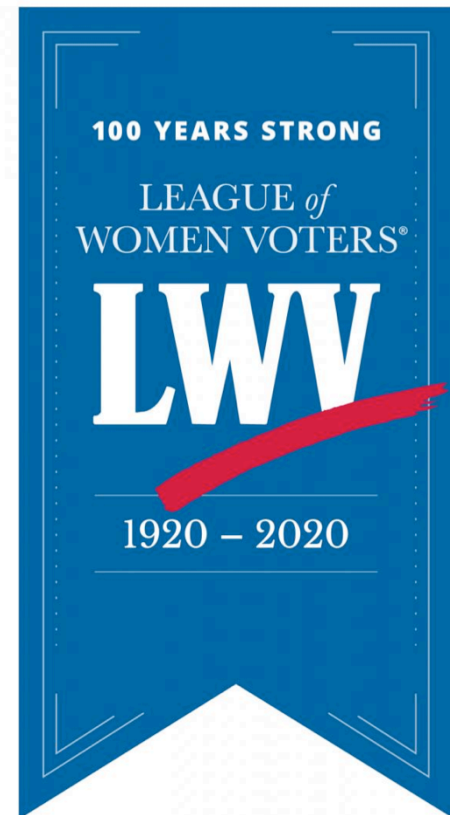


The League of Women Voters

Empowering Voters • **Defending Democracy**

Making Democracy
Work[®]



Our Vision and Values

- We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.
- We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.



The League Is Born 1920

Click link to play video

<https://vimeo.com/394795157>

LWV founded in 1920

- Began as a “Mighty Political Experiment”
- Help 20 million women become voters
- Activist, grassroots organization
- Advocated for government and social reform



Our Work – Then and Now

(Our work continues...)

1920 issues include some that seem outdated today:

- Women in gainful occupations,
- Public health and morals,
- Independent citizenship for married women



Others are familiar to us:

- Protecting voting rights
- Child welfare,
- Education,
- Home and high prices

Our Work

- Encourage informed and active participation in government
- Increase understanding of major public policy issues
- Influence public policy through education and advocacy

