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It's Annual Meeting Time Again!

Plan to attend the League's Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 25! It's an opportunity to catch up with friends in other units, enjoy a delicious lunch, elect new officers,

allow members collectively to consider and adopt an annual budget and biennial program.

Members may also give direction to the Board.

Please take the enclosed Annual Meeting Kit with you to the Annual Meeting.

Calendar

Note: No LWVFA Unit Meetings in April Fairfax Voter Deadline for the May 2020 issue LWVNCA Board Meeting 11 Voter Registration Drive at Fairfax Library Civility and Civics Program: The Political Parties in the US, City of Fairfax Library, 2 p.m. 15 LWVFA Board Meeting, LWVFA Conference Room, Packard Center in Annandale, 10 a.m. 15 LWVFA's 72nd Birthday 17 LWVFA's Outings About Exceptional Women, Lucy Burns Museum, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, 11:00 a.m. 22 Earth Day's 50th anniversary: Theme: climate action (see National position at https:// my.lwv.org/lwvus/position/climate-change). Local events include the County's Festival at the Sully Historic Site on the 25th. 23 Continuing global Earth Day 2020 Strike, includes rallies at some Chase Bank branches to highlight fossil fuels per stopthemoneypipeline.com 25 LWVFA Annual Meeting, Waterford at

Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial

Highway, Fairfax, 9:30 a.m.

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Presidents' Message



Hello.

We are so happy to see that spring has sprung! Not that winter really was as severe as it normally is. While we enjoyed the mild winter, it has also caused concern about the climate change that has become a worrying reality. The last couple of months have been stressful for everyone with the Coronavirus rearing its ugly head and causing panicked hoarding of sanitizers, bleach and dry groceries!

All that said, we have been busy doing what we do: registering and educating voters and advocating for the causes we are firmly behind like Redistricting Reform and Gun Safety Legislation.

We are disappointed to see the female frontrunners in the presidential primaries have all dropped out of the race. As women, it is disheartening for all of us and our daughters and granddaughters to see that once again America is still not ready for a female President. Gender inequality is seemingly so anachronistic in 2020 yet it is present in all aspects of our lives. While there has been a significant jump in the number of women serving in the U.S. Congress it is still nowhere near representative of the population. We have 102 women serving in the U.S. House of Representatives which makes them 23.4% of the total. In the U.S. Senate there are 25 women making them only 25% of the whole. There are many countries out there which are now reserving constituencies for female legislators. Perhaps it is time we thought about doing something like that. More than 50% of our population is female and should be represented accordingly. Everywhere one looks one sees a systematic attempt to keep women down. The gender pay gap is another example of that. Nationally the gender pay gap is 82% and average gender pay gap in Virginia is 79% and we rank 30th nationally, according to the AAUW.

On a positive note, California has signed into law a bill "Women on Boards" to advance equitable gender representation on California corporate boards. It is the first state in the nation to require all publicly-held domestic or foreign corporations headquartered in California to have at least one female director on their boards by December 2019 (yes, 2019!) and one or two more would be required,

depending upon the size of the corporation by December 31, 2021.

Fingers are crossed that other states follow suit!

Last but certainly not least, we want to remind you about the Annual Meeting being held on April 25th at the Waterford. We hope we will see many more of our members at the lunch. We have a wonderful speaker for you. Her name is Elsa Walsh and she is a former Washington Post reporter, a New Yorker staff writer, and the author of "Divided Lives: The Public and Private Struggles of Three American Women." She has a very interesting viewpoint on feminism and balancing life at home.

So we look forward to seeing you all this month! Don't forget to register for the annual meeting and lunch and bring a friend or a family member along!

Nancy and Anu

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72nd LWVFA & 38th LWVFA Education Fund

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Waterford at Fair Oaks 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033

The purpose of this Annual Meeting is to allow members collectively to consider and adopt an annual budget and biennial program, and to elect officers and directors for the organization.

Members may also give direction to the Board.

Please take this Annual Meeting Kit with you to the Annual Meeting.

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2019-20 LWVFA Board of Directors

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Bob Meredith, Voter Registration
Barbara Nunes, Domestic Violence
Jessica Storrs, At-Large
Mary Valder, Unit Coordinator
Deb Wake, Metro / Transportation

PROPOSED RULES OF PROCEDURE

The Rules of Procedure become the tools that permit a majority to accomplish its purpose within a reasonable period of time, but only after allowing the minority a reasonable opportunity to express its views on issues.

