

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA



2023 IMPACT REPORT



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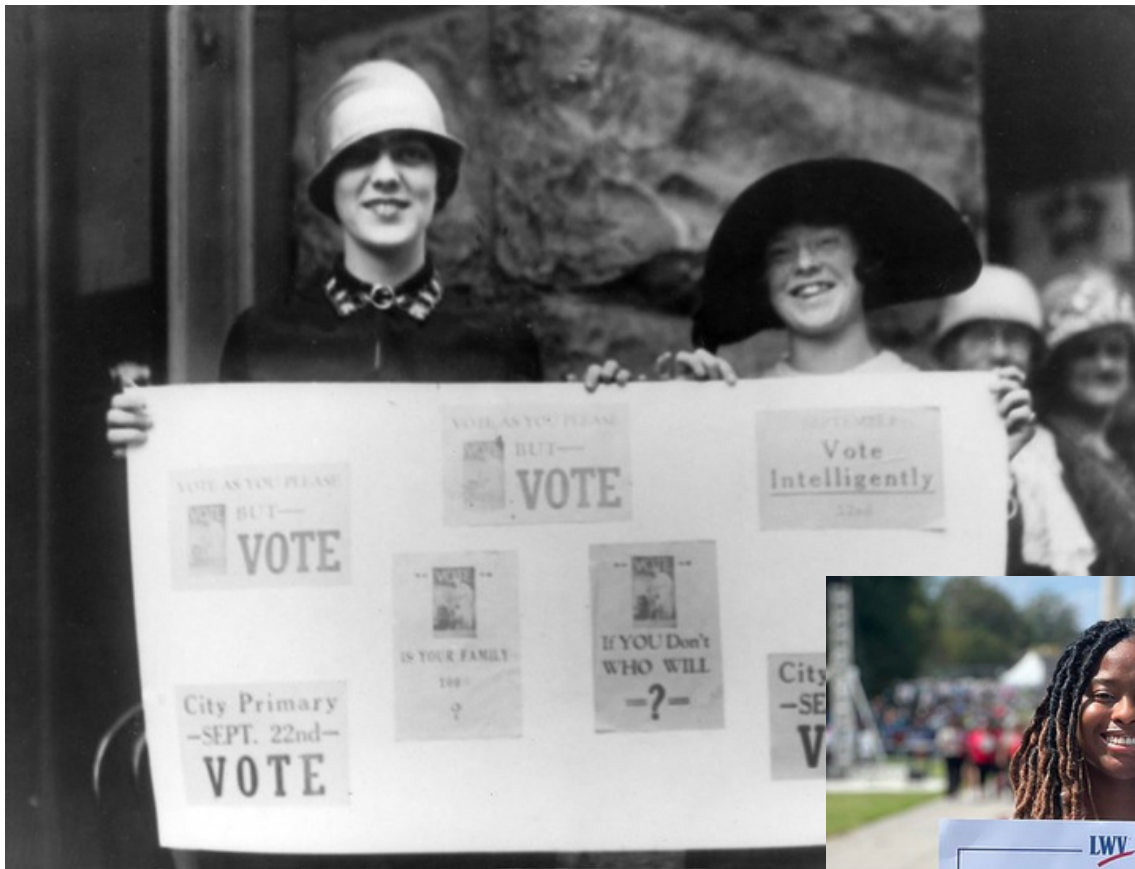
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OUR STORY

The [League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania](#) (LWVPA) is a statewide, nonpartisan organization. Our state office oversees a grassroots network of 30 local Leagues across Pennsylvania.

For over 100 years, the League has served as a trusted, responsive voice that holds the government accountable to its citizens.

LWVPA encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters has evolved from a mighty political experiment designed to help 20 million newly enfranchised women vote in 1920, to a nationally recognized organization that is a mighty force in shaping public policy and promoting informed civic participation.

From myself and all of us at the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, I'd like to congratulate our members and supporters on another fantastic year of advocacy, education, and voter engagement. Throughout 2023, our work as a nonpartisan grassroots voice in Pennsylvania politics was more critical than ever.

Some highlights from 2023:

LWVPA's 2023 Biennial Convention: I was thrilled to be elected as your president alongside a talented **Board of Directors** at LWVPA's June Convention. It was exciting to see League members debate and discuss important organizational and **policy updates** for the next biennium. When League members come together, amazing things happen for Pennsylvania democracy.

