



# The Anchorage VOTER

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Hi League Members:

# Happy New Year 2021

**Hope everyone had a great Holiday  
and a Happy New Year!**

We are getting ready for a year of working on a variety of issues both on the local level and the state level. **The Voter** contains information about upcoming meetings of importance.

## POINT OF INFORMATION

The first line of Article II Section 1 of the US Constitution states, "The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America." With these words, the office of the president was established. Since 1789 and the election of George Washington, America's first president, 45 individuals have served as the chief executive of the United States (Grover Cleveland was elected for two nonconsecutive terms, so he served as the 22nd and 24th president).

The unamended Constitution mandated that a president would serve for four years. However, nowhere did it state if there was to be a limit on the number of terms to which they could be elected. However, President Washington set a precedent of only serving two terms, which was followed until November 5, 1940, when Franklin Roosevelt was elected for a third term. He would go on to win a fourth before dying in office. The 22nd Amendment was passed soon afterward that would limit presidents to only serving two terms or 10 years (also allows to serve two years at most of another president's term.)

### 46 Presidents and their Political Party Affiliation

	No Party Designation	—	George Washington
1	Federalist Party	18	Republican Party
4	Whig Party	20	Democratic Party
2	Union Party		

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

# ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

## To Be Held Virtually - FEBRUARY 2021



*We are in the planning stages of putting together a unique and fun-filled Virtual holiday party in February with options for wine and food. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.*

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### SAVE THE DATES—Virtual Meetings

LWVAK Annual State Convention  
Saturday, April 17, 2021  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LWV Anchorage Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, May 4, 2021  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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### **Interested in Health Care Reform – You are Needed**

LWVAK is considering setting up a working group focusing on Health Care Reform. The working group will work with the LWVUS Working Group called “Health Care Reform for the United States” (HCR4US) which involves some 350 members from 30+ states who have been active at the local, state and national level. The group is interested to expand their work to include health care reform Working Groups within state Leagues that can reflect on local and state issues for needs and reform and collaborate with the national League.

**Is this a subject you are concerned about? - AND -  
Would you be interested in serving on the LWVAK Working Group?**

LWVAK board has had various discussions about creating a working group that would represent the views of all four Alaska Leagues. The state League would like to have two members from each of the four Leagues represented on the committee.

Goal: Create end-related objectives to focus on concerns identified in Alaska and collaborate with other state Leagues (information, education, tasks) to address our determined objectives.

End Result: A win-win at the local, state and national level.

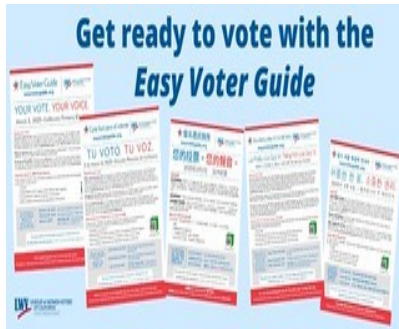
**Contact: Carolyn Brown at 907-364-2726 or [cvbrown1937@yahoo.com](mailto:cvbrown1937@yahoo.com) if you are interested.**

# 2021 ELECTIONS

## MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ELECTION

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Vote-by-Mail



### *Ballot Review Voter Guide* Virtual Presentation

The LWV Anch board is planning to give a virtual presentation in mid-March (date yet to be determined) covering information contained in the Ballot Review pamphlet prepared and published by our League for the Muni election. We will go over pertinent voting information as well as information about questions on the ballot. This will be a first time endeavor for us.

If you have comments and/or suggestions for the presentation, please give Shirley Pittz, Program Committee, a call at 727-9549 or contact her by email at [spittz@gci.net](mailto:spittz@gci.net)

The Ballot Review is published each year (with funding from the Municipality of Anchorage, Municipal Clerk's Office Elections) as an informational pamphlet for the Anchorage Municipal Election. The pamphlet is mailed to each household around mid-March. This is the fourth year Anchorage will conduct municipal elections **By Mail**.

## Tours of Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Election Center

The election process in the Municipality of Anchorage is well defined, accurate and secure. The MOA Election Center houses all aspects of the election process; staff, sorting equipment, signature scanning equipment, ballot counting equipment and other necessary components/elements of conducting an election. The November Presidential election brought about many questions nationwide concerning the election process and the accuracy and security of elections in general.