- I. LWV Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised ("Parliamentary Procedure") generally guide the proceedings.
- II. Only members in good standing in the LWVFA will be permitted to speak and vote.

III. Discussion

- Speakers shall identify themselves by name and unit.
- Each speaker will be allowed two minutes, unless otherwise announced.
- The chair will not recognize a person the second time until all who wish to speak have done so.
- Debate must be germane to the subject.
- Members may request an extension of time.

IV. Motions and Amendments

- Lengthy motions and amendments shall be written and submitted to the Secretary.
- An amendment may be amended only once.
- As all agenda items require prior member notice, motions to amend the bylaws or program, which change the intent or enlarge the scope, will not be permitted.

V. **Procedure for Program Adoption** (in accordance with Article VIII. of LWVFA Bylaws)

- A. Informal consideration
 - a. An initial presentation of the recommended and not-recommended items is made.
 - i. Recommended items: Only questions of clarification will be permitted at this time.
 - ii. Not-recommended items: A member may give two-minute presentation recommending the item, followed by a formal Motion To Consider. A member of the Board may give reasons for not recommending the item (one minute.) The motion is then voted upon immediately. If it receives a majority vote, it is then **considered for adoption** on the same basis as the recommended items, except that it must receive 3/5 vote for adoption.
 - b. The proposed program (approved not-recommended items, followed by recommended items) is now up for informal consideration; there may be discussion, without formal motions, as time permits.

B. Formal consideration

- a. Motion To Adopt is made.
- b. Program: not-recommended items and then recommended items, in the order in which they were voted for consideration, are taken up one at a time for formal motion, further debate, possible amendment and vote.
- c. Current Positions: members have an opportunity to reaffirm current LWVFA positions as shown in latest edition of HERE WE STAND (June 2019). Positions are moved for readoption. Proposals to delete or update must go through the program planning process as described in Article VIII of LWVFA Bylaws to become part of the recommended program at this Annual Meeting. Readopted positions become part of the approved program for the next biennium.



LWVFA ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSED AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee

10:00 a.m. Call to Order, Presidents' Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Elected Officials, League Presidents and Current Board

Recognition of 50+ Year League of Women Voters Members

Adoption of Rules of Procedures

Adoption of Agenda

Appointments of Parliamentarian and Reading Committee

Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting have been approved by the Board Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter General Fund LWVFA FY 2019-20

10:20 a.m. Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter General Fund LWVFA FY 2019-20 10:25 a.m. Presentation of Proposed FY 2020-2021 LWVFA General Fund Budget

Consideration, Questions & Adoption of FY 2020-2021 General Fund Budget

10:40 a.m. Presentation of Proposed LWVFA Bylaws Changes

Adoption of LWVFA Bylaws Changes

10:45 a.m. LWVFA Program 2020-2022:

Presentation of the Recommended Program Items/Questions

Presentation of the Not-Recommended Program Items/Motion(s) to

Consider

Informal Consideration of the Proposed Program for 2020-2022 which includes:

 Recommended for Concerted LWVFA Action and Re-adoption of Current Positions

Adoption of LWVFA Program for 2020-2022 (see Program Adoption Procedure,

Rules #V.)

11:00 a.m. Report of the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor

Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA

11:10 a.m. Adjourn LWVFA Annual Meeting



LWVFA EDUCATION FUND ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSED AGENDA

11:11 a.m. Call to Order

Adoption of Rules Adoption of Agenda

11:15 a.m. Treasurer's Report - 3rd Quarter Education Fund LWVFA FY 2019-20 11:20 a.m. Presentation of Proposed FY 2020-2021 LWVFA Education Fund Budget

Consideration, Questions & Adoption of Education Fund Budget

11:35 a.m. Presentation of Proposed LWVFA Education Fund Bylaws Changes

Adoption of LWVFA Education Fund Bylaws Changes

11:40 a.m. Report of Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor

Election of Officers & Directors for LWVFA Education Fund

11:45 a.m. Directions to the Board

11:55 a.m. Closing Remarks

Noon Adjourn LWVFA Education Fund Annual Meeting

Photograph of Board

Break

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Keynote Speaker: Elsa Walsh**

Elsa Walsh, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting who writes frequently about women's lives.