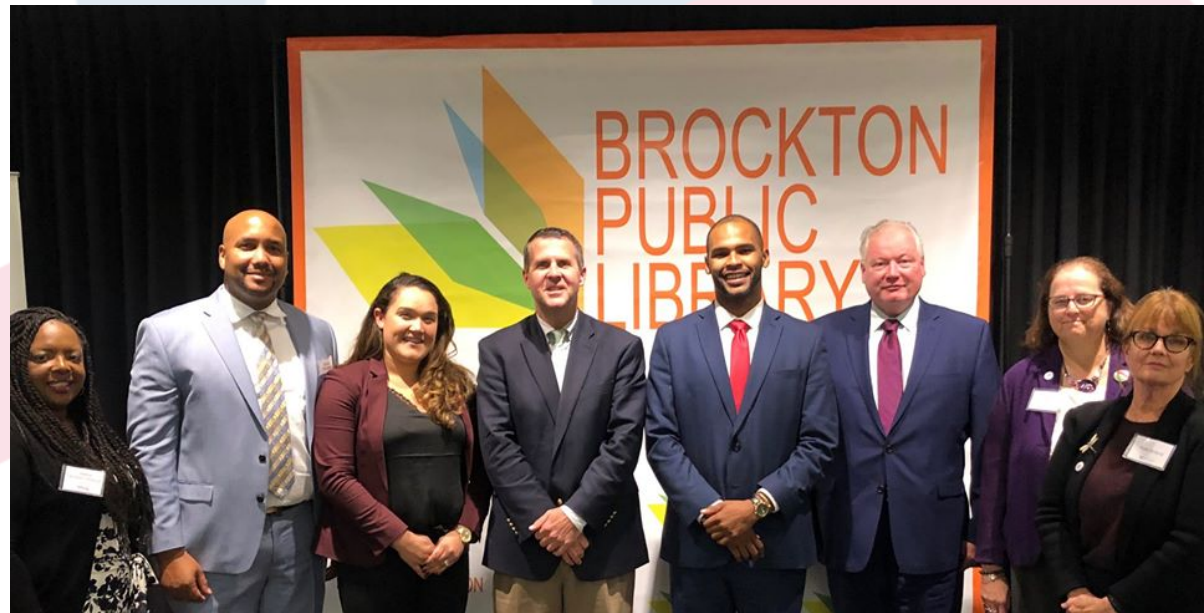


We Are Nonpartisan

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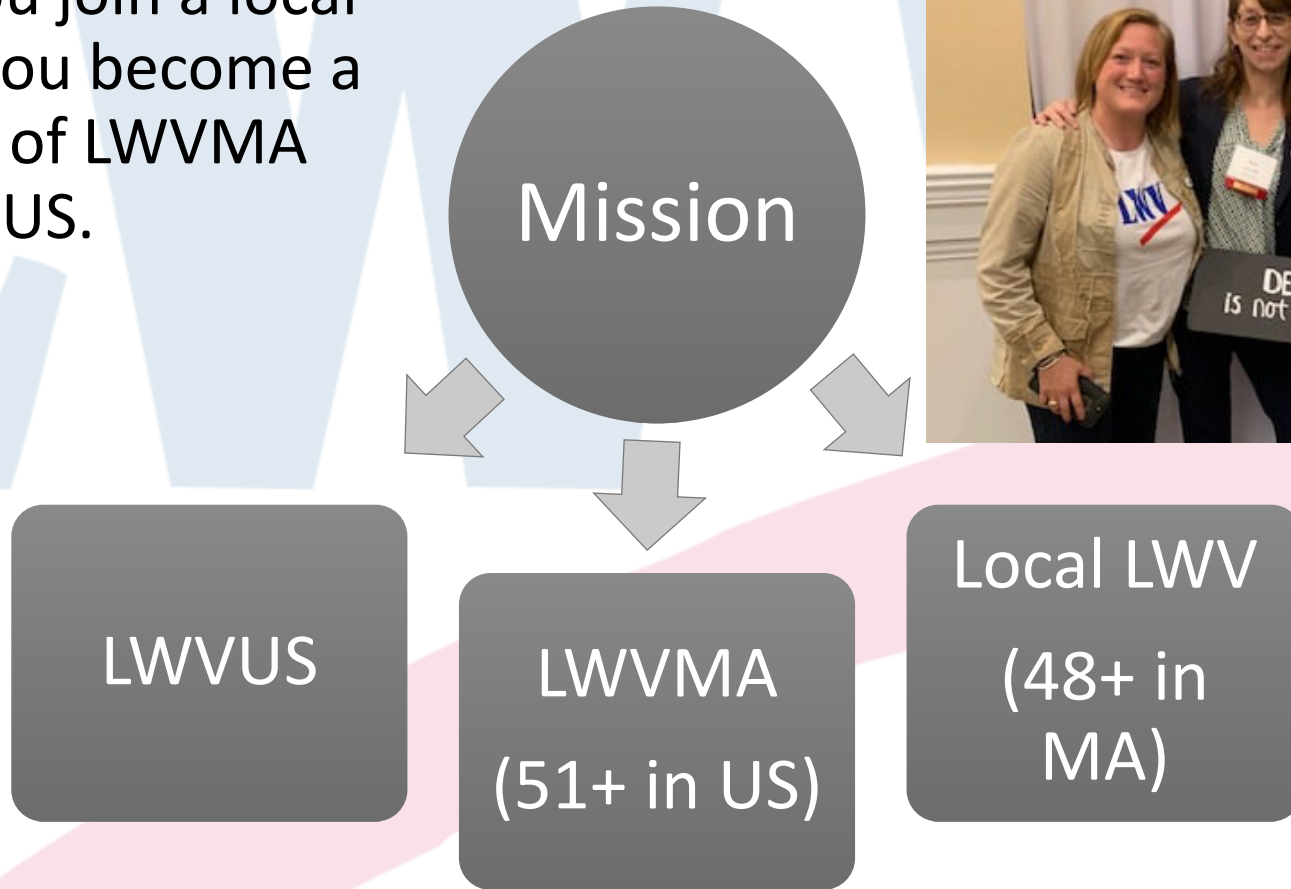
The League, as an organization, *does not* support or oppose candidates or political parties. As individuals, members may participate in the political process.

