

September 2022 "eVoter"

September LWV CVA Community Dialogue:

"Getting the Real Deal!"

Knowing What to Ask For in Candidates for Federal and State Legislative Bodies

**Sunday September 18, 2022 - 2 to 4 pm
Central Library - Market St Charlottesville**

How do you prepare to vote? Do you look at the candidate's record, their party affiliation, or their past experience? Let's talk about what a representative really needs to have to be successful governing at the state and federal levels. Guests will include former representatives and their aides from both sides of the aisle and levels of government. What do you really want to know about your elected officials? How can we help voters move past incivility and polarization to create a better functioning democracy? Bring your questions to find out at our **LWV CVA Community Dialogue on Sunday, September 18, from 2 to 4 pm, in-person meeting at Central Library, Market St, Charlottesville.**

LWV CVA Voter Registration Drives are set for September and October!

Our hard-working and enthusiastic LWV CVA Voter Services Director, Susan D. Roberts, writes: I want LWV members to sign up SOON, especially for the drives in September. Are you available to volunteer for any of the dates below? Please contact Susan D. Roberts, [email: susanrofva@aol.com](mailto:susanrofva@aol.com)

Here are the scheduled voter registration events:

Sept 10 (Sat) - **La Flor Michoacana Ice Cream Shop** on Cherry Ave. across from Tonsler Park from 11 am to 1 pm. Evette Barton and Susan Roberts have volunteered. Still need ONE SPANISH SPEAKER--volunteer

SOON! *Charlottesville Tomorrow* will join us there.

Sept 12 (Mon) -- **Westminster Canterbury, 10 am until 1 pm, in Monticello Room.** Volunteers already recruited: Audrey Dannenberg, Beth Alley, Maggie Hoover.

Sept 13 (Tues) - **Colonnades (Barracks Rd), 10 am until 1 pm.** Volunteers already recruited are Meg Heubeck and Frances Schutz.

Sept 20 (Tues) - **National Voters Registration Day -- at Stonefield Shopping Center on Bond St., by Duck Donuts.** 10 am until 12:30 pm. Need 3 (or more) volunteers. *Charlottesville Tomorrow* will participate with us. We want to make this a big deal!

Oct 5 (Wed) - **University Village, 3 pm until 5 pm.** Sally Thomas has already volunteered, she needs one more person. The focus will be permanent absentee voting and change of address/precinct.

Oct 7 (Fri) - **Brown's Market,** time will be according to volunteers' convenience. Need 2 volunteers.

We will probably have a drive at **The Center at Belvedere** and there may be a few more. Once again--we need your help to register voters! This is what the League of Women Voters is all about! Please contact Susan D. Roberts, [email: susanrofva@aol.com](mailto:susanrofva@aol.com)

LWV CVA Community Engagement Committee Focuses on Voting **By Lisa Hilgartner, Shirley Payne and Gerry Kruger**

This month we'll be getting the word out for all pertinent information about voting. First, we'll be promoting the September 18 Community Dialogue! We'll spread the word on the upcoming election as well. We do this by populating media event calendars; sending PSAs to our area news organizations; getting postcards out to members for our September Community Dialogue; contacting radio and TV stations in the area; and updating our Facebook page for what's new. Our "DP Cares" ad will once again appear in the Daily Progress (paper and website) as a half page ad to tell voters in our six county area of the upcoming General Election on November 8, with pertinent dates and

sample ballot information.

In August **“Facts for Voters” flyers in Nelson, Louisa, and Greene County were published and distribution is ongoing.** These flyers, listing local government offices and their representatives, use the same template (with thanks to Leaguer Frances Schutz) that has been used for Fluvanna County for many years. The flyers can be found on our LWV CVA website—go to lww-cva.org and click on the drop-down menu, “Directory of Elected Officials.” If you live in Louisa, Greene, Fluvanna, or Nelson counties and want to help us keep up with local government or distribute the “Facts” flyer for area libraries and schools, please contact Lisa Hilgartner at 434-466-9960 or lisamezzo@gmail.com.

If you enjoy promoting our League, we’d love to have you join our team. Just contact Lisa Hilgartner for that as well.

