



League Links - October 2022 SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

866-OUR-VOTE

Michigan's election protection hotline

Hello League of Women Voters of Michigan,

The countdown to election is happening and your outreach to support the Vote Yes to prop 2 will be especially helpful these last two weeks!

Please copy and share this graphic on your social media and also send the message via text to your family, friends and neighbors. Simple ways to EMPOWER VOTERS AND DEFEND DEMOCRACY here in Michigan.



Text banking (and phone banking) opportunities are available for you to do individually or as a mini-membership gathering to also elevate the *Vote YES* message to voters, to other League members and your friends and family and neighbors from your comfort spot using your cell phone or computer.

<https://wavemichigan.com/CloverAnon.aspx?docid=61298>

Instructions: This is a very simple process and the link can be shared with members and their contacts. No training is necessary: simply click the link, see the voter from a list of 236,000 voters, then click the "Send Text" button. It can be done by computer or phone. The next name will automatically

appear to follow the same steps. *The messaging is approved by the Proposal 2 campaign.*

Please note that this is only available between the hours of 9:00 am to 7:30 pm in respect for the voter's privacy time. This is a two-stage link where the voter can click the link at the bottom of the message for more information.

In League,
Christina Schlitt, LWVMI Co-President

Board of Canvassers Observer Program Kickoff



The League is gearing up now for our post-election observer program. We are grateful to those of you who have participated before—we need your keen eyes and ears again! And to all those who haven't worked on this project before – please join us as we monitor the Board of Canvassers (BOC) in all 83 counties following this election.

Since this project started in 2020, it has escalated in importance. Election protection leaders, and even the MI Department of State, recognize the value of the League's program and depend on the daily results to alert them to the progress and possible problems. Especially important are the notes about irregularities, disturbances, or unbalanced precincts. This information gives our election protection partners the opportunity to remedy a situation prior to the county certification date.

Here are some details:

- By state law, a county canvass must start by noon on Thursday, November 10. Some counties start earlier.
- Depending on the population of the county, the BOC can take 1-14 days to complete their task
- BOC members can set their own work hours, but the majority are 9-5
- No experience is necessary to be an observer volunteer
- Observer volunteers can sign up for 2-3 hour shifts or more
- You can sign up here for the county, date and time you choose:
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.SignupLogin&urlid=BoC-Observations-AfterGeneralElection2022>
- Accessing the sign-up platform from a PC or laptop is the best choice. If accessing the sign-up platform from a phone, keep in mind that the county tabs will be shown as a "drop down" instead of across the top of the screen.
- Observers need to attend a training session on either 10-26 or 11-3, both at 7:00 pm.

The registration links for the training are:

Oct. 26: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlf->

[qgpzgoGtlYPtYgYTj1YcFtKbliXpzE](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8441111111)

Nov. 3: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErf--trj4jEtBIUuGlvTtkAr6d5uJs40Ez>

If you can't make either of those dates, you can watch a recording. We are recruiting help from other non-partisan groups for this election since we're trying to cover all 83 counties.

If you have any questions about the observer program, please contact our project manager, Sara Weertz at saraweertz.LWVMI@gmail.com or Co-President, Paula Bowman at paulabowman9000@gmail.com

Thank you all for making this project possible and effective.

-- Paula Bowman, LWVMI Co-President

Vote Early Day is October 28

The League is a partner of Vote Early Day. Vote Early Day is an open-source holiday, so your League or company can celebrate in the way that is most meaningful and impactful for your community. Sign up so you, your League or your company can be supported with free swag, digital tools, and national recognition for your work to help Americans vote early.

<https://voteearlyday.org/get-involved/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=527b96e2-ef00-490d-80f5-59c085ceaff7>

Local Leagues

Berrien/Cass Counties
Copper Country ([with Geobic Geographical Unit](#))
Dearborn/Dearborn Heights
Delta County
Detroit
Eastern UP MAL State Unit
Flint Area
Grand Haven Area
Greater Grand Rapids Area MAL State Unit
Grand Traverse Area ([with Crawford County Geographical Unit](#))
Grosse Pointe
Holland Area
Jackson Area
Kalamazoo Area ([with Calhoun County Geographical Unit](#))
Lansing Area
Leelanau County
Livingston County MAL State Unit
Macomb County MAL State Unit
Manistee County
Marquette County
Midland Area ([with Bay County Geographical Unit](#))
Mt. Pleasant
Northeast Michigan (formerly Alpena County)

Northern Lower Michigan
Northwest Wayne County
Oakland Area
Saginaw County
Tecumseh/Lenawee County MAL State Unit
Troy
Washtenaw County

For more information go to www.lwvmi.org
or check out Facebook pages for state and local LWVs

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Calendar



October 2022

10-24 United Nations Day
10-25 Communications Committee, 2 pm
10-27 Voter Services Virtual Meeting, 7 pm
10-28 Lake Michigan Region Annual Meeting

November 2022

- Initiate plans for Sunshine Week and Women's History Month for March 2023
- Archive VOT411 responses after the general election
- Request Vote411 accounts for 2023 elections

11-5 Daylight Savings Time ends
11-8 General Election
11-9 Membership Leaders' Network Meeting, 7 pm
11-12 LWVMI Board Meeting, League Links to follow
11-15 IRS 990 Ecards due
11-17 Local Presidents Call, 7 pm

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