



LWV ANCHORAGE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER *The Voter*

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Fall seems to be upon us. Let's enjoy the falls colors and occasional sunshine. Halloween is soon approaching – no snow please.

Lots of activity this month in preparation for
General Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

REMEMBER: **Your Vote Counts!**



The following voter registration activities and ranked choice voting seminars were staffed by League members and associates in preparation for the November 8 General Election. Please give a big **"THANK YOU"** to League members and others for volunteering to staff these very important events.

VOTER REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES Completed

- South High School – Tina DeLapp registered 19 students on September 30
- Bettie Davis East High School – Margaret McDonagh registered 6 students
- Alaska Pacific University – Barbara Derr, Heather Flynn, Joan Diamond and Alex Bortnick (spouse of a League member) registered 15 students on September 27
- Anchorage Association for Education of Young Children Annual Conference – Shirley Pittz and Alex Koplin registered one attendee on September 30

RANKED CHOICE VOTING SEMINARS Completed

- "thread Network" – Shirley Pittz presented RCV information to 44 participants on August 10
- "thread Network" – Shirley Pittz presented RCV information for six early educators on October 6
- Anchorage Association for Education of Young Children Annual Conference – Shirley Pittz and Alex Koplin staffed a RCV information table; 300 participants attended October 1



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Ghoul Out the Vote Day! – Saturday, October 29, Midtown Mall, 600 East Northern Lights, Noon to 4:00 p.m.**
Ghoul Out the Vote Day! is a collaborative, non-partisan effort to get more people to vote regardless of their political leaning. LWV Anchorage has been working with several non-profit organizations in planning this event.

Join us for a family-friendly event, inclusive of music, free food, voter education, costume party and contest and a *Get Out the Vote* parade to the polls!

General Volunteers are needed for the event as well as 2-4 LWV volunteers to staff our voter information table from Noon – 4:00 p.m. We will have LWV brochures and RCV information.

Click Here for the Flyer <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fyb4l5HhUVSm7ZZ8GSyB7OxDiAOGEFd/view?usp=sharing>

To volunteer, click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4fa5ad2da0fdcf8-ghoul> sign-up form. Instructions: Once you click the check mark box next to a volunteer position, scroll down to the very bottom of the page and click on the green "submit and sign up" button. Then the next page will request contact information. Once that is entered, click the green "sign up now" button.

Keep in Mind: the need for LWV volunteers are in addition to the volunteer positions listed on the form. Please email anchorageyouthvote@gmail.com to volunteer to staff the voter education table.

- **Indigenous Peoples Day – Monday, October 10, Potter Marsh, 4:30 p.m.**
14 states celebrate *Indigenous Peoples Day*: Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, District of Columbia and more than 130 cities.

Join others in celebrating *Indigenous Peoples Day*.

- **Learn More About “Ranked Choice Voting” – Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
Alaska Common Ground, along with the LWV Anchorage, is hosting a free, virtual event featuring election experts, Gail Fenumiai, Director of Alaska Division of Elections, and Jason Grenn, Executive Director of Alaskans for Better Elections. They will give a presentation on *Ranked Choice Voting* and answer audience questions.

Please join us and invite your friends. [Register Here](#)

VOTE NO ON 1- DEFEND OUR CONSTITUTION

The LWV of Alaska does not support amending our Constitution by holding a constitutional convention. A constitutional convention would open the constitution to multiple changes at one time. State statute requires voters, every ten years, to consider whether holding a constitution convention is a good idea.

Amendments may be proposed by a two-thirds vote of each of the Legislature. The lieutenant governor shall prepare a ballot title and proposition summarizing each proposed amendment, and shall place them on the ballot for the next general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition favor the amendments, it shall be adopted.

Please help us pass the word about this important vote by placing a yard sign in your yard. Vote No on 1 – Defend Our Constitution. Please visit defendourconstitution.com and scroll down to “Join our Coalition” and fill out a short form. The yard sign is nonpartisan in nature and is not supporting any candidate or political party. Please help us pass the word about this important vote.



GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 **IMPORTANT DATES**

October 10	English, Alaska Native and Tagalog <i>Official Election Pamphlet</i> mailed
October 14	First mailing of Absentee Ballots to civilian voters
October 17	Statutory deadline for <i>Official Election Pamphlet</i> to be mailed to voters in all languages
October 24	Deadline for <i>Official Election Pamphlet</i> candidates to be posted on web
October 24	In-Person, Special Needs and Electronic Transmission Voting begins
October 29	Absentee-by-Mail Request deadline
October 30	Regional Offices open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for Absentee and Early Voting
November 3	Deadline for Write-In Candidates to submit letter of intent
November 7	Deadline to receive Absentee-by-Electronic Transmission ballot applications
November 8	Election Day
	Deadline for Absentee Ballots to be postmarked by the U.S.P.O.
	Deadline for receipt of Electronic Transmission Ballots

For Additional Information on Voting, please visit the following websites:

LWV Alaska Voter Information: [One Stop Shop for Voting Information](#)
Alaska Division of Elections: [Election Info](#)

UPDATE ON ACLU LAWSUIT on behalf of Arctic Village Council, League of Women Voters of Alaska and two voters against the state division of elections for violating voters' rights by not providing a process through which voters can fix mistakes on mail ballot envelopes.

The LWV of Alaska in their September 2022 newsletter explained the nature of the lawsuit and stated the ACLU decided to not file a preliminary injunction before the November general election. Melody Vidmar, staff attorney for the ACLU stated, "... we realized filing the motion ahead of the November election did not make sense with our strategy. It would have opened the door for the Defendants to raise a defense purely based on timeline, which would have distracted the court from the actual arguments we're making on the merits."

More information on the case is available at the ACLU Alaska website: [ACLU website](#)
To see the entire filing, use this link: [ACLU Court Filing](#)
To view the LWV Alaska September newsletter, use this link: [LWV Alaska website](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION **NOT RELATED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION**

2023 Municipal "Ballot Review" Pamphlet: We are busily working on items for the 2023 April Municipal Election. A "Request for Proposal" was submitted to the Muni for preparing and distributing the "Ballot Review" pamphlet. This is the first time we have had to submit an RFP. Previously, we worked with the Municipal Clerk on this project and submitted a proposal outlining the costs and timeframes for preparing and distributing the pamphlet and moved forward on the project. At this time it is unknown if there were any other submissions. The bid process could take 30-60 days to complete.

In the meantime, we are scanning the Assembly Agenda for potential ballot items and will continue to move forward as if we have the contract. Will keep you informed.

A little history about the "Ballot Review" -- The ballot information pamphlet was initiated in 1992 (that's 30 years ago -- oh my!) and was an insert in the local newspaper. Over the years, the pamphlet distribution changed and was sent directly to households in the Anchorage area (definitely a good change since the readership of the local paper has dropped significantly over time). This project has been a mainstay for the League and a money maker as well. We are known in the community for preparing a non-partisan ballot pamphlet with comprehensive voting information and have received numerous accolades over the years for our work.

Municipality of Anchorage Web Page: The Assembly webpage is being redesigned to better provide information to residents. Hopefully, information will be easier to find. However, it may be difficult to negotiate at this stage.

We will be keeping tabs on the progress and when completed will include in a future newsletter the links to important information. Stay tuned!

Current Assembly webpage can be accessed via this link: [Muni of Anchorage](#)



LWV Anchorage Monthly Meetings: If you are interested in attending our monthly board meeting and finding out what is happening with our League and what is being planned for the future, please join us. Our monthly meeting is held the third Tuesday of each month, via Zoom. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and could last 1 hour to 1 ½ hours. You do not have to attend the whole meeting if you have time constraints.

We will be sending the monthly agenda to all members beginning in October. If you see something of interest to you or just want to attend for general information, please join us. Contact Shirley Pittz, President, at spittz@gci.net for any accompanying documents and the Zoom invitation if you wish to attend. We WELCOME your interest and need your INPUT!

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Cari: Need some info.

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