a fair and transparent process to draw districts that represent all Oregonians.

After all, the Constitution does not begin with the words "We the Politicians." In fair elections, voters pick their leaders, not the other way around. "



Voter Service Update

By Charlie Alexander

Everyone in Curry County should have received their ballot for May 19, 2020 election by this time.

We received 200 LWVOR Voter Guides and with a crew of people have tried to get them distributed throughout the county in many locations. We have left some at B&B Farm Supply, Langlois, Ray's Food Place in Port Orford and Gold Beach, McKay's Market and Curry County Clerk's Office in Gold Beach, Ace Hardware and Fred Meyer's in Brookings and Rite Aid in Harbor. If you have not been able to find one, please contact me and I will connect you with the person in your area that has some.

Use VOTE411.org for a great source of information online. Just type in your zip code and the ballot for your area will come up. It's very easy to use! We again thank Evan for getting out the publicity on the locations in the newspapers, radio and Facebook.



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Find more from the League of Women Voters of Oregon at lwv.or.org.



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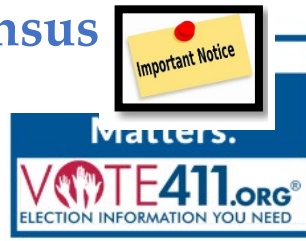


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Cybersecurity & Consensus

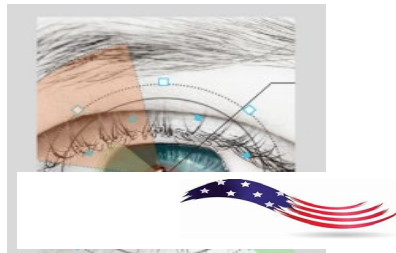
By MJ LaBelle

Every League member received the Cybersecurity Study from LWVOR. If you “opted out” of having it sent to you, please download it and read it carefully. This study is a huge undertaking by LWVOR and can be technical, but understandable. This is the first Cybersecurity Study – no other League, not even the LWVUS has grappled with the issue of setting policy for the overall security of the US internet. Europe has a “top down” system in place that works better than the “bottom-up” system we have. If you read the study, you will see what I mean.



★ Stay tuned! ★

This is VERY important and maybe adopted by the **LWVUS** if all goes well.



Census Update

As many of you know, on April 29, 2020 we sent an e-blast regarding the weekend of May 1 to 3, 2020 being “**Digital Action Weekend**”.

We encouraged everyone to log into 2020census.gov to respond to Census2020 and to pass the word. As of the end of April 79 million responses have been tallied nationally. That represents 50% of the total country. 57.2% of Oregon responded, but only 40.9 % of Curry County.

The Census has extended the self-enumeration deadline to October 31st, 2020 to ensure more time to reach our critical communities and hard to count population. On Monday, May 11, 2020, US Census workers will be in our communities in many areas that do not receive mail at their home residence.

Census employees will be provided face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer for use while dropping off packets. Employees have been instructed to not knock or ring the doorbell, but instead will simply leave the packet on the doorstep of the residence.



Please continue to encourage family, friends and neighbors to complete the census. Accurate census numbers will give us the representation and monies we deserve. In a crisis, census numbers are used to determine how much aid to send to a state, how many medical supplies, ventilators, masks and other critical services. will share it with you.

Annual Meeting



Among the important items for the upcoming annual meeting is the election of officers and directors.



You will be receiving the slate from the Nominating



Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 10am to 1pm

We will be using ZOOM for our virtual meeting in order to stay home and safe. You will be receiving notification and information about essential issues on which we must take action.

Budget: You will receive proposed Budget for membership approval. The Budget Committee made a recommendation to the Board and the Board is recommending this Budget for approval.

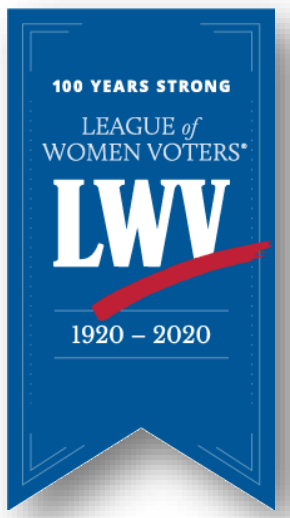
Bylaws: You will receive a list of six Board proposed Bylaw changes for voting in this packet.



We offer sincere thanks to all board members for their dedicated service – past, present, and future. And of course, we extend a hearty welcome to Colleen and Douglas Bunn.



We're excited to continue **LWVCC's** important work, utilizing the skills and energy of



**Welcome new League Members
Colleen & Douglas Bunn
from Brookings!**

Membership Dues 2020-2021

Dues are due on July 1, 2020. You will be receiving notice to renew your membership!

OR: just fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send it in!



League of Women Voters of Curry County Calendar – 2020

A volunteer is needed to enter candidate data into the LWVOR Vote411 database. This system is available to all voters and gives them their ballot information onsite. Please consider helping us in Curry County. Contact maryjanelabelle@gmail.com if interested.

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
May	3	LWVCC 100 th Anniversary	Postponed	1:00 PM
	11	LWVCC Board Meeting	ZOOM	10:00 AM
	16	LWVOR Council	ZOOM	10:00 AM
	19	Primary Election	VOTE	VOTE
June	8	LWVCC Board Meeting	ZOOM	10:00 AM
	20	LWVCC Annual Meeting	ZOOM	10:00 AM-1PM
	TBA	New/Old Board Meeting	TBA	TBA

Directory of Public Official

Reminder that the Directory for Curry County was updated on September 2019. Any person, library, newspaper, city offices or otherwise is welcome to distribute it. To access it, go to our website: lwc Curry.org and you will find the page. The next update will be after the November 2020 general election.



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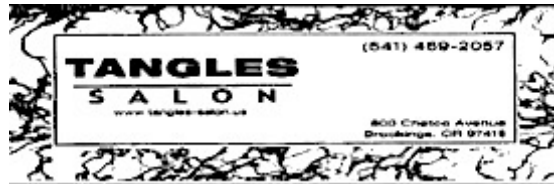
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