
January 2023 "eVoter"

MLK DAY Gun violence prevention rally in Richmond, VA



Charlottesville residents will board our bus on Mon., Jan. 16, noon @ Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2200 Angus Road, returning at 5 p.m.

We will rally at the bell tower and then talk with legislators about enacting sensible laws. Join us at this annual event. Our 30th year! Go here:

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Here

<http://evite.me/DUfpPfTc93>



Join this special event, get to know like-minded Virginians, and lobby for sensible gun laws!

For further information about participating in this rally, contact Maggie Hoover, email: maggie.hoover@gmail.com or Beth Alley, email: beth.alley@gmail.com

LWV CVA Program Planning held Saturday, December 3

What is “Program Planning”? Program Planning happens annually at the local League level. It is the time when we consider the positions taken by our League on the local and state or national levels. Our positions give the League a voice and are the result of an established process: the LWV takes action on an issue or advocates for a cause when there is an existing League position that supports the issue or speaks to the cause. **Without a position, League action/advocacy cannot be taken. This is what your League of Women Voters is all about and Program Planning is your opportunity to weigh in.**

For 2022-23, we will study **Local** and **State League positions** in preparation for our May 2023 *LWV CVA Annual Meeting* as well as the June 3-4 LWV-VA convention. Do we wish

- to retain current positions;
- to act on them; and/or
- begin new studies with the goal of establishing consensus and positions for action on other issues?

[Click here](#) for the complete report of our meeting on December 3, 2022, which includes:

- LWV CVA Program Planning for 2022-23 – Checksheet for Local Program
- LWV CVA Proposed Updates to Local Government Position: (1) Election Integrity and (2) Electoral Systems
- LWV CVA Proposed Addition to Local Program: Health Care Equity
- LWV-VA Programs Reviewed by LWV CVA – Response Form
- LWV-VA Studies for 2023 Consensus Response Forms: (1) Child Care;

(2) Environmental Justice; (3) Education Equity; (4) Money in Politics

The LWV CVA Board of Directors will review this report at its Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 1 to 3 pm.

For more information about Program Planning, contact Carol Cuter, email: gertrude3@icloud.com

Electoral Board Meetings Held in December

From Kerin Yates, LWV CVA Electoral Boards Observer Corps

Louisa and Albemarle County Electoral Boards met in December. Karen Davenport observed Louisa's meeting--[click here for the Minutes](#). Sue Lewis and Kerin Yates observed the Albemarle Board's meeting. The AEB is sending a letter to the Virginia Attorney General asking for clarification of SB: 80, passed by the last General Assembly, which has been interpreted to limit VA registrars ability to speak at public meetings. [Click here for SB: 80](#). All agreed additional training was needed for new electronic poll books by election officer personnel. Lauren Eddy announced that the State Board of Elections will have all (software,etc) ready for Rank Choice Voting by February of 2023. Michael Rodemeyer retired

from the Board.

For more information about our League's Electoral Observer Corps, contact KerinYates, email: kerinyates@hotmail.com

Saturday, December 10, 2022 - noon. "Remember Sandy Hook and Other Gun Violence Tragedies" - 10th Annual Vigil on the Charlottesville Downtown Mall:

A note from Maggie Hoover, LWV CVA Gun Violence Prevention Co-Chair:

To Lois Sandy, Kerin Yates, Anne Claar, Carol Cutler, Judy Freeman, Debbie Garth, April Holmes, Michele Kellermann, Pat Cochran, and Frances Schutz:

Thank you all for coming to the 10th annual Virgil to remember Sandy Hook and other gun violence tragedies yesterday. We had a strong League presence! Your support is crucial and numbers matter when attending public events.

"Everytown for Gun Safety" has calculated that on average 40,620 people die and 76,385 are wounded by guns each year. That would mean that in the ten years since Sandy Hook over ONE MILLION people have either lost their lives or have been wounded. That is a staggering number.

With the above stat in mind, you can see how your presence on Saturday was so important and Beth Alley and I truly appreciate your support. We must continue the fight to reduce gun violence.

For further information about the LWV CVA Gun Violence Prevention committee, contact

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LWV-VA Women's Legislative RoundTables for 2023 - (WLRT)

Attend our Women's Legislative RoundTables virtually or in-person in the Tidewater Room of the Truist Building in Richmond. These are held every Wednesday at 8:30 am when the General Assembly is in session. Beth Kariel, LWV CVA Membership Director writes: "Are you an early bird? Let's go down to Richmond for some of the Legislative RoundTables and League Day. Contact Beth Kariel, Membership Chair, if you'd like to carpool." Email: bethkariel9@gmail.com

- Legislative Pre-session, December 7, 2022 [recording](#). [Agenda](#)
- WLRT, January 11, 2023. Register [here](#).

- WLRT, January 18, 2023. Register [here](#).
- **League Day, January 25, 2023 (in person only).** Register [here](#).
- WLRT, February 1, 2023. Register [here](#).
- WLRT, February 8, 2023. Register [here](#).
- more dates may be added once the rules (calendar) are established by the House.

Advocacy Alerts

- [Legislative Priorities](#)
- Talking Points – coming soon
- Active Alerts

Tracking Legislation

- [LIS – Legislation Information System](#)
- [VPAP: Your Window into Virginia Politics](#)
- [Richmond Sunlight: Tracking Virginia's General Assembly since 2007](#)

General Assembly

- [Find your Legislator](#)
- [Virginia General Assembly](#)
- [Managing Hearings – video](#)

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for January 2023 -

Mark your Calendars!

LWV-VA Women's Legislative Roundtables - Wednesdays, beginning January 11. Meetings will be both virtual (zoom) and in person. See above for links.

League Day - Wednesday, January 25 - in person only - Register [here](#).

MLK DAY Violence Prevention Rally - Richmond VA - Monday, January 16.
[See above for Charlottesville bus information.]

LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting - Zoom on Wednesday, January 18, 1 - 3 pm. Agenda and Link forthcoming from President Meg Heubeck.

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