Democracy Defense and Litigation: The League continued to protect PA elections and voting rights through legal action in 2023. In May, voting rights advocates and the League **prevailed in a lawsuit** regarding potential voter purges. In June, we were thrilled by SCOTUS's decision in **Moore V. Harper**, which upheld the role of state judicial review. In **August**, and again in **September**, the League filed amicus briefs in two cases regarding voter privacy. We are committed to putting the full breadth of our resources behind voter protection and election defense in 2024.

Investment in our Local League Network: We believe that our grassroots impact comes from the work of our **30 local Leagues**. We were thrilled this year to support our Leagues' civic engagement projects with over \$30,000 in passthrough grant funding. In addition, we officially welcomed our newest member-at-large unit in Northumberland County.

Lastly, I'd like to express my gratitude for Meg Pierce and Rae Neubaum, two incredible staff members who transitioned away from the League in 2023. Without their leadership, wisdom, and guidance, LWVPA would not be the trusted civic engagement organization it is today. I thank them for their commitment and dedication to the League in 2023 and in years past!

I wish you all a happy end to 2023, and look forward to empowering voters and defending democracy with you in 2024.

In League,



Maria Delgado-Santana
President, LWVPA



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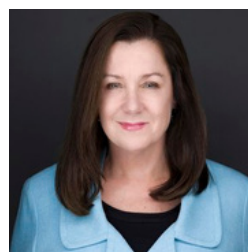
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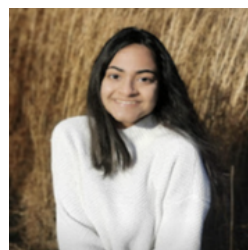
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MEET OUR FELLOWS

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Through the generosity of League supporters, LWVPA hosts a paid fellowship program to offer professional development opportunities to students with a passion for democracy. This year's cohort brought an exceptional group of young professionals into the League's grassroots advocacy and election work



Jeff Fuentes-Gleghorn

Policy and Communications Fellow

North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies



Tori Beard

Civic Engagement Fellow

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“Working as a Fellow for the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania was an invaluable experience. Working with people who were so dedicated to and passionate about the LWVPA mission -- from the LWVPA staff and Board to the Local League members -- was inspiring. I learned so much about what strong and effective leadership looks like from them. The work that you accomplish makes you feel you are truly making a difference for voters in Pennsylvania.”

