

News:

Runoff Elections, Local Elections, General Elections and Vote411

Local elections are over, and the Statewide Runoff Elections will be on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Early Voting for the Statewide Run-off Elections starts on May 14, 2018 and Local Elections must be archived and Statewide Runoff Elections restored in Vote 411 before early voting begins.

LWV Texas will not be printing a new Voters Guide for the Runoffs, but Vote411 must be updated with the races and candidates remaining for the runoff elections. LWV Texas will edit the Vote411.org statewide races, and Local Leagues will need to edit their Vote411 files for the runoff Elections.

Local Leagues should update their Vote411 primary/runoff races using the procedure below. For assistance with navigating Vote411 see the [Vote411 Local League Checklist](#) or call Voter Services at 512-472-1100.

- (1) First, un-publish all races from the Local Elections by Sunday, May 6, 2018.
- (2) Restore the US and State Congressional Races covered by your League by Thursday, May 10, 2018.
- (3) Publish the races for your Runoff Election by **Thursday, May 10, 2018**.

LWV Texas will restore and publish US Senator, Governor, Lt Governor, Railroad Commission, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner, Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Court of Appeals and State Board of Education.

If you have any questions about updating Vote411 in the next week, please contact LWV Board Member & Voter Services Director, Carol Olewin at 512-789-0419.

[Click here to find the Vote411 Elections Calendar for 2018.](#)

LWVTX Primary Election Videos to Share Now!

Share League GOTV and voter education for the primary runoff election:
<https://my.lwv.org/texas/voter-education-media>

New YouTube Videos to share:

<https://youtu.be/qxzk5gTQxLk> Texas Primary Runoff

https://youtu.be/Ncu_Qtj4Unc Make plans to vote

<https://youtu.be/5NZAlruVgPs> compare candidates with VOTE411.org

<https://youtu.be/KZxNaMNqqAI> Vote by mail

https://youtu.be/_ZHYkQ-U_-M Tip the Scale VOTE!

<https://youtu.be/ZswdFiSBDhI> Voting Makes Any Day A Beautiful Day

2018 Omnibus Grant Funding for Election Security Issues

The LWVTX is working to encourage officials in Texas to protect eligible voters, enhance voting security and to ensure valid votes are counted.

The 2018 Omnibus bill allotted \$380 million in grants to be distributed to all states across the country for “improving election security in the states.” In the wake of reported foreign interference in the 2016 elections, this funding will be critical to updating our election systems across the country for the 2018 midterm elections and beyond.

[Click here for full L WVUS Guidance](#)

Updating your League Page on L WVUS website (LWV.org)

The state and **[local League pages](#)** on the L WVUS website now connect directly to the member database, so roster managers can make updates, such as correcting League website links, or update the names and contacts of the League leaders. L WVUS will update the information every 24 hours. Any questions on updating this information can be directed to **rostersupport@lwv**. L WVTX LAL's send updated info to **lwvtexas@lwvtexas.org**.

A Conversation on Redistricting Livestreamed From LWVUS

A Conversation on Redistricting with Nick Stephanopoulos and Ruth Greenwood on **Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm CT**, will be live-streamed from the LWVUS Convention. Please encourage League leaders in your state who are not attending the Convention to organize viewing parties. The upcoming LWVUS League Update will provide tools and resources.

Resources:

Messaging on Security, Rights, and Democracy

ReThink Media provides valuable insight into the power of shared messaging on Security, Rights, and Democracy. Their power point and website emphasize the power of expressing shared values on democracy.

Please review and consider having a program on messaging shared values. See Rethink Media power point **here**.

**Membership Leadership Development Monthly
Guidance**

Here is the link to all of the Membership and Leadership Development **Guidances** on the LWVUS website. It has a collection of the guidance shared by State Coaches for the local Leagues they work with. This information could be useful to any League Leader!

10 Must-Know Stats About Online Fundraising

Online fundraising is growing, but slowly and that serves as an important reminder that even in an age of technological advances (then and now), mass adoption of new technology can take decades.

<http://www.nptechforgood.com/2018/03/20/10-must-know-stats-about-online-fundraising/>

Reminders:

League of Women Voters of the US Email Update

Please remind your board members to sign up for the LWVUS League Update. If you are not already receiving these, **use this form** to sign up. It contains news, information on advocacy, membership, staff highlights and more.

Convention Evaluation

If you attended the 2018 LWVTX Convention in Kerrville, please complete the entire **evaluation**. If you did not attend, consider adding your comments in the suggestions for the 2020 Convention sections and complete the sentence: I wish the League would... in the **evaluation**.

Student PMP Waiver Program

Memo from LWVUS President Chris Carson on Student Waiver Program

Interested Leagues should complete the Participating Survey

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