



The Anchorage VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ANCHORAGE
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Dear League Members:

Our Annual meeting is soon approaching.
This edition of The Voter contains:

- ♦ Proposed Program FY 2021-2022
- ♦ Proposed Dues FY 2021-2022
- ♦ Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors FY 2021-2022
- ♦ Proposed Budget FY 2021-2022
- ♦ By-Laws change to conform to the LWVUS By-Laws

MARK THE DATE!

WHAT: LWV Anchorage Annual Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, May 4th

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The meeting will be conducted via Zoom. A link to attend the meeting will be sent one week prior to the meeting.

All members are encouraged to attend. Voice your opinion as we chart our direction for the coming year.

We need your INPUT, EXPERTISE and EXPERIENCE.
Consider having a friend attend the meeting with you!

What better time to **get involved** and **be active**!

ALERT **Municipal Election is** **Tuesday, April 6th.**

Don't forget to either drop off or mail your voted Municipal ballot.

- ♦ Ballots must be dropped off by 8 p.m. or postmarked by 8 p.m. on April 6th (Airport P.O. open until 11 p.m.).
- ♦ Visit [Elections\(muni.org\)](https://elections.muni.org) for additional information or call 243-VOTE (8683).
- ♦ LWV Ballot Review may be accessed at [Ballot Review](#).



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.

Any person 16 years of age and older, male or female, may become a League member.

PROPOSED PROGRAM – FY 2021-2022
As recommended by the Board of Directors

ANCHORAGE POSITIONS:

Planning and Zoning:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports comprehensive planning and effective implementation of a plan aimed at quality growth and development.

Recommendation: Retain.

Community Councils:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports the concept and purpose of Community Councils as a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs.

Recommendation Retain.

Boards and Commissions:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports broad participation by all segments of the community on Municipal boards and commissions and the periodic review of the effectiveness of all boards and commissions.

Recommendation: Retain.

Election of School Board Members:

Statement of Position: The LWV of Anchorage supports a seven member school board whose members are elected at-large to serve in designated seats.

Recommendation. Retain.

PROGRAM EMPHASIS:

- Expand and update Website to include easily accessible information.
- Make public information more accessible.
- Promote and support Youth Vote's expanding program emphasis.

LWV of ANCHORAGE GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Purpose: General meetings, possibly conducted in collaboration with other groups, would serve to educate the membership and general public on these identified specific areas of concern.

Format and Outcomes: A committee of League members would be responsible for soliciting relevant speakers, establishing General meeting outcomes, and upon the conclusion of the General meeting, summarizing and making recommendations to the membership on how the information gained may be used to update or validate existing positions.

Additions to Program: Our Bylaws permit additions to our adopted program should we find it necessary and spell out the procedures for doing so at a General meeting.

Proposed Dues FY 2021-2022

\$65.00	-	Individual membership
\$97.50	-	Household (\$65.00 for the 1 st member, \$32.50 for the 2 nd member at the same address)
\$ 0	-	College Student membership*
\$ 0	-	Youth ages 16-18 membership*

*Based on current LWVAK and LWWUS policy

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### Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors FY 2021-2022

|                 |                |                       |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| President:      | Shirley Pittz  | 1 year term exp. 2022 |
| Vice President: | Cari Zawodny   | 1 year term exp. 2022 |
| Secretary       | Carol Dickason | 2 year term exp. 2023 |
| Director:       | Beth Nordland  | 2 year term exp. 2023 |
| Director:       | Keri Clark     | 2 year term exp. 2023 |
| Director:       | Barbara Derr   | 2 year term exp. 2023 |
| Director        | Tuan Graziano  | 1-year term exp. 2022 |

#### Nominating Committee for FY 2021-2022

Chair:

Member:

3<sup>rd</sup> member to be appointed by the Board

*The following Board members have one year remaining on their terms:*

|                  |                       |                          |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Treasurer</i> | <i>Tina Delapp</i>    | <i>Term expires 2022</i> |
| <i>Director</i>  | <i>Schawna Thoma</i>  | <i>Term expires 2022</i> |
| <i>Director</i>  | <i>Jasmine Carter</i> | <i>Term expires 2022</i> |

*The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.*

1/31/2021

FY 20-21  
BUDGETProposed  
FY 21-22

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

**Beginning Balance @ start of month (checking account)**

| RECEIPTS                                               |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dues                                                   | \$ 2,500.00          | \$ 3,900.00          | Our membership has risen in 20-21                                                     |
| Contributions: Members & Friends                       | \$ 2,500.00          | \$ 500.00            | Consistent with unrestricted FY 20-21 gifts                                           |
| Dividend Earnings                                      | \$ 15.00             | \$ 10.00             | Consistent with FY 20-21 earnings                                                     |
| Miscellaneous (incl. Spirit of Youth)                  |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| MOA Ballot Review                                      | \$ 53,040.00         | \$ 53,302.00         |                                                                                       |
| Youth Vote                                             |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| Fund Raising (Corporate/friends/SOY)                   | \$ 10,000.00         | \$ 1,000.00          |                                                                                       |
| LWVAK Ed Fund                                          |                      | \$ 7,500.00          | If needed to support YV travel                                                        |
| Grants (restricted)                                    | \$ 29,159.00         | \$ 35,500.00         |                                                                                       |
| Grants (unrestricted)                                  | \$ 2,660.00          | \$ 2,500.00          |                                                                                       |
| Youth -Led (People-Powered) Fair Maps Project          | \$ 19,800.00         | \$ -                 | A planned initiative that never happened                                              |
| <b>TOTAL ALL SOURCES</b>                               | <b>\$ 119,674.00</b> | <b>\$ 104,212.00</b> |                                                                                       |
| EXPENSES                                               |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| <b>Board Operating Costs: *</b>                        | <b>\$ 1,250.00</b>   | <b>\$ 2,500.00</b>   | See below                                                                             |
| <b>BOARDS &amp; COMMITTEES</b>                         |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| Supplies                                               | \$ 150.00            | \$ 150.00            |                                                                                       |
| Committee Expenses                                     |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| <b>MEETINGS &amp; CONVENTIONS</b>                      |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| Anchorage Annual Meeting                               | \$ 50.00             | \$ -                 | ZOOM; expenses not anticipated                                                        |
| LWVAK Convention - 2019-20 (approved); 2020-21 (propos | \$ 1,000.00          | \$ -                 | ZOOM; expenses not anticipated                                                        |
| General Membership Meetings                            | \$ 500.00            | \$ 500.00            | Honoraria for speakers                                                                |
| National convention                                    | \$ 2,000.00          | \$ -                 | Council in 21-22; only State President goes                                           |
| <b>VOTER SERVICE</b>                                   |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| Miscellaneous Voter Service Expenses                   | \$ 50.00             | \$ 500.00            | Democracy Week Essay prizes (2 @ \$250 ea)                                            |
| Municipal Ballot Review                                | \$ 48,000.00         | \$ 48,000.00         |                                                                                       |
| <b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LEAGUE</b>                     |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| PMP LWVUS                                              | \$ 1,504.00          | \$ 1,952.00          | Based on 59 individual & 4 additional members (\$32/member & \$16/ additional member) |
| PMP LWVAK                                              | \$ 470.00            | \$ 610.00            | Based on 59 individual & 4 additional members (\$10/member & \$5/additional member)   |
| <b>YOUTH VOTE</b>                                      |                      |                      |                                                                                       |
| Project Coordination                                   | \$ 28,500.00         | \$ 30,000.00         | Contingent on proposed salary increase - \$2000/mo to \$2500/mo                       |
| Misc. Operating Expenses                               | \$ 16,400.00         | \$ 10,000.00         | See description below                                                                 |
| Travel (if presentation approved)                      |                      | \$ 10,000.00         | Fund raising by traveling YV members anticipated                                      |
| Youth-Led (People-Powered) Fair Maps Project           | \$ 19,800.00         |                      | We lack resources to pursue this                                                      |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                  | <b>\$ 119,674.00</b> | <b>\$ 104,212.00</b> |                                                                                       |
| <b>Money Market Account (current - 2/1/21)</b>         | <b>\$ 10,033.69</b>  |                      | Soon to be Savings account @ FNBA.                                                    |

Operating costs include: P.O. Box (\$220); Phone (\$12.10/mo = 145); Pay Pal fees (\$8/mo = \$96); Web hosting (\$500); ZOOM annual subscription (\$160); Web site updating (\$50/mo = \$600); Web site re-design (\$740).

**NOTE:** *The LWWUS added to their ByLaws a section on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI). State and Local ByLaws must conform to the LWWUS ByLaws. Therefore we are adding to our ByLaws the required section. See Article II, Section 3 (highlighted in “red”).*

LWW Anch ByLaws state:

*Article XII – ByLaws Amendments, Section 1(c) These ByLaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board to conform the LWW Anch ByLaws to LWWUS bylaw changes.*

*The board decided to include the required change as an agenda item for the Annual Meeting.*

LWWUS DEI Policy is stated below.

LWW is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

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## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ANCHORAGE BYLAWS**

**As amended April ~~2019~~ (2021)**

As adopted: April 24, 1950.

As amended at Annual Meetings: March 1955, March 1958, March 1962, March 1963, March 1964, March 1966, April 1967, March 1970, April 1973, April 1974, April 1975, April 1976, April 1977, April 1978, April 1979, April 1980, April 1983, April 1987, April 1989, April 1993, March 1999, April 2002, March 2003, April 2007, April 2012, June 2016, April 2017, April 2019, (~~April 2019~~ **April 2021**).

## **ARTICLE I – Name**

**Section 1. Name.** The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Anchorage (LWV Anch). This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and of the League of Women Voters of Alaska (LWVAK).

**Section 2. Form.** The LWV Anch shall be a benevolent, educational, and civic non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Alaska with its principle office in Anchorage, Alaska.

Note: Local Leagues may not disband without notifying the LWVAK. Only the LWVUS can withdraw recognition.

## **ARTICLE II – Purposes and Policy**

### **Section 1. Purposes.**

- a. The purposes of the LWV Anch shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.
- b. The LWV Anch is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, the LWV Anch shall not carry out any other activities not permitted to be carried out by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the LWV Anch activities shall be in attempting to influence legislation.

### **Section 2. Political Policy.**

- a. The LWV Anch may take action on local government measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the principles of the LWVUS.
- b. The LWV Anch shall not support oppose any political party or candidate.

**Section 3. Diversification, Equity & Inclusion. The LWV Anch is fully committed to ensure compliance – in principle and in practice – with the LWVUS's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.**