Followed by Question & Answer Session

Elsa Walsh, a writer and author, has been a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and an investigative reporter for *The Washington Post*. She also is a screenwriter and speaks frequently about women's lives.

At *The New Yorker*, Walsh specialized in intimate profiles of world figures. At *The Washington Post*, she was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting for her work on how court secrecy affects public safety. This series led to numerous reforms and laws being changed across the country.

Walsh is the author of the national best-seller *Divided Lives: The Public and Private Struggles of Three American Women*. The past three years, she has served as a guest lecturer at Yale University on how to write about emotional truth.

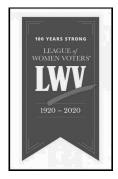
Walsh graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in rhetoric and economics and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society for academic excellence.

In addition to being named a Pulitzer finalist, Walsh also has won numerous journalism awards and was honored with the Margaret Brent award, given every three years to a woman artist, activist, writer and scholar.

Walsh is married to the writer and investigative journalist Bob Woodward. They live in Washington, D.C., with their daughter, Diana.

Walsh is a member of the board of Martha's Table, an anti-poverty organization in Washington, D.C., and a trustee of Sidwell Friends School. She also serves as a member of the advisory board for Mothers Day Every Day, an international organization dedicated to ending maternal mortality.

1:55 p.m. Closing Remarks & Conclusion





DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: Members of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

THROUGH: Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

FROM: LWVFA Budget Committee: Jane Pacelli, Chair; Susan Cowart, Judy Helein, Therese

Martin, Bill Thomas, Ronna Pazdral (Ex-Officio)

SUBJECT: Proposed General and Education Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The proposed General Fund and Education Fund budgets for 2020-21 appear on the following pages. The budgets reflect submissions regarding funding needs that we received from Board members.

The General Fund budget projects revenue of \$52,820, down slightly in comparison to the prior budget. This includes a recommended increase in dues to \$75 for individuals and \$100 for households. Anticipated expenses of \$84,315 are about the same as in the last budget.

The General Fund budget shows the difference in anticipated revenues and expenses being funded by a transfer from the Legacy Fund of about \$31,000. To the extent that we complete the year with available operating funds, the transfer from the Legacy Fund will be less. This has been the case for most of the years since we have had a Legacy Fund.

The Education Fund budget projects expenses of \$30,335 for operations, about \$3,000 over last year's budgeted amount. Some spending on Voter Services may be covered by the receipt of grant funds, including LWV pass-through grants. We anticipate that the Education Fund may require as much as \$7,000 in support from the General Fund.

Nearly half of Education Fund expenses are dedicated to Voter Service publications and materials, printing Facts for Voters, offering voter access to Vote 411, candidate forums, and supporting voter outreach for local and state elections.

We request your approval, and your recommendation that the membership adopt these budgets in April.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area General Fund Budget for FY 2020-2021

Line	Detail	Actual FY 18-19	Adopted FY 19-20	Proposed FY 20-21	Notes
I.	REVENUE & TRANSFERS				_
A.	Dues				
1.	Current Year	21,500	22,920	22,800	Notes 1 & 8
B.	Member Contributions				
1.	Direct	945	800	1,000	
2.	Unit Projects	1,603	550	800	
4.	In-Kind Donations	827	0	0	
C.	Community Contributions	115	200	200	
D.	Condo & Community Center Elections	12,200	12,700	11,950	Note 2
G.	Reimb from Ed Fund	16,835	10,903	11,870	Note 3
H.	Miscellaneous Revenue			·	
1.	Annual and General Meeting Revenue	3,230	4,400	4,000	Item II.C.6 reflects expense

