



League of Women Voters Prevails in Major Federal Voting Rights Case

Dear League member,

We won!

On Friday, July 29th, a federal appeals court sided with the League in our lawsuit against the state of North Carolina and overturned one of the worst voter-discrimination laws in the entire country.

This is an overwhelming victory—not just for the League but, far more important, the hundreds of thousands of voters in North Carolina whose right to vote had been imperiled by the new law.

And it's a measure of the tremendous impact committed supporters like you are having in our ongoing campaign to protect voters' rights.

Thank you for standing with us!

The court barred North Carolina from requiring photo IDs and ordered the state to restore a week of early voting and pre-registration and maintain same-day registration and out-of-precinct voting.



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the judges noted in their decision that *“we can only conclude that the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the challenged provisions of the law with discriminatory intent.”*

Chris Carson, president of the League of Women Voters applauded that statement: *“We are grateful to the Court of Appeals for seeing this bill for what it was: a race-based, chilling attempt to silence the voices of eligible voters.”*

The North Carolina law was one of many passed in states across the country shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court gutted the heart of the Voting Rights Act back in 2013.

Friday’s decision was the third major victory for voters’ rights in recent weeks, following similar decisions against anti-voter laws in Wisconsin and Texas.

I hope you are as heartened by this news as all of us here at the League were when we heard it on Friday—and I hope you feel a real sense of pride in contributing to this victory for democracy!

Thanks again for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Jeanette Senecal

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Important Dates

September 27, 2016

National Voter

Registration Day

#voterregistrationday

September 27-28

10am-2pm

Voter Registration

Drive @ NMC

October 11, 2016

Voter Registration

Deadline for the

November Election

November 8, 2016

7am-8pm

GENERAL

ELECTION

Election News:

The U.S. Supreme

Court [declined to let](#)

[Michigan’s new ban on](#)

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8pm

Frankfort City Hall, 412 Main St, Frankfort, MI 49635

This interactive session allows attendees to answer questions about improving trust in state government. Topics include state government services, emergency managers, term limits, campaign finance, and elections rules. The Center for Michigan will share the results with state leaders. Please come and participate!

**Plastics: Yesterday's Convenience,
Today's Contamination in our Waters
Thursday, September 15, 7-8:30pm**

McGuire Room of the Woodmere Branch of TADL
610 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686

Jeanie Williams, Lead Scientist and Education Coordinator of the Inland Seas Education Association, will discuss the profusion of microplastics in the Great Lakes and the threat they pose to the health of fish, animals, and their ecosystems in and around the lakes. This program is free and open to the public.

**104th Candidate Forum
Thursday, September 29, 7-8:30pm**

Garfield Township Hall
3848 Veterans Dr, Traverse City, MI 49684

**U.S. 1st Congressional District Forum
Monday, October 10, 7-8:30pm**

Lars Hockstad Auditorium
301 Seventh St, Traverse City, MI 49684

Moderators: David Cassleman, Jack Segal
Co-sponsors: LWVLC, IAF, IPR, UpNorthTV

Save the Date: NMC Board of Trustees

[November election.](#)

**Recently Adopted LWVUS
Positions:**

[Considerations for Evaluating
Constitutional Amendment
Proposals](#) (Jan. 2016)

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Under Article 5 of the U.S.
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[Money in Politics](#) (April 2016)

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when you actually
vote.

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Milliken Auditorium

1701 E Front St, Traverse City, MI 49686



Watching debates is one of the best ways that we can educate ourselves before we head to the voting booth. Luckily, when it comes to figuring out how to get the most out of debate-watching (and having fun while doing it!), LWV has your back.

Whether you already know who you want to vote for or are totally undecided, watching alone or hosting/attending a debate-watching party, here are some tips and information to make sure you get the most of the debate-watching experience.

Download our handy guides below, including:

- [Tips for hosting a debate watch party](#)
- [Debate Watching 101](#)
- [Tips for evaluating candidates](#)



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