If you are interested in taking a physical tour of the MOA Election Center to see and understand the election process first hand and ask questions, please call the Clerk's office at 243-VOTE.

A virtual four-minute tour is also available on Facebook at [\(4\) Watch | Facebook](#)

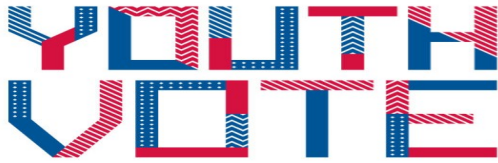
For more information go to [www.muni.org/elections](http://www.muni.org/elections).  
MOA Election Center, 619 Ship Creek Avenue, Door D

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### WEBSITE TO BE UPDATED

We would like to thank new member, Barbara Derr, for offering her services to work on updating our website. We have been looking for a member who is familiar with Word Press for some time. 2021 here we come. . .  
Again, thank you Barbara.



## SUCCESSFUL YOUTH VOTE FUND RAISING EFFORTS

Thank-you to all of the generous donors who contributed to Youth Vote from November 2020 through January 2021. Together we raised \$2025.

As most of you know, Youth Vote (YV) is a project designed to engage Anchorage youth in the political process early; toward that end in recent months, YV members hosted the live-streamed 2020 Candidates' Forum, asking statewide candidates for the U.S. House and Senate to respond to youth formulated questions. They also hosted a virtual mock vote in which nearly 4000 Anchorage Youth participated. Youth Vote members have also been engaged in various bullying-prevention initiatives and recently have been hosting podcasts focused on such topics as college application prep, anxiety management and self-care. Participants include middle and high school students from across Anchorage; their efforts are coordinated by YV Coordinator Cari Zawodny.

Special thanks to the following individuals who contributed to this effort:

Joyce Anderson	Judy Andree	Barbara Baugh
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In addition, a memorial contribution in honor of Joan Blauvelt, was made by her niece, Jean Rounds-Riley.

Contributions are still be gratefully accepted. Checks – in any amount – may be sent to the LWV of Anchorage, P.O. Box 101345, Anchorage, AK 99510-1345. Contributions may also be made via PayPal through the chapter website (<https://lwvanchorage.org>); if you choose to contribute on-line, PayPal will retain 3.37% as a service fee.

## NOMINATE AN ALASKAN YOUTH For a *SPIRIT OF YOUTH* Award!

### *Tell Youth They Matter*

**You have the power to make a difference in a young Alaskan's life.**

Do you know a teen or youth group doing something positive in your community? Nominate them for Spirit of Youth recognition. All nominees are publicly recognized in their communities. Research demonstrates that youth who are recognized for their accomplishments by those around them are better able to build confidence in their future!

Youth/youth groups will be selected in early spring to receive Spirit of Youth Awards.

**Deadline extended to February 1!**

Spirit of Youth relies on community members like you to let youth know they matter. It only takes 10 minutes to [nominate online](#).



## What can we do to reduce emissions, save money and the planet?

### SERIES EXPLORING LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

**This four-part virtual series discusses sectors found in the Muni's Climate Action Plan and how we can work together to reach the goals for reducing emissions.**

**Registration** and additional resources, including confirmed panelists, please visit: [Alaska Common Ground \(akcommonground.org\)](http://akcommonground.org) and [Alaska Common Ground | Facebook](#)

### Buildings & Energy

Thursday, January 28th, 2021 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Learn what homeowners and businesses can do to reduce their energy use, solar options, how the Municipality is reducing energy use and carbon emissions, and the proposed Anchorage Green Bank.

### Land Use & Transportation

Thursday, February 25th, 2021 7 pm to 8:30 pm

We will discuss electric vehicles and charging stations, biking and walkability in neighborhoods, public transit, land use and tax incentives.

### Food Systems

Thursday, March 25th, 2021 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Representatives from local food projects will discuss their efforts and how people can get involved or start similar projects in their communities.

### Consumption & Solid Waste

Thursday, April 29th, 2021 7 pm to 8:30 pm

We'll finish this series with a discussion of how we can reduce our waste and increase composting.

*Co-sponsored by: LWV Anchorage, The Alaska Center, REAP, UAA/APU Books of the Year, Anchorage Public Library, and the Municipality of Anchorage Solid Waste Services.*