	ther	381	380	200	
	otal Revenue	57,636	52,853	52,820	
	RANSFERS IN				
	om Legacy Fund	14,500	30,991	31,495	Note 4
	rom Operating Balance (includes pre-paid dues)	5,671	5,505	0	Note 5
	otal Transfers In OTAL REVENUE & TRANSFERS	20,171 77,807	36,496 89,349	31,495	
		//,80/	89,349	84,315	
	XPENSES & TRANSFERS				
	ENERAL OPERATIONS	100	250	400	
	ffice Eqpt. & Furnishings	100 593	250	400	
	ommunications	393	440	250	
	elephone & Internet	1,447	1,450	1,525	
	ocial Media	1,338	900	975	Note 6
	igital Media	0	0	700	
	eb Site	216	360	240	
e. Ma	arketing	1,061	1,300	800	Note 7
	ability Insurance	1,000	1,025	1,000	
	ate Corporation Fee	25	25	25	
_	ulk Mail	1,401	1,460	1,650	
	omp Eqpt. & Software	762	1,400	1,900	office computer, printer, software
	ent & Maintenance	3,894	3,960	4,030	2% annual rental increase
	mployee Compensation & Payroll Taxes	30,179	29,500 450	30,835 600	Includes Day Dal Samias Es-
	eneral Office Expenses ubtotal: Gen'l Expenses	42.016	450 42,520	44,930	Includes PayPal Service Fees
	OARD & ADMINISTRATION	72,010	72,320	77,730	
	resident	110	300	200	
	ecretary	0	50	50	
	reasurer	401	100	150	
	oard Activities	200	300	200	
5. Fu	ındraising	298	300	0	
	embership, Outreach, Observer Corps	652	1,000	500	
	ogram Director	0	100	50	
	nit Coordinator	262	250	250	
	ablic Relations & Representation	0	100	400	
	istorian raining	0	25	25 700	
	iscellaneous	4	25	25	
	ibtotal: Board & Admin	1,927	2,550	2,550	
	Base for Expense Allocation	43,943	45,070	47,480	Sum of A and B
	ONVENTIONS/MEETINGS	10,5 10	12,070	17,100	Sum of IT and B
	orkshops/Spec Meetings	440	1,900	600	
	WVUS Convention	0	8,400	0	
	WVVA Convention	4,011	0	3,500	Assumes 10 delegates
	WVVA Council	0	200	0	
	WVNCA Convention	280	300	400	Assumes 10 delegates
	eetings: Annual & General	3,129	4,400	4,000	
	ubtotal: Conv & Mtgs	7,860	15,200	8,500	
	FFILIATIONS	10.220	11 424	0.070	N 4 0
	WVUS PMP @ \$32 & \$16 WVVA PMP @ \$16 & \$8	10,320	11,424 5,712	9,970 4,985	Note 8
2. LV 3. LV	WVNCA PMP @ \$1.10 & \$0.55	5,160 355	393	345	
	ubtotal: Affiliations	15,835	17,529	15,300	
	airfax VOTER/Ann. Mtg. Kit	13,033	119020	15,500	
	rinting	4,455	5,200	4,800	
2. Su	applies	0	300	300	
Su	ubtotal: Fairfax VOTER	4,455	5,500	5,100	
	CTION				
	ction Director	100	300	300	
	ctivities & Support Pubs	0	500	350	
	ubtotal: Action	100	800	650	
	PECIAL PROJECTS ommunity Elections	109	100	100	
	ommunity Elections oalitions/Sponsorships	109	100	100 100	
	oalitions/Sponsorsnips ubtotal: Special Projects	109	200	200	
	ISCELLANEOUS	107	200	200	
	iscellaneous	0	50	50	
	OTAL OPERATIONS	72,302	84,349	77,280	
	D FUND SUPPORT	·		,200	
EI	D FUND Support	0	5,000	7,035	Based on Ed Fund rqmts.
To	otal Expenses + EF Support	72,302	89,349	84,315	
	RANSFERS OUT				Note 9

3.	To Operating Balance (includes pre-paid dues)	5,505	0	0	Note 10
	Subtotal: Transfers Out	5,505	0	0	
II.	TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFR	77,807	89,349	84,315	
1)	For budget purposes, all dues payments are shown for t	he membership y	ear.		
2)	Assumes same support provided to 8 Condominium and Community Center elections.				
3)	25% Cost Sharing Agreement.				
4)	The draw on the Legacy Fund will change once the end-of-year operating balances are known.				
5)	At the beginning of year, fund balances remaining are carried forward as Revenue for next year.				
6)	Social Media software tools include Constant Contact, Hootsuite, Sign-Up Genius, & Survey Monkey.				
7)	Marketing includes materials that display the League's name making us more readily identifiable.				
8)	Based on January 31 membership of 371: 289 individual, 45 additional, 9 student and 28 Life members, at new dues rates				
9)	Transfers are not cash transactions; i.e., funds are not paid into or out of LWVFA bank accounts. They are actually reclassifications.				
10)	At the end of year, fund balances remaining will be carried forward to next year as Revenue.				