From Beth Kariel, LWV CVA Child Care Director -
**Presentation of LWV-VA Child Care Study Report:
September 18 at 7 pm or September 22 at 7 pm**

I hope that some of you will consider coming to a presentation of the state child care study report on **either September 18 at 7:00 pm or September 22 at 7:00 pm**. There will be breakout rooms and consensus questions for local leagues to consider. Look for the zoom links to the presentations in the corrected LWV-VA Voter newsletter, that was sent out on email, Sept. 1.

Many of you will remember that we did a local study of child care several years ago and we found that our state child care position was written many years ago and needed to be updated in order for us to advocate at the state level for important policies. Other league members across the state also were interested in improving child care, so this state group was formed. Our issue group has worked hard to come up with our report, despite many challenges.

Did You Know that Virginia is the 10th wealthiest state, yet in per-pupil funding by the state, Virginia ranks 41st?

On Saturday, August 27, the League of Women Voters of Virginia Education Issues Group presented its findings on how Virginia funds its public schools. The study indicates that **state funding** of local schools is **both inadequate and inequitable**. Background information for this conclusion can be found at the website of the Commonwealth Institute:

<https://thecommonwealthinstitute.org/research/k-12-funding-trends-at-a-glance-data-for-statewide-and-all-132-school-divisions-2022/>

Participants in the study presentation went on to discuss eight "Consensus" questions. Many thanks to LWV CVA Leaguers, Beth Kariel, Gerry Kruger, Kerin Yates, Pat Cochran, Michele Kellermann, and Carol Cutler, for attending and voicing their support for the eight consensus questions. For a look at the questions and their comments, click on this [pdf document](#). For a further look into the Education study group, go to lwv-va.org and click on "Positions and Studies". More questions about this education study? Contact Michele Kellermann, [email: michele.kellermann@gmail.com](mailto:michele.kellermann@gmail.com).

LWV CVA International Relations/Federal Government News

By Gerry Kruger

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 21 at 10 am, in the home of Susan Roberts, 595 Glengarry Ct, Earlysville**. At our June meeting hosted by Anita Pilling, we examined the first three chapters of David Toscano's book, ***Fighting Political Gridlock: How States Shape Our Nation and Our Lives***. Anita prepared a discussion guide to organize our discussion. On September 21, we will continue with the following chapters. We invite anyone interested to come even if you haven't read the book. For further information, please contact **Rice Wagner: 386-527-5392, ricew123@icloud.com**

LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee News

By Muriel Grim, Chair

Albemarle Comprehensive Plan update – What's happening in August and September?

FOR INFORMATION: <https://engage.albemarle.org/ac44>

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

Community Roundtables - Next round of community engagement.

Input from community: expertise and lived experiences that will inform the County's approach to Growth Management;

Input from Project team: share the common themes they have heard and ask for community input on incorporating equity and climate action into planning for future growth and resilience.

In-Person Roundtables

Monday, August 29, from 6 - 7:30 pm at Albemarle County Office Building, Lane Auditorium.

Thursday, September 15, from 6 - 7:30 pm at B.F. Yancey Community Center Gym. Register for this event.

Virtual Roundtable

Thursday, September 1, from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Join a roundtable discussion on how we can build a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Share your “big ideas” on guiding future development, protecting natural resources, developing transportation, and other related topics.

Please register in advance. Each event will feature an introductory presentation about the AC44 project followed by small group discussions with community members and staff. The format and presentations will be the same at each event. Register for Roundtables at: <https://engage.albemarle.org/ac44>

LEARN MORE:

Listen to the *Let's Talk Albemarle* podcast episode about the Comp Plan. Visit the Introduction to AC44 webpage to learn about the background of the project, what the Comprehensive Plan is and how it is used.

Visit the *Planning for Growth* webpage for Growth Management Policy background and initial ideas on Policy updating

JULY 2022 Team Project Report

The project team has been busy listening to and reading through your

feedback related to the potential Growth Management Options. We had 474 responses to our second online questionnaire, and we spoke with several of you in person and virtually at open houses, which were held at the end of June. You can find a compilation of feedback related to the Growth Management Options at the following link: Community Member Feedback Phase 1 (Step 2): Growth Management Options. link: [Community Member Feedback Phase 1 \(Step 2\): Growth Management Options](#).