Victoria Beard, Civic Engagement Fellow

Civic Engagement BY THE NUMBERS

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153,000

Visits to
Vote411



105,000

Postcards
Mailed



1,300

Poll
Workers
Recruited
since 2022



2,000,000

Social
Media
Impressions



55,000

Voters
Texted

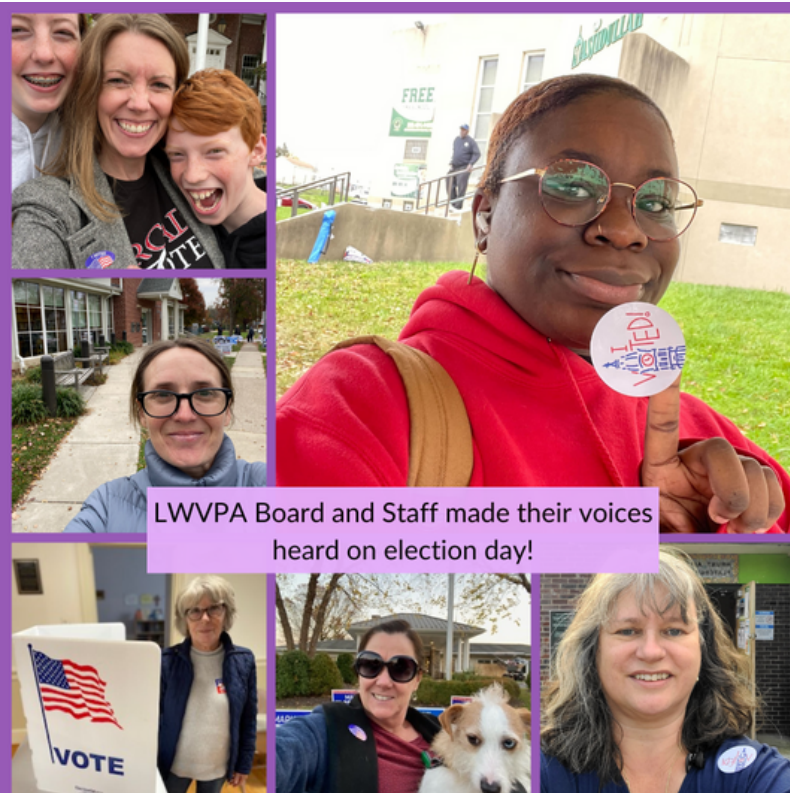


“For over a century, the League has steadfastly worked to engage and educate Pennsylvanians. As trends change and critical issues become more and more polarized, we are proud to partner with our over 2,000 members to continue this tradition of promoting nonpartisan, fact-based civic engagement in every community across the Commonwealth.”

-Sam Anthony, LWVPA Program Manager

Reaching PA voters where they are:

- 25 virtual voter education events
- 25+ candidate forums
- 2 “Get Out the Vote (GOTV) text banks
- 4 AM radio stories reaching 2 million + listeners
- 52 poll worker info sessions
- 20+ statewide voter services meetings



LWVPA Board and Staff made their voices heard on election day!

Our 2023 statewide advocacy portfolio covered a range of social, governmental, and environmental issues critical to Pennsylvanians, including:

- Preservation of the [role of the PA Constitution](#) in protecting individual rights.
- Support for strong election administration policies like [ERIC](#) and [Automatic Voter Registration](#).
- Continued support for [open primaries](#) to allow more voters to make their voices heard.
- Opposition to proposed bills and [Constitutional amendments](#) that erode voting rights and election integrity.
- Protection of reproductive rights in the wake of the [Dobbs v Jackson](#) decision.
- [Fair School Funding](#) and education policies to benefit all Pennsylvania students.
- Gun safety, including supporting the passage of the [Common Agenda to End Gun Violence](#).
- Advocated for the passage of the [Equal Rights Amendment](#).
- Environmental action through advocacy for Pennsylvania's involvement in the [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative](#), participation in our annual [Shale and Public Health Conference](#), and our first ever Reimagine Sustainability Week.



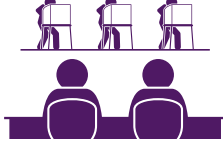

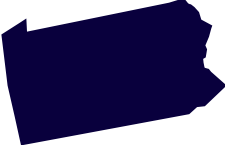
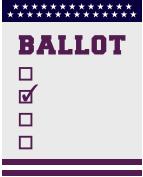








FIGHTING FOR WHAT COUNTS: 2023 POLICY PRIORITIES

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The League was thrilled to hold its first advocacy day in over 10 years last spring. Members from all across the state gathered in Harrisburg to meet with legislators, engage in meaningful conversations, and advocate for our 2023 policy priorities. We were thrilled to showcase our political power and commitment to voter empowerment.



<p>Accessible Voting for All</p> 	<p>Voter Privacy and Security</p> 	<p>Election Administration</p> 
<p>Fair Election Certification</p> 	<p>People Powered Fair Maps</p> 	<p>Open Primaries</p> 
<p>Direct Presidential Elections</p> 	<p>Reproductive Rights</p> 	<p>RGGI Implementation</p> 
<p>Clean Air, Water, and Land</p> 	<p>Quality Education</p> 	<p>Reasonable Gun Control</p> 

Local League Spotlight

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The League's enduring vitality and resonance comes from the incredible work of our 30 local Leagues, who work tirelessly to advance our mission through grassroots, community-based work.

Each year, Pennsylvania Leagues register hundreds of voters, provide hundreds of thousands of voters with nonpartisan election information, and run a myriad of community events, education sessions, and candidate forums.

In 2023, LWVPA dispensed over \$30,000 to local Leagues through our Democracy Defenders grants and Reimagine Sustainability Week grants. Leagues used these funds to engage voters and facilitate critical action on environmental sustainability in their communities.

LWVPA looks to continue this tradition of local League support and empowerment through financial support, leadership development, and information sharing in the coming year.



The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania is a people powered organization. Our work would not be possible without the generosity of our institutional and individual supporters.

We thank these donors for their commitment to empowering voters and defending democracy in 2023

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Thanks to the support of our members, donors, and volunteers, we've made great progress towards . The coming year brings critical elections for all