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund Budget for FY 2020-2021 Actual Adopted Propose

Line	Detail	Actual FY 18-19	Adopted FY 19-20	Proposed FY 20-21	Notes
I.	REVENUE & TRANSFERS				
A.	Member Contributions				
1.	Direct	2,533	2,000	2,000	
2.	Through Unit Projects	4,875	3,500	4,000	
4.	Fundraising Events	5,052	6,000	8,000	#GivingTuesday donations
5.	Memorial and Special Funds	0	0	300	
B.	Contributions from the Public	605	500	250	
1.	Facts for Voters	1,000	1,000	1,000	
2.	Memorial and Special Funds	0	0	250	
3.	M&G/Forum Partners	350	350	1,000	
4.	Fundraising Events	1,351	0	1,500	
C.	LWV-EF & Community Foundation Grants	970	1,000	5,000	Note 4
E.	Contribution from the General Fund	0	5,000	7,035	
	Total Revenue	16,736	19,350	30,335	
F.	TRANSFERS IN				Note 1
2	From Operating Balance	12,595	6,239	0	Note 2
	From Restricted Funds (Facts for Voters &				
4.	Grants)	8,917	2,223	0	
	Total Transfers In	21,512	8,462	0	
I.	TOTAL REVENUE & TSFRS	38,248	27,812	30,335	
II.	EXPENSES & TRANSFERS				
A.	OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION				
1.	State Corporation Fee	25	25	25	
	Admin Cost of Total General Fund A/B				
2.	Expenses	16,835	10,903	11,870	Note 3
3.	Fundraising	0	0	500	
4.	Other Administrative Expenses	205	100	200	
	Subtotal Operations & Administration	17,065	11,028	12,595	
B.	EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES				
1.	Study Development	127	100	100	
2.	Study Printing and Purchase	2,597	2,500	2,500	
3.	Special Projects	175	500	250	
	Subtotal Educational Activities	2,899	3,100	2,850	
C.	VOTER SERVICES				
1.	Director Expenses	0	100	240	
2.	Facts for Voters	4,291	6,500	3,100	English only
3.	Vote 411	900	1,200	1,000	
4.	What's on the Ballot	1,113	1,000	1,000	
5.	Candidate Forums and Other Special Projects	784	1,300	1,900	
6.	Voter Service Outreach	2,668	2,000	7,000	Note 4
7.	Social Media	0	700	500	
	Subtotal Voter Services	9,756	12,800	14,740	
D.	ADVOCACY	66	400	100	Education Forums/Materials
E.	MISCELLANEOUS	0	100	50	
	Total Expenses	29,786	27,428	30,335	
F.	TRANSFERS OUT				Note 5
1.	To Operating Balance	6,239	348	0	
3.	To Restricted Funds (Facts for Voters & Grants)	2,223	0	0	

		Total Transfers Out	8,462	348	0	
II		TOTAL EXPENSES & TSFRS	38,248	27,812	30,335	
	1) Transfers are not cash transactions; i.e., funds are not paid into or out of LWVFA bank accounts.					
1	2)	At the beginning of the year, fund balances remaining are carried forward as Revenue for next year.				
3	3)	25% Cost Sharing Agreement.				
		\$5,000 of the \$7,000 budgeted is available for use only upon receipt of the grant or community foundation funds identified in Ed				
4	4)	Fund Revenue Line I.C. (LWV-EF & Community Foundation Grants).				
4	5)	At the end of year, fund balances remaining will be carried forward to next year as Revenue.				

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area approved submission of the following change to the LWVFA and LWVFA Ed Fund Bylaws for approval at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

The proposed change is found under ARTICLE VI – Meetings of Membership; Section 4 Quorum (both bylaws).

The section in the Bylaws now reads: "Fifty (50) members, or ten percent of the membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum at all of the above listed meetings of the LWVFA." [The above-listed meetings are the Annual Meeting, Special Meetings and General Meetings.]

The Board recommended change to the LWVFA Bylaws as well as a similar change to the LWVFA Education Fund Bylaws is: "Twenty- five (25) members, or 10 percent of membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum at all of the above listed meetings of the LWVFA."

Proposed Increase to Annual Membership Dues

At our November 7 retreat late last year, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area approved submission of an increase of the annual membership dues for approval at the 2020 Annual Meeting. Our membership dues have not increased since April 2009.

The proposed increase affects both Individual and Household memberships and, if approved by a majority of the members voting, would become effective, as stated in the Bylaws, immediately following the vote on the budget at the Annual Meeting.

	Individual	Household
Current rates	\$65	\$90
Proposed new rates	\$75	\$100

According to Article IX. Finance of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Bylaws, as amended, **Sec. 3 Dues.** Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of the fiscal year. . . The amount of annual dues shall be recommended by the board of directors subject to the approval of a majority of the members voting at the annual meeting. One month's notice of any proposed dues change shall be made available to members, and if approved, it shall take effect immediately following the vote on the budget at the Annual Meeting.

The complete bylaws can be found on the League's Website, www.lwv-fairfax.org/bylaws

LWVFA PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 2020-2022

LWVFA RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR 2020-2022

Based on feedback from the units and membership, the LWVFA Board of Directors makes the following recommendations for LWVFA Program 2020-2022.

I. **NEW LOCAL STUDIES**: None

II. RETAIN ALL CURRENT POSITIONS

(All current positions are published in LWVFA HERE WE STAND as Readopted April 21, 2018, and Edited June 2018 and 2019.)

III. REVIEW / UPDATE LWVFA POSITIONS:

It is proposed that a committee be formed to study the need for position updates and to suggest any position changes. (Editorial or updated wording could be discussed in informational membership meetings, but any changes would need board approval as outlined in the bylaws, Article VIII, Sections 3, 4, & 5.) Among the positions most often mentioned as needing review are:

- 1. **Government** Edit the introductory statement to include support for the governing body to consider equity when making policies or delivering programs and services.
- 2. Natural Resources
 - A. **Solid waste** Update recycling positions to be consistent with current practices.
 - B. **Air Quality -** Revise older sources of energy for new. Emphasize no energy from fracking sources.
- 3. **Housing** Expand the affordable housing positions because it affects all aspects of life, including behavioral health and criminal justice reform.

IV. RECOMMENDED FOR CONCERTED LWVFA ACTION:

- 1. GOVERNMENT **Registration and Voting**: Continue LWVUS' "The Campaign for Making Democracy Work". At the LOCAL level ensure a free, fair and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters. LWVFA should continue to reach out to underserved communities; work on voter education, protection, and mobilization; improve elections; promote redistricting through a fair and nonpartisan process; and monitor local redistricting.
- 2. NATURAL RESOURCES **Climate Change**: Encourage local and state governments to prepare for any consequences of climate change.

COMMENTS ON POTENTIAL PROGRAM POSITIONS - NEW OR UPDATED

Members at our program planning unit meetings in December 2019 mentioned many topics of interest. If members wish to propose a new study or update a position, they must follow the procedures listed in the LWVFA Bylaws, ARTICLE VIII, regarding proposing new or updated studies which states, among other things: "The voting members, either as individuals or as members of a specific LWVFA unit, may make recommendations to the board of directors at least two months prior to the annual meeting." It is important that leadership be available for any item proposed.

Bylaws Article VIII, Section 7. "Informational Member Meetings" states: "Members may meet to discuss governmental issues chosen for member education and informational background as determined by the LWVFA board of directors." These topics may or may not lead to formal studies to update or form a new position. Members interested in a particular topic are encouraged to sign-up for interest groups. Their work may lead to new positions, updates of current positions, or action priorities.

2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate to serve as Officers and Directors of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Education Fund.

To Be Elected to Serve Two-year Terms, 2020-2022, Beginning July 1, 2020:

Officers:

Co-President Anu Sahai Treasurer Lynn Stewart

Directors:

Jill Follows (Action/Advocacy Co-Coordinator)
Barbara Boardman (Action/Advocacy Co-Coordinator)

Diane Blackwell (Fund Development) Mary Valder (Unit Coordinator)

Julie Jones (At-Large) Kathleen Pablo (At Large)

To Be Elected to Serve One-year Term, 2020-2021, Beginning July 1, 2020

Nominating Committee

Chair Ann Parham
Nominating Committee Member Liz Brooke
Nominating Committee Member Wendy Fox-Grage

The Nominating Committee thanks all of the LWVFA members who have volunteered to serve in off-board positions for 2020-2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee: Charleen Deasy, Chair;

Barbara Ewalt, Peggy Knight, Jessica Storrs, Judy Helein

MEET YOUR NOMINEES

Officers:

Anu Sahai - Co-President

Anu has been a league member since 2016 and is currently a Co-President of the Fairfax Area league. She has a BA in Economics from Delhi University followed by a degree in Law from the Faculty of Law, Delhi University. She has worked in Legal Aid for several years in India. She came to America in 1991 and worked in Immigration law from 1992 until 1999. Since joining the League, she has been a discussion leader and a moderator at the candidate forums. She feels very strongly about voter suppression and women's rights and feels that the League is out there fighting for those rights and wants to use her time and energy to be a part of this effort.

Lynn Jones Stewart -- Treasurer

Lynn has lived in Burke since 1998 and is a recent member of the League. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in history, with a background as a college instructor and as an archivist. She worked at the National Archives and Records Administration, with a specialty in federal records management, retiring in 2015. Retirement provided an increased opportunity for community engagement as well as U. S. and overseas travel. Lynn enjoys the discussions at unit meetings and learning the ropes in the League's important voter registration work, and hopes to increase her support for LWV.

Directors:

Jill Follows - Action/Advocacy Co-Coordinator

Jill holds dual professional degrees in law and nursing. She was a trial attorney for 25 years in Philadelphia. During that time, the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas appointed her to the position of *Judge Pro Tempore*. Jill moved her law practice to DC in 2006 and combined it with health policy work on the Affordable Care Act, medical device regulation

and consumer health education. Her league roles include candidate forum moderator, state convention delegate, state convention presenter, and United Nations Observer for the LWVUS. She worked with League leaders to develop the Fairfax Area League's dedicated webpage on United Nations initiatives-the first such searchable page in the country.

Barbara Boardman - Action/Advocacy Co-Coordinator

Barbara Boardman has been active in the League for two years. She is a pediatrician who retired from Kaiser in 2019. She obtained her MD from Temple University in 1982 and did a pediatric residency and ambulatory specialty fellowship at Boston Medical Center. She completed a Master of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health at Harvard in 1986 and was a Congressional Fellow with the Office of Technology Assessment in 1987-88. She recently initiated a League project to educate health workers in Virginia about early absentee voting, working with the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association and is co-chair of the Virginia Academy of Pediatrics legislative committee working on gun violence prevention and other pediatric legislation.

Diane Blackwell -- Fund Development

Diane graduated with dual accounting and marketing degrees. Her career culminated with being manager of the accounting department of a large corporation. She stopped working to raise a family but subsequently returned to college to obtain a degree in fine arts. Diane joined the LWVFA in the wave of volunteers after the last election. She wanted to be part of an objective approach to the political process. Diane has volunteered for Voter Registration and Candidate Forums.

Mary Valder - Unit Coordinator

Mary joined the Fairfax League in 1973. She served on the board for many years, doing mostly Voters Service assignments under various presidents (Vivian Watts, Pat Watt, Lesley Byrne, etc.). She "stepped back" in 2001 when she returned to the work force. Having retired from her job in 2017, she "stepped back" in with great pleasure. Mary loves the League and **is** happy to be back in the swing of things.

Julia Jones – At-Large

Julie served as LWVFA unit co-coordinator for four years, co-president from 2011-2015 (being the first at this new position) and Program Director for the last two years. She continues to coordinate several community/condo elections and serves for LWVFA on the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee. Julie grew up in Ohio, graduated from Miami University with a B.S. in Elementary Education, and earned a Master's degree in geography at Michigan State University. After moving to Columbia, SC, she joined the League in 1974. Moving to Reston in 1982 she joined the Reston Day Unit, but switched to the Reston Evening Unit when she resumed teaching elementary school. In Julie's extra time, she enjoys her honorary education sorority, traveling, reading, and spending time with her five grandchildren.

Kathleen Pablo -At Large

Since retiring from education, Kathleen has been active in the League (currently unit co-chair), the Lorton Heritage Society, the preservation and restoration of the historic one-room Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, the Victorian Society at Falls Church, the Lifelong Learning Institute at GMU, and the Boutique group at St. Mary of Sorrows Church. One of the founding members of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, she serves on the BOD and as their travelling speaker, and is looking forward to the memorial dedication in August 2020.

Nominating Committee:

Ann Parham - Nominating Committee Chair

Ann is a retired librarian who worked in U.S. Army Libraries around the world for 30+ years. Ann became interested in LWV during that time but it was not until after she retired in 2011 that she became an active member. Since joining the Mt. Vernon Day unit, Ann has participated in voter registration, candidate meet and greets, and condo election activities. She has served as Unit Co-Coordinator since 2018 and on the Nominating Committee three times since 2016. She served on the Alexandria Public Records Advisory Commission in 2014-2016. She lives in Alexandria with her husband.

Liz Brooke

Liz is a 50-year+ member who joined LVW when she helped form a local league in Medina, Ohio, where she was vice president and president. She moved to Vienna in 1968 and served as president of LWVFA in the 1970s. Since then she has been active in the Oakton Vienna Unit and on numerous committees. Most recently she edited the Fairfax VOTER for 10 years. Liz worked for 34 years at U.S. News & World Report magazine in Washington, D.C.

Wendy Fox-Grage

Wendy has served on the board of LWV-Fairfax for the past four years as co-president and action chair. She considers herself to be fortunate to volunteer with such amazing people and on such important issues facing our country! When Wendy is not volunteering, she is working as a public policy analyst on aging issues. She lives with her husband and children in Vienna, VA despite her non-stop dinner conversations about politics and breaking news.

The League of Women Voters Celebrates 100 Years

The League of Women Voters is a citizens' organization that has fought since 1920 to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives.

The League of Women Voters operates at national, state and local levels through more than 700 state and local Leagues, in all 50 states as well as in DC, the Virgin Islands and Hong Kong.

100 YEARS STRONG

1920 - 2020

Carrie Chapman Catt founded The League of Women Voters on February 14, 1920, in Chicago, just six months before the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. The 19th Amendment gave American women the right to vote after a 72-year fight for women's suffrage.

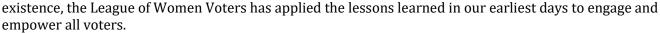
From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy.

For 100 years the League has stood strong, growing into the vital force we are today: changing our political system and supporting millions of voters. Across the country, we continue

to have impact in all 50 states, from local communities to the halls of Congress.

In 1920, our founder Carrie Chapman Catt believed that within five years, a League of Women Voters could give millions of women voters a crash course in civic engagement and launch them into the American political system.

The League was a safe-haven for women, regardless of formal party affiliation, to find their voices on issues that mattered to them. As one early leader described it, the League is "like a university without walls whose members enter to learn and remain to shape the curriculum." Over the 100 years of our



On our 100th Anniversary we are reminded that government of the people, by the people and for the people, cannot function without active involvement of the people. Like our democracy, the League has been through prosperous times and lean times and the League remains a force for change today because our members and supporters have never lost sight of the importance of the voice of the people.

Even more important than our celebrated past or the impact we have in the present, are the hopes and goals we have for our future.





Annual Meeting

Keynote Speaker: Elsa Walsh

Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting who writes frequently about women's lives. Author of "Divided Lives: The Public and Private Struggles of Three American Women," most recently staff writer The New Yorker and The Washington Post.

Saturday, April 25, 2020

Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial, Highway Fairfax VA 22033

9:30 a.m. – Registration & Coffee **********************************
LWVFA Members : \$50 each, includes coffee, luncheon, and speaker
Guests & General Public: \$60 each, includes coffee, luncheon, and speaker

To register and pay online, visit https://2020am.eventbrite.com
To register by check, fill out the following form, make checks payable to LWVFA , and mail to: 2020 Annual Meeting , c/o Viveka Fuenzalida, 11020 Burywood Lane, Reston, VA 20194
Members' Lunch @\$50 ea. Members' Name(s)
Non-Members' & LWVFA Guests' Lunch @\$60 ea. Name(s)
Phone Number & E-mail Total \$ enclosed:

Luncheon Menu: Plated Baby Spinach Salad (with Dried Cranberries, Feta Cheese, Roasted Corn and Frosted Walnuts served with a Champagne Raspberry Vinaigrette), Chicken Wellington (Chicken Puff-Pastry filled with Chicken Breast and Mushroom Duxelles) with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce, Virginia style Green Beans and Honey Glazed Carrots, Bread and Butter, Dessert, Coffee Service

Special dietary needs or questions? Please Call Viveka Fuenzalida at 703-404-0498.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, April 16th

For more, visit www.lwv-fairfax.org/2020am or https://2020am.eventbrite.com



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Dues year is July 1 – June 30

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health,	schools, domestic violence, et	c., or chairing an LWVFA	study commit	tee on voter turnout or human trafficking)
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