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Petitions, Listening Sessions and a Supreme Court Justice

First, a huge thank you to everyone who's been collecting signatures for Citizens Not Politicians! You all have done an amazing job over the past few months and now that it's getting warmer, there will be even more ways to help. Please keep an eye out for emails from Joyce Gibbs for events and opportunities. The signature campaign will begin wrapping up in mid-June, the signatures will be submitted on July 3 and our efforts to get the Citizens Not Politicians amendment passed will begin in August.

Mark August 20 on your calendars today! We'll be hosting retired Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor right here in Dayton. More information will be coming soon. AND! Back by popular demand, the League Listening Sessions will begin again in June 4. If you've not participated yet, I encourage you to do so. We'll be sending out a message soon. As always, thank you for all you do. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on May 21!

~Chris Corba, Executive Director

VOTERS GUIDE



Support the *Voters Guide*

The 2024 General Election will be consequential, but fear not! The *Voters Guide* will be available to assure that you have the information you need to make educated decisions at the polls! And we need your help.

The *Guide* has provided information about candidates' views - written in their own words - and balanced information about issues since the League was founded in 1920. It is distributed via the *Dayton Daily News* and other local newspapers as well as businesses, libraries, high schools, and churches. This request is being made not as a fundraiser but a community service. We need your support to continue this important service to our community. Each donation helps to underwrite printing and distribution costs, which increase each year. The names of donors and businesses who contribute \$100 or more will

be listed in the *Guide*, and your gift is tax-deductible. You can make your donation through the League's [website](#) or mail a check to LWVGDA to 127 N. Ludlow Street, Dayton OH 45402. If you'd like to help distribute the *Guide* or would like copies available at your place of business, **let us know!**

2024 Annual Meeting: We Encourage Your Participation

You are cordially invited to the 62nd Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area (LWVGDA) on Tuesday May 21, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, at the Montgomery County Business Solutions Center, 1435 Cincinnati St. #300, Dayton, OH 45417.

This is a wonderful opportunity for new members to obtain a better understanding of the operational structure of the League and to meet some amazing women and men already active in the League. For other members it is a way to re-engage and reconnect with League friends.

The Annual Meeting is also a time to recap the activities and events of the past year and review upcoming challenges and opportunities as the League moves into the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Member input is encouraged.

At the Annual Meeting, the proposed budget, slate of officers, and programs for 2024-2025 will be voted on by those present. The 2024 Annual Meeting Packet was emailed out in mid-April via Constant Contact to all members. Copies will be available at the meeting.

If you have not already sent your **RSVP** and meal option, use the above link, or call Jessie at the **Office**. **Please respond by May 15**. I hope to see you there!

~Beth Schaeffer, President



LWV Greater Dayton Area
62nd Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Montgomery County
Business Solutions Center
1435 Cincinnati St #300
Dayton, OH 45417

REGISTER HERE

Cost: \$19 for meal from
Dorothy Lane Market



DEI Corner

May is Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) are the fastest growing constituency in Ohio, but the least represented in voting and holding office. One group, TARGETOHIO, seeks to

address this problem by ensuring that AAPI Ohioans are civically engaged, politically active, and voting in numbers. We are privileged to have as one of the

members of our local League a representative of TARGETOHIO, Yasmeen Soin, who is also a member of our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. The group's name is derived from The AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) Research Group and Engagement Team. It is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to ensuring that AAPI Ohioans are an integral part of our democracy.

Because of the challenges of empowering a group whose members come from over 40 different countries, who speak different languages and practice different faiths, TARGETOHIO has approached its mission using a variety of tactics. In the past year, they performed research to identify numbers of registered AAPI voters in Ohio. They also completed surveys and conducted focus groups in counties with larger numbers of AAPI citizens, including questionnaires sent out to infrequent voters of the community who skipped the 2022 election. They followed this research project with outreach and voter engagement projects by using postcard writing campaigns. They performed voter registration drives in Cincinnati and at Youngstown State University in the past year and established links to AAPI leaders by publishing an Ohio AAPI business directory in major counties. They expanded their volunteer network by meeting with AAPI college students at Miami University and Youngstown State University and solicited future volunteers through their website. Just in their second year of operation, TARGETOHIO has successfully conducted their work through their dedicated volunteers and through fundraising from contributors as well as from grants received from the Central Ohio Women's, AAPIVote, and other sources.

