



# THE VOTER

## Monthly News & Updates

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### Big Need For Volunteer Help

First, THANK YOU for supporting your League through the Leadership Circle. We far surpassed our budget goal of \$28,000 and it's because of you. It's gratifying to know that our members and our community believe so deeply in our mission.

We are in full election mode here in the office! Invitations have gone out to each of the candidates to participate in the *Voters Guide*, candidate forums and interviews. We have numerous voter registration events and presentations scheduled throughout the community. We all know that this is going to be a consequential election, and it is absolutely crucial to have all hands on deck.

**We need you to staff tables, to register voters, deliver *Voters Guides*, and most of all, to talk to your neighbors and family about the importance of voting and especially about the ballot issues that will affect their day-to-day lives for years to come.**

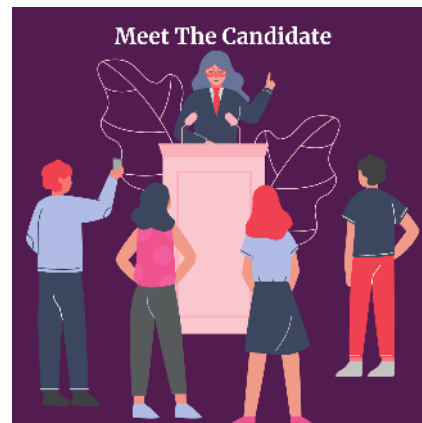
When your telephone rings or you receive an email, please consider taking a few hours out of your day to help. This is a big one! Our community is depending on us to lead the way.

~Chris Corba, Executive Director

### Community Forums/Meet & Greets Scheduled

We've scheduled five opportunities for candidates to interact with the communities they wish to represent. If you are interested in helping at an event as a moderator, timekeeper, or to staff our information table, please contact Chris at 937-228-4041 or [director@lwvdayton.org](mailto:director@lwvdayton.org)

- **Kettering Forum:** Thursday September 26, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis Club



- **Dayton Forum:** Monday September 30, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Northwest Library 2410 Philadelphia Drive Dayton, OH 45406. This program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council.
- **Centerville Meet and Greet:** Wednesday October 9, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Centerville Library and held at the Washington Twp. Recreation Center – Rec Plex West 965 Miamisburg Centerville Road Dayton, OH 45459
- **Oakwood Forum:** Thursday October 10, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Wright Memorial Public Library, 1776 Far Hills Avenue Oakwood, OH 45419
- **Fairborn Forum:** Tuesday October 15. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Fairborn Senior Center, 325 N. Third Street Fairborn, OH 45324

For updates to these events, follow our **EVENTS listing on Facebook** or watch for emails.

## DEI Corner

### ***Diversity in the U. S. Population***

Recently the U. S. Census Bureau released updated information on diversity in the U. S. population. This new snapshot of the racial and ethnic composition of the country gives us a picture of changes in our demography.



Some of the interesting findings include:

- The White population remained the largest race or ethnicity group but the White population decreased by 8.6% since 2010.
- The Multiracial population has changed considerably since 2010, increasing by 276%.
- The Hispanic or Latino population is now 18.7%, up from 16.3% in 2010.
- The Black or African American population remained about the same, 12.4% in 2020, compared to 12.6% in 2010.
- American Indian and Alaska Native population increased by 160%, now a little over 1% of our total population
- The Asian population increased to 6% compared to 4.8% in 2010.
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander population grew by almost 28%.
- Some Other Race population was the second large category, comprising a little over 15% of the total population.

Our country benefits from the diversity of our people, something that is a unique feature of the United States. Nothing demonstrates this better than what Tom Archdeacon pointed out recently in the *Dayton Daily News* in an article entitled, "How Sports and History Best Explain the Benefits of DEI." In the article, Archdeacon highlights the comparison of the U. S. Women's Gymnastics Team composed of:

- Jordan Chiles, whose father is African American and whose mother is Latina,
- Hezly Rivera, is of Dominican descent,
- Simone Biles, is African American,
- Jade Carey, is of Jewish heritage, and
- Suni Lee, her parents are Hmong.

They made up the most racially diverse American gymnastics team in Olympics history. Yet, before 1992, there had never been a Black women's gymnastics team in Olympics history. Archdeacon notes, that "Thanks to DEI efforts, the sport has become more open-armed and open-minded." And we should add, more successful.

We all benefit when we open the door to all and encourage those who have been shut out due to bias and prejudice.

~Dianne Herman, DEI Committee

## Citizens Not Politicians Activities

### Vote Yes on Issue 1: Text to Voters

Are you ready to end gerrymandering in Ohio? Same! Join League members in texting Ohio voters to VOTE YES ON ISSUE 1. Here's how it works:

Download the League in Action app- go [HERE](#) for more info on the app OR if you've already downloaded the app, go right to ACTIONS and search League of Women Voters of Ohio

Join us on Zoom for a quick tutorial on how to send these texts OR if you already have the app, just get going on your own as soon as you see our action!

The tutorial just takes a few minutes, and you can hop off our call as soon as everything has clicked for you. We'll stay on the full hour to answer questions and chat, and people can keep texting after the hour is up, too.

- Register [HERE](#) for Monday September 9 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Register [HERE](#) for Saturday September 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

### Can you Canvass?

The CNP Campaign is holding canvassing training on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (multiple times per day) via Mobilize. Just go to the following link to register for the training.

### CNP Training



### Recommended Listen

“Untangled: Why are we voting on redistricting again?”

This is the first in a multi-episode series on Issue 1 and how

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we got here. Produced by WOSU's Anna Staver, the series features many familiar players in Ohio redistricting, including the LWV Ohio Executive Director Jen Miller. Members of the Issue 1 opposition provide some insight into their strategy— good to hear previews of their playbook. Episode 1 covered a lot of ground, and we're all very interested to hear the rest of the series.

## Program Link

### Question: How Will Redistricting Commission Be Chosen?

At last month's program, "Gerrymandering in Ohio: The Citizens Not Politicians Amendment" with retired Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, the most common question citizens had about the proposed amendment involved how the Citizen Redistricting Commission members would be chosen.

This will undoubtedly be asked among your circle of friends and acquaintances.

Alexis Larsen, artist with the *Dayton Daily News*, did an excellent job of depicting the steps for choosing the commission in an article published on August 25. It shows the great lengths the process takes to assure a qualified, nonpartisan 15-member board is chosen.

You can read the article in its entirety [HERE](#). Share this information with your circle of friends.

#### How the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission would be chosen

A proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution would create a 15-member Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw state and federal legislative district boundaries in Ohio. Here is how that process would work if approved by voters in November.



- 1) Four members of Ohio Ballot Board (two from each party) select four retired judges (two from each party) to sit on bipartisan screening panel.
- 2) The four-judge panel accepts applications from Ohioans who want to sit on the redistricting commission.
- 3) The panel disqualifies anyone involved in politics or lobbying.
- 4) The panel narrows the list down to 90 applicants – 30 Republicans, 30 Democrats and 30 unaffiliated with either major party.
- 5) The 90 applicants are vetted by an outside contractor who conducts interviews that are made public.
- 6) The panel narrows the list down to 45 finalists, 15 from each group and all from a "geographically and demographically representative cross-section of Ohio."
- 7) The panel randomly draws from this group two Republicans, two Democrats and two not affiliated with either major party.
- 8) Those six commissioners select the other nine from the remaining pool of finalists to create a 15 member board.



ALEXIS LARSEN / CONTRIBUTING ARTIST  
Source: Ohio Issue 1 ballot language

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## Member News

### National Voter Registration Day -- Volunteers Needed

National Voter Registration Day is September 17. The League is planning to register voters at multiple sites. Help is needed to set up/tear down booths and staff the booths.

Contact the [League office](#) today if you can help.





## Let's Go Together

Join fellow members for a tour of Great Council State Park in Xenia, which celebrates and honors the history of Native Americans and settlers of the region on Wednesday September 18, starting at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$2 per person (paid at the park).

After, we'll meet for lunch at Nick's Restaurant, 1443 N. Detroit Street in Xenia.

Please **RSVP** by September 16. Let us know if you plan on coming to the tour and/or lunch and use "Great Council" in the subject line.



## Nominate the Next Dangerous Dame

The Funding and Development Committee is seeking nominations of women who demonstrate the same grit and tenacity of those brave suffragists who fought for women's right to vote.

Those nominated must reside and have made a difference in the Greater Montgomery Area, including Greene, Miami and Warren counties. We welcome nominations of women from all walks of life. Nominations must be received no later than **November 10, 2024**, to be considered, and honorees will be announced November 30, 2024.

The Dangerous Dames of Dayton celebration will take place on April 1, 2025. The keynote speaker for the program will be Dianna Wynn, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

To nominate a Dangerous Dame please complete the attached nomination form. For questions or more information please contact the office at 937-228-4041 or [league@lwvdayton.org](mailto:league@lwvdayton.org).

*~Beth Adelman, Funding and Development Director*

[Nomination Form](#)

## Welcome New Members

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## Volunteer Opportunity: *The Voter* Newsletter Editor

If you are reading this right now, this volunteer opportunity might be for you! Seeking a volunteer with basic background in e-newsletter production who has approximately four hours per month to design and layout our monthly member newsletter. Editing support is provided.

If you are interested, please **contact the League office**.

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## UPCOMING CALENDAR

*For more information contact the League office at 937-228-4041 or email at [league@lwvdayton.org](mailto:league@lwvdayton.org)*

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

**September 9:** Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. - Zoom

**September 10:** Lobby Corps Call – Noon - Zoom

**September 12:** LWVGDA All-Member Meeting – 6:00 p.m. - Zoom

**September 15:** Presentation for AHEAD

**September 17: National Voter Registration Day!** Volunteers needed!  
Airstream Tour Stop at Central State University

**September 18:** Let's Go Together Great Council State Park  
Airstream Tour Stop at University of Dayton

**September 20:** Kettering Foundation Summit on Democracy

**September 24:** Lobby Corps Call – Noon - Zoom  
Voter Service Call – 7:00 p.m. - Zoom

**September 26:** Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis Club Candidates Night 6:30 p.m.

**September 30:** Candidates Forum Northwest Library 6:30 p.m.



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