



The Anchorage VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ANCHORAGE
PO Box 101345
Anchorage, AK 99510-1345
907-274-8477

February 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Shirley Pittz
Vice-President	Cari Zawodny
Secretary	Carol Dickason
Treasurer	Blythe Campbell
Directors	
Editor	Joyce Anderson
	Jasmine Carter
	Keri Clark
	Barbara Derr
	Tuan Graziano
	Margaret McDonagh
	Beth Nordlund
	Pat Redmond
	Schawna Thoma

Email: league@lwvanchorage.org

Visit us at: www.lwvanchorage.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/LWVAnchorage

Alaska information:
www.lwvalaska.org

National information: www.lwv.org

From the President:

We frequently have important voting and election issues appearing in the editorials and commentaries in our news. A recent commentary by Frank Baker in the Anchorage Daily News entitled, *"We know how to save our democracy. But will we do it?"*, stirred my thinking about the policy positions established by the League of Women Voters of the United States, and how we use them to inform our actions on the local level.

The LWVUS has a user-friendly document you may not be aware of outlining those policies. It is called *"Impact on Issues"* and is designed to help League members use LWVUS public policy positions effectively at the national, state, local, and regional levels. Brief summary statements are followed by more detailed information. It occurred to me that many of you may not be aware of this document and would be interested in the information. You can find this document at: <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues>

Here are just a sampling of the positions that seem quite relevant to current events.

**The road to obtaining
Voting Rights in 1920
(passage of the 19th
Amendment granting
women the right to vote)
is the story of our:**

- ♦ Grandmothers
- ♦ Great-Grandmothers
- ♦ Great-Great Grandmothers

**Today we take the right to
vote for granted.**

**Voting Rights has now
become our story too.**

Representative Government

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.

VOTING RIGHTS

Citizen's Right to Vote: Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

ELECTION PROCESS

Apportionment: Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Redistricting: Support redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation.

Continued on the next page

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.

Money in Politics (formerly campaign finance): Support campaign finance/MIP regulations that enhances political equality for all citizens, ensures transparency, protects representative democracy from distortion by undisclosed contributions and big money, and combats corruption and undue influence in government. Support campaign spending that is restricted but not banned. Supports public financing, full disclosure, abolishing SuperPACs, and creating an effective enforcement agency.

Selection of the President: Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct-popular-vote. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.

Voter Representation/Electoral Systems: Support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters.

CITIZENS RIGHTS

Citizen's Right to Know/Public Participation: Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate informed understanding and public participation in government decision-making.

EVALUATING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSALS AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS

Amendment Proposals: Consider whether a proposal addresses matters of abiding importance, makes our political system more democratic, protects individual rights, could be achieved by a constitutional amendment or legislative proposal, and is consistent with other League positions.

Constitutional Conventions: Hold Constitutional Conventions only when certain conditions are in place, such as: limited to a specific topic, full transparency, delegates selected by population, and voting by delegates not by states.

Individual Liberties: Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choice: Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY

Congress: Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision making capability, effective performance, & transparency.

The Presidency: Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

Privatization: Ensure transparency, accountability, positive community impact and preservation of the common good when considering the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector.

These policies are sound and well-studied. They guide the work of Leagues across the country and serve to inform the work we do on the local level. Over the next few months, the Anchorage LWV will be working to educate the public on our positions and hope you will join us in sharing the information.

Shirley Pittz, President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2022

Black History Month
 Women's History Month
 Tues 15 LWV Anchorage Monthly Board Meeting, 7 p.m. by Zoom
 Mon 21 President's Day - Federal Holiday

March 2022

Thurs 3 **Voting Equipment Logic and Accuracy Testing, 1:00 p.m.**
MOA Election Center, 619 Ship Creek Avenue, Door D
 Sun 6 **Last day to register for the Municipal Regular Election**
 Tues 15 **Ballot Packages mailed to qualified Anchorage voters**
 Tues 15 **Secure Ballot Drop Boxes are available**
 Tues 15 LWV Anchorage Monthly Board Meeting, 7 p.m. by Zoom
 Mon 28 **Anchorage Vote Centers are open**

April 2022

Tues 5 **Regular Municipal Election Day**
 Mon 18 **Election Commission Meeting and Public Session of Canvass**
MOA Election Center, 619 Ship Creek Avenue, Door D
 Tues 19 LWV Anchorage Monthly Board Meeting, 7 p.m. by Zoom
 Sat 23 LWV Alaska State Convention, by Zoom
 Tues 26 **Certification of Regular Municipal Election Results by Assembly**

May 2022

Tues 17 LWV Anchorage Annual Meeting, 7 p.m. by Zoom
 Mon 30 Memorial Day - Federal Holiday

February is "Black History Month"

The theme for 2022 is "**Black Health and Wellness**"



UAA Chief Diversity Officer, Jenn Booz, stated, "In Alaska, we recognize the contributions African Americans made, and continue to make, to the development of our state going back almost 200 years. You can learn more by reading [*Black History in the Last Frontier*](#), a recently published book by UAA history professor Dr. Ian Hartman highlighting the achievements and contributions of Alaska's Black community while demonstrating the racism and injustice these individuals endured on the road to building a home for themselves in Alaska."