The AC44 Working Group held its third meeting in July, where they focused their discussion on project engagement methods and began to help identify themes from the community feedback. The meeting materials and minutes can be found on the AC44 Working Group page of the project website. link: [AC44 Working Group page](#)

Lastly, on July 26 the Planning Commission held a Work Session to discuss the Growth Management Options and potential common themes. The Planning Commission offered feedback on the potential options and held a discussion on common themes that are emerging from the community feedback. Links to the meeting materials and meeting recording are below.

Planning Commission Meeting materials: <https://www.albemarle.org/home/showdocument?id=14283&t=637939079379015183>

For more information about the Albemarle Comprehensive Plan, contact Muriel Grim, [email: msggrim2012@gmail.com](mailto:msggrim2012@gmail.com)

LWV CVA Electoral Boards Observer Corps Report for August By Kerin Yates, chair

Our group of observers, Sue Lewis, Karen Davenport, Lisa Hilgartner, Pat Cochran, and Kerin Yates, have been following on ZOOM or reading minutes of the meetings of the **Electoral Boards of Albemarle, City of Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson Counties**. As of the end of August all Boards are working to understand and implement the new voting regulations passed by the 2022 General Assembly.

www.elections.virginia.gov/media/electionadministration/electionlaw/202

[2-Changes-to-Virginia-Election-Laws UPDATED-FINAL.pdf](#)

Each ballot this year must have a bar code and the name of the precinct in which it is cast.

Absentee ballots must be witnessed.

Same day registration (meaning registration the day of the election) is now the law.

Districts and precincts have been finalized, the lawsuits against contesting which census to use having been dropped. Voters are being notified of their district and precinct by ID card from their Electoral Board and/or by letter from ELECT (Virginia Dept. of Elections). Neither the card or the letter, as we understand, may be used as identification to vote.

Several of the changes have resulted in purchasing new equipment. DemTech has been hired by most who we cover to handle the necessary new electronic poll books AND supply training. As of August 30, each county had received only one each of the new poll books. Obviously more are on order but it will be interesting to see if there ends up being a supply problem and enough training. Most counties will be using new “on demand” ballot printers, a relatively new system that will hopefully solve the problems associated with nine or more different ballots being needed at a single precinct.

None of the Boards or Registrars expressed a shortage of volunteers to be Election Officials as of August 30, 2022.

Despite all the changes LWV CVA Observers came away following these meetings feeling that our Registrars and Electoral Board members more than feel the responsibility of their positions and work extremely hard to maintain the integrity of our voting system.

Questions? Comments? Please contact Kerin Yates, email:
kerinyates@hotmail.com

Have you renewed your League of Women Voters

Membership? Our membership year is based on the League's fiscal year, so your **DUES WERE DUE July 1, 2022.**

Member Annual Dues:

Individual Membership: \$65

Household Membership (two persons at the same address): \$90

Student Membership: Free to students who are at least 1/2 time

Life Members (persons who have been members for 50 years or more): No dues

Please note: If you became a member in the four months prior to the start of the fiscal year (i.e., March to July 1, 2022) you do not have to pay dues for the coming fiscal year. Life members and students have no dues.

Mail your check (payable to *League of Women Voters*) to:

League of Women Voters

P.O. Box 2786

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Or pay by credit card: Go to our website, lww-cva.org, open the dropdown menu "Explore the League" and click on "Join the League/Renew Your Membership."

2022-23 Member Handbooks were mailed in August. Be sure to let us know of any changes to your email or mailing address and/or phone number! You can do this by email: lww@lww-cva.org. Or enclose the update with your check. New Member? Be sure to download the Application Form available on our website: lww-cva.org by clicking on "Join the League/Renew Your Membership" under the "Explore the League" dropdown menu.

Welcome New Members! Please add to our 2022-23 Member Roster:

Kim Harris, 555 David Rd, Charlottesville VA 22902

410-302-6010. Email: kwharris555@gmail.com

Donna Yobs, 20 Windsor Dr, Fishersville VA 22939

650-248-4882. Email: dmyobs@yahoo.com

Thank you for being/becoming a member of the League of Women Voters!

Questions? Please email: lww@lww-cva.org

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for September - Mark your Calendars!

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LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - Zoom link will be sent. September 21 - 1 to 3 pm.

League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area

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Visit our website: lwv-cva.org

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We are committed to applying the principles of

diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of our operations and activities. We support governmental policies that apply these principles in addressing the social, environmental and economic problems in our communities.

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