The League *does* take action on issues that it has studied.



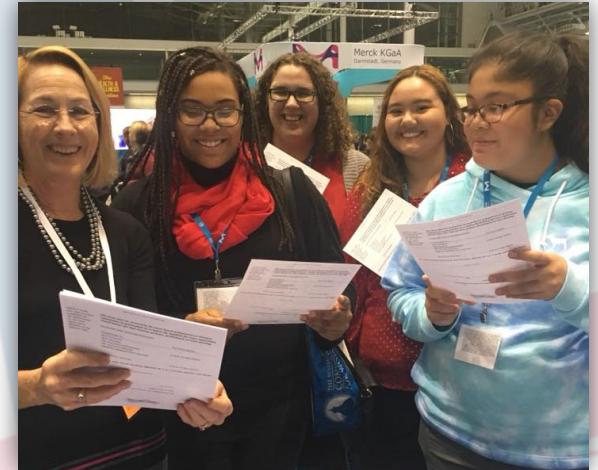
Three Levels Guided by a Common Mission

When you join a local League you become a member of LWVMA and LWVUS.



Encourage informed and active participation in government

- Voter Registration
- New Citizen Voter Registration
- Voter Guides



It's never too early to register to vote!



Encourage informed and active participation in government



- Candidate Forums
- Community Outreach
- Online Resources
- Running for Office



Encourage informed and active participation in government



Increase understanding of major public policy issues

- Public educational forums
- Studies on issues that lead to advocacy positions
- Webinars
- Brochures, written materials



**Extreme Events and Climate Change:
What We Know and What We Can Do**
New England Aquarium

Increase understanding of major public policy issues



Increase understanding of major public policy issues

- America's Role in World Affairs (Concord-Carlisle)
- National Security, Presidential Power and Holding Government Accountable (Amherst)
- Gun Violence: A Public Health Crisis (Needham)
- 100% Renewable Energy (Worcester and Hingham)
- Opioid Addiction, Bringing it Home, How Can We Help? (Sudbury)
- Democracy at a Crossroads (Brookline)
- Gerrymandering: Why It's More Complicated Than Most People Think (Wellesley)

Influence public policy through education and advocacy



National



State



Local



Take Action at the National Level (LWVUS)

LWV Statement on EPA Clean Power Plan Repeal

Census Citizenship Question Will Result in Inaccurate Count

League of Women Voters Marks Victory in Federal Court Voting Rights Case

League Celebrates Record Number of Women Elected in 2018

Democracy Wins at the Ballot Box with Voting Rights Expansion in 2018 Midterms

The League Urges Trump Administration to Acknowledge the Impact of Climate Change

U.S. Supreme Court Will Hear Partisan Gerrymander Challenges

Take Action at State Level (LWVMA)

LWV advocates on issues and legislation after research, study, and member consensus leading to positions.

- Day on the Hill
- Testimony before governing bodies
- Lobby Days with coalitions
- Marches and Rallies
- Meetings with Legislators
- Legislative Envoy program



Take Action at the State Level (LWVMA)

Elections and Voting

Money and Politics

Climate Change

Education Funding

Civics Education

Basic Human Needs

Criminal Justice

Income Inequality

Environment

Gun Safety

Health Care

Immigration

Transportation

Transparency

Women's Issues

Affordable Housing

Take Action at the Local Level

(compilation of many Leagues)

Voter Service

Candidate Forums
Ballot Question
Forums
Voter Guides
Rides to the Polls
How to Run for Office
TM Orientation
TM Preparation
TV Shows

Issue Forums/Studies

Town Meeting Issues
Green Community
Welcoming
Community
Age-Friendly Town
Prop 2 ½ Override
Ballot Questions
Local Transportation

Action

Elections/Voting
Environment
Health Care
Immigration
Housing
Money and Politics

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