March is "Women's History Month"



In 1988, the Alaska Legislature established **February 16** as **Elizabeth Peratrovich Day** "for her unceasing efforts to eliminate discrimination and bring about equal rights in Alaska." She was a civil rights activist, Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood, and member of the Tlingit Nation who worked for equality on behalf of Alaska Natives. In the 1940s, her advocacy was credited as being instrumental in passing Alaska's Anti Discrimination Act of 1945, the first

such law enacted in the U.S. In 2020, the U.S. Mint released a \$1 Peratrovich gold coin. The Peratrovich family papers are at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.



Municipal Election Day Tuesday, April 5



Important Contact Information

Register to Vote (OR)
Update your Voter Registration

voterregistration.alaska.gov

Review your Voter Registration

myvoterinformation.alaska.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

muni.org/electionsFAQ

Secure Ballot Drop Box Locations

muni.org/elections/dropbox

Vote Center Hours & Locations

muni.org/elections/AVC

Voter Phone Hotline

907-243-VOTE (8683)

Voter Email Hotline

elections@anchorageak.gov

Muni Web Page

muni.org/elections

Facebook

[@ANCMuniClerk](https://www.facebook.com/ANCMuniClerk)

Twitter

[@AncMuniClerk](https://twitter.com/AncMuniClerk)



TRACK YOUR BALLOT

A voter can opt to receive a text, email, or voice alerts about the status of their ballot. **Way to go Anchorage!**

SIGN UP at anchoragevotes.com

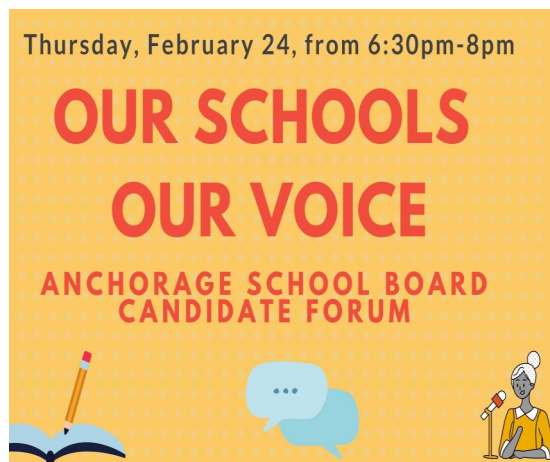
- ⇒ Provide name, birth year and residence zip code
- ⇒ Choose text, email or voicemail alerts or all three
- ⇒ Set the time period during which alerts can be sent to you

RECEIVE ALERTS

- ⇒ When your ballot package is mailed
- ⇒ When your ballot return envelope is mailed back (if you use USPS)
- ⇒ When MOA Elections receives your ballot return envelope –through the mail, from a ballot drop box or vote center
- ⇒ If your ballot return envelope is accepted for counting OR if there is an issue to be resolved

HAVE CONFIDENCE your vote has been received and counted

- ⇒ Know where your ballot is at all times
- ⇒ Be alerted if there is an issue with your ballot, for quick resolution



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Consider attending the forum via ZOOM to learn more about the candidates.

Facebook event page- <https://fb.me/e/1Ho93ntnv>

Zoom registration link- <https://us02web.zoom.us/join?pwd=emci=6b6d232b-bd8d-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&emdi=11134a44-d98d-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&ceid=5376033>



First Call LWVAK Convention 2022

Host League: No host League for a Zoom convention and no fee.

Dates: **Saturday, April 23, 2022**
(Post-Convention meeting, April 25 via Zoom)

League Business:

Election of Officers
Adoption of Program
Adoption of Budget
Adoption of Per Member Payment
Adoption of Bylaw Amendments, if any
Other business appropriately brought before Convention delegates

BOARD POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

- ♦ One-Year Term: President and Vice President
- ♦ Two-Year Term: Secretary and three Directors

Please contact Phyllis Tugman-Alexander (ptugmanalexander@gmail.com), Lois Pillifant (mom@alaska.net), or Marianne Mills (marianne.mills@msn.com) if you are, or know of a member, who is interested in serving on the State Board.

LOCAL LEAGUE DELEGATES

- ♦ Each local League is entitled to **two voting delegates or alternates**.
- ♦ Local Leagues with more than 50 members shall be entitled to **one additional** delegate for **each additional** 50 voting members or major fraction thereof.

1 to 50 members	=	two delegates
76 to 100 members	=	three delegates (one additional)
126 to 150 members	=	four delegates (two additional)

You will receive the Second Call with the specifics of the items to be determined by the voting delegates by March 23. In the meantime, local Leagues will be working on program planning and suggestions for action that should be forwarded to the State Board by **Friday, March 18**.

All other necessary info including the nominating committee reports should also be submitted to the LWVAK Board of Directors by this date.

We hope to see many of you at this year's Annual Meeting. Stay tuned.