Through informed engagement, TARGETOHIO seeks to transform the AAPI community into voters, activists, candidates and policy makers who can play a pivotal role in the future of Ohio. Find out how you can support the important work of this organization by visiting their website at targetohio.org.

~Dianne Herman

CITIZENS NOT POLITICIANS UPDATES



We're Not Done Yet!

We Still Need Your Help to End Gerrymandering in Ohio!

You have an opportunity to change the course of history in Ohio. Yes, YOU! How? By collecting signatures during the month of May to help end gerrymandering in our state.

The Citizens Not Politicians amendment, if approved by Ohio voters, would create a 15-member citizen redistricting commission to draw our voting maps. It would prohibit gerrymandering. It would also prohibit politicians, lobbyists, and their family members from participating in the mapmaking process.

Members of the LWVGDA are continuing to collect signatures to get the proposed Citizens Not Politicians Constitutional amendment on the November ballot. The campaign leadership says we will likely hit our target of more than 413,000 signatures across the state, but we can't stop now! We also need to hit our target numbers in 44 of Ohio's 88 counties. We need your help to cross the finish line!

If you have been thinking about collecting signatures for this campaign, now is the time to

act. We will stop collecting signatures in early June. The statewide deadline to turn in all signature booklets is July 3. May's warmer weather is perfect for collecting signatures. However, we have so many signature collection opportunities this month that we are having a difficult time finding volunteers to cover them all. The weekends of May 11, May 18, and June 1 are going to be particularly busy ones.

A huge thank you goes out to all LWVGDA members who are already collecting signatures. You have been amazing! We know you are tired, but we hope you will keep up the momentum. For those of you who completed the training but haven't started collecting yet, how can we help you? If you are nervous about getting started, let me know. I can pair you up with a more experienced volunteer to help you. Please reach out to me so we can talk.

For those of you who haven't volunteered yet, [click this link](#) to Fair Districts Ohio and sign up. After that, you'll receive information from me about completing a short online training and quiz. Both will take about an hour of your time. You must complete the training and quiz before you can pick up signature booklets at the League office. Every trained volunteer receives a weekly email from me with signature collection opportunities for the coming week.

Let's protect our democracy. Let's end gerrymandering in Ohio. Let's change history -- together.

~Joyce Gibbs, Chair, Fair Elections/Redistricting Committee

Buy a Citizens Not Politicians T-Shirt

Are you helping to gather petition signatures? Heading out to a local festival, parade or community event? Just want to look cool at the coffee shop? Purchase your Citizens Not Politicians T-Shirt today and help keep the campaign name in the forefront of conversation. Order online [HERE](#) then take a photo of you out and about in your T-Shirt and share on social media to amplify our message.

Sign the Petition

If you have not yet signed the petition to put the Citizens Not Politicians amendment on the November ballot, you can easily find an opportunity near you on the MOBILIZE app [HERE](#). Tell your friends about this too!

Member News

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

League members and families – come out to Day Air Ballpark on Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 PM for an evening of fun! Tickets are \$14 and the League gets to keep \$7 of every ticket sold. What could be better than enjoying a cold beverage, snacks, and cheering on the Dayton Dragons with friends?

Tickets MUST BE PURCHASED by May 6, so don't delay! Purchase [HERE](#).

Welcome New Members

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

For more information contact the League office at 937-228-4041 or email at league@lwvdayton.org

May 6: The beginning of National Nurses Week

May 7: LWVO All Member Meeting – Noon on Zoom

May 13: LWVGDA Board Meeting - 6:00 PM on Zoom

May 18: You'll find us at Pride Rocks, and at That Day in May

May 21: 62nd Annual Membership Meeting – 6:00 PM at Montgomery County Business Solutions Center. Please RSVP to the office by May 15 – Invitation via email

May 27: Memorial Day – Office closed

June 1: Dayton Pride

June 6: League Night with the Dayton Dragons



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The League of Women Voters Greater Dayton Area is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice.