



# The Anchorage VOTER

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## From the President:

An era has passed in Alaska with the recent loss of Congressman Don Young. Congressman Young was a dedicated, diligent, and passionate representative of our state. He clearly loved Alaska and loved his role in shaping our state. The Board of the LWV of Anchorage wishes to offer our heartfelt condolences to his wife, children and grandchildren.

Election Day is coming up! Hopefully you have received your copy of the Ballot Review (developed by the LWV of Anchorage with funding from the Municipality) and have been able to study up on the candidates and bond propositions. There are five Assembly seats and two school board seats to be filled. Additionally, there is \$45.6 million in city bond packages and a \$111 million school district bond proposal.

I think we can all agree, that more than ever, it is important that our officials are elected by a majority of those they represent. We all need to get out and vote! The election provides us all with an opportunity to express our opinions and stand up for what matters most to us. I hope you will put your ballot in the mail, drop it off at a secure ballot box or vote in person. Encourage your family and friends to join you!

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## LWV ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Election Center Tours:** Blythe Campbell and Joyce Anderson received training by Muni Elections staff to conduct tours of the Election Center. Each will conduct three tours. To sign up for a tour, visit [TOURS](#).

**Ballot Box Bash:** Hosted by the Alaska Center Education Fund and co-hosted by the LWV and other organizations. Held on Saturday, March 19, at the Fairview Recreation Center. Jasmine Carter and Shirley Pittz attended the non-partisan voting celebration and staffed a table.



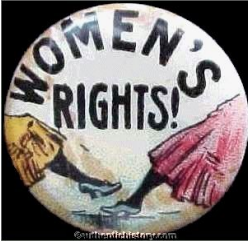
**UPDATED**  
**LWV ANCHORAGE**  
**WEBSITE**  
[lwvanchorage.org](http://lwvanchorage.org)

Our webmaster, Barbara Derr, has updated our website. A big thank you to Barbara!

Please take a look at the site and let us know what you think, if there is additional information you would like to see on the site, did you have any problems with the links, or general comments. Email your comments to: [badpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:badpublicity@gmail.com)

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.

# **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**



## **Alaska Voting Rights History**

**Celebrate March 21, 1913**

### **Alaska Women Citizens Receive the Right to Vote**

- 1913 AK Territorial Legislature passed HB 2, allowing women citizens the right to vote in Alaska. HB 2 was the first bill passed by the Alaska Territorial Legislature and signed by Governor W.E. Clarkson on **March 21, 1913**. The bill required the voter be 21 years old, an American Citizen and a resident of AK for one year.
- 1915 Alaska Territorial Legislature passes SB 21, allowing citizenship for Alaska Natives who undergo a complicated process to prove abandonment of tribal relationships and customs.
- 1920 19th Amendment to the Constitution ratified, guaranteeing the right to vote regardless of sex. Alaskans did not vote because Alaska was not a state. The League of Women voters was founded.
- 1923 Alaska women are allowed to serve on juries.
- 1924 Congress passed the Indian Citizenship Act, allowing citizenship for Native Americans and allowing Native Americans the right to vote.
- 1925 AK Territorial Legislature passed Alaska Voters Literacy Act, requiring that a person must speak and read English to vote, thereby disenfranchising non-English speakers and many Alaska Natives.

### **Other States Which Granted WOMEN the Right to Vote Prior to the Passage of the 19TH AMENDMENT in 1920**

Wyoming	1869 (to attract settlers)
Utah	1870 (human rights reasons, Mormons)
Colorado	1893 (race issues)
Idaho	1869 (no taxation without representation)
Washington	1910
California	1911
Oregon	1912
Arizona	1912
Kansas	1912
Territory of Alaska	1913
Montana	1914
Nevada	1914
12 more states	1917-1919 (World War I)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March 2022

Mon 28 **Anchorage Vote Centers open. Loussac Library, City Hall and the Eagle River Town Center. Hours vary. Check the 2022 Ballot Review for additional info or call 907-243-VOTE.**

## 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

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**Are you a “Voter Registrar?”**

**Certified by the  
Alaska State Division of Elections?**

The LWV Anchorage conducts voter registration drives at community events, high schools, universities, and other venues when asked. We maintain a list of members who are certified voter registrars and who are periodically called to help with the event and register potential voters. Below is a list of members we have on file who have completed the State mandatory “registrar” training:

Anderson, Joyce	Baugh, Barbara	Campbell, Blythe	Clark, Keri
DeLapp, Tina	Diamond, Joan	Dickason, Carol	Flynn, Heather
Goodstein, H. Penny	McDonagh, Margaret	Murdock, Marie	Nordlund, Beth
Norrell, Barbara	Pflaum, Jackie	Pittz, Shirley	Redmond, Pat
Richards, Sharon	Rosenzweig, Mary	Route, Annie	Russell, Marilyn
Thoma, Schawna	Zinck, Beate		

*If your name is not listed above and you are a certified “voter registrar,” please call Joyce at 907-360-7674 and have your name added to the list.*

*If you would like to become a “voter registrar,” call the Anchorage State Elections Office at 907-522-8683 to set up an appointment to receive the training.*



# Municipal Election Day Tuesday, April 5



## Important Contact Information

Voter Phone Hotline	907-243-VOTE (8683)
Voter Email Hotline	<a href="mailto:elections@anchorageak.gov">elections@anchorageak.gov</a>
Muni Web Page	<a href="http://muni.org/elections">muni.org/elections</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/ANCMuniClerk">ANCMuniClerk</a>
Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/AncMuniClerk">@AncMuniClerk</a>

**NOTE:** The LWV Anchorage phone line has been very busy the last two weeks - 31 phone calls. Many voters called to say they have not received their ballot yet. According to the Muni, ballot packages were mailed on March 14 and March 15. Please be patient. If you do not receive a ballot package by March 26, call the Voter Hotline.

**BALLOT TRAX: SIGN UP** at [anchoragevotes.com](http://anchoragevotes.com) to track your ballot's progress from mailing to counting your votes.

- ⇒ 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

**BALLOT REVIEW PAMPHLET:** The LWV **BALLOT REVIEW** pamphlet was mailed to all households in the Municipality the week of March 14th. The pamphlet contains general voter information as well as information on candidates for Assembly, School Board and Ballot Propositions. [2022 Ballot Review](#)

THANK YOU Ballot Review committee for an informational pamphlet. Keri Clark, coordinator, and her team - Carol Dickason, Pat Redmond, Patty Ginsburg, and Tina DeLapp - worked under complex timeframes coordinating the content and wording of the pamphlet with multiple Muni officials and staff.

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## **SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD**

### **Temporary Replacement for the late U. S. Representative Don Young**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

**PRIMARY Vote-by-Mail Election**

(First statewide Vote-by-Mail election.)

**Ranked Choice Voting**

(First election to be held under Alaska's new ranked-choice voting system.)

**Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

**GENERAL Election**

(Also, Primary election day for all other state offices.)



## First Call LWV Anchorage 2022 Annual Meeting

**Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.—9:00 P.M. (by Zoom)**

*All members are encouraged to attend.  
Voice your opinion as we chart our direction for the coming fiscal year.  
We need your INPUT, EXPERTISE and EXPERIENCE.  
What better time to **get involved and be active!***

### **LEAGUE BUSINESS:**

- \* Reports of Board Members and Committees
- \* Election of Officers
- \* Election of two members to serve on 2023 Nominating Committee
- \* Adoption of Local Program for 2022-2023
- \* Adoption of Budget for 2022-2023
- \* Adoption of Per Member Payment for 2022-2023
- \* Adoption of Bylaw Amendments
- \* Other business appropriately brought before Convention delegates

### **BOARD POSITIONS TO BE FILLED**

- ♦ One-Year Term: President and Vice President
- ♦ Two-Year Term: Treasurer and four Directors

Please contact Cari Zawodny at 907-223-0477 if you are, or know of a member, who is interested in serving on our local board. Watch for Second Call information in the April newsletter.  
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## **REMINDER: LWVAK 2022 Convention** **Saturday, April 23, 2022**

Additional information to be included in the April newsletter.

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### **It's Time to Renew Your Membership**

We have emailed membership renewal notices to all members. Our membership year is April 1 through March 31. When you renew, your dues will be current through 3/31/2023.

You can use a credit or debit card to pay online at <https://lwvanchorage.org/join>. You may also renew by check to: LWV of Anchorage, P.O. Box 101345, Anchorage, AK 99510-1345.

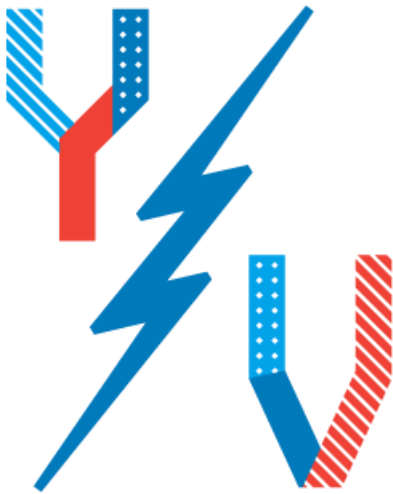
Current dues: \$65.00 for individuals; \$97.50 for a household of two. Dues include membership in the LWVUS and the LWVAK. For individuals, \$32 goes to the LWVUS and \$10 to the LWVAK. Amounts are pro-rated for household memberships.

You are an important participant in our non-partisan organization working to increase citizens' involvement in our democracy through educational programs and advocacy.

*Thank you in advance for your renewed commitment to the League of Women Voters and support of our work to create a better community for all.*







## YOUTH VOTE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

By Cari Zawodny

*Youth Vote is celebrating 20 years of meaningful youth engagement in 2022!*

Over the past 20 years, Youth Vote has grown from a project that only occurs every general election to a year-round youth leadership development program that serves thousands of Anchorage Youth.

Youth Vote has a local mission with global significance. Members have presented their work in civic education, bullying prevention, and meaningful youth engagement all over the US and internationally. This month Youth Vote will present a 4 hour workshop to educators from across the country at Deeper Learning 2022. Youth Vote's presentation "Youth Voice to Save the World" will guide participants as they create youth-led campaigns to support the issues young people care about. Youth Vote also hopes to present at the LWVUS Convention for the third time in June.



IBPA Conference 2019

Here's are just some of the accomplishments we will be celebrating during the 2022 election season (some numbers are approximate):

- \* Reached 100,000 Students
- \* Worked with 50 Candidates and Elected Officials
- \* Gathered 20 Community Partners
- \* Presented 10 Mock-Elections
- \* Produced 9 LIVE Candidate Forums
- \* Created 8 Videos and PSAs
- \* Hosted 7 Candidate Meet & Greets
- \* Built 6 Ways to Connect with Youth Vote online
- \* Received 5 "Youth Matter" Grant Awards
- \* Attended 4 International Bullying Prevention Association (IBPA) Conferences
- \* Caucussed at 3 LWVUS Conventions
- \* Presented at 2 World Anti-Bullying Forums
- \* About to Rock 1 Deeper Learning Workshop

Youth Vote's consistent success would not be possible without the support from League members. Please consider making a donation to support our League's most dynamic program. See [Lwvanchorage.org](http://Lwvanchorage.org) or mail a check to LWV Anch, PO Box 101345, 99510.



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Candidate

Forum

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