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FROM LWVUS.....

Late on Tuesday evening (3-25), President Trump issued an [executive order on elections](#), which includes the following actions:

1. Requires the Election Assistance Commission to add documentary proof of citizenship to federal voter registration form
2. Requires states to access databases to verify eligibility
3. Instructs the attorney general and DOGE to review voter registration databases
4. Requires that all ballots be counted on Election Day

LWVUS has issued a [national press statement](#) today, and may take further action in the future. If the press reaches out to your League for comment on this EO, please share the statement with them and direct them to media@lww.org for any follow-up questions. If national press reach out to your League, please direct them to media@lww.org.

It is very important at this moment for LWVUS to lead messaging on this EO in order to protect all our options for future action. That said, we know many of your states would be particularly affected by the proof of citizenship for federal registration forms. Following our statement today, LWVUS will develop guidance for state Leagues on this issue.



JOIN A **HANDS OFF!** RALLY NEAR YOU ON APRIL 5TH

On Saturday, April 5, LWV is joining national partners for **Hands Off!**, a mobilization in response to the current administration's attacks on our democracy, basic rights, and overreach of power. **Events are being held all across the country: Leagues can find or register their local event here.** Leagues interested in hosting an event can find a host toolkit, including social media materials and event guidance here. Members or Leagues participating in their local activation should refer to our protest safety guidance available on the League Management Site.

We encourage you to participate in this demonstration to support democracy and to carry signs that focus on issues, not individuals. And if available, we'd love to receive pictures you take of the event!

Paula Bowman and Denise Hartsough
LWVMI Co-Presidents



CONVENTION MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE

According to our bylaws, materials concerning the decisions delegates will make at the May 16-18 Convention must be sent to the local League presidents 6 weeks before the convention. We will meet this deadline (April 4) and will also post all the materials on the proposed budget, bylaw changes, program and nomination slate on the LWV Only page of our website. Need the password? Local presidents have it.

You can register for the convention here, and be sure to register for a hotel

room before April 16 to get the Convention discount. Call the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel at 616-957-1770

Special Note to Local League Presidents: Be sure to get [us](#) your list of voting delegates attending the Convention by April 15. If you have unused delegate spots, we will give them to Leagues who are sending more members than their allowable spots. That way, all members who attend the Convention will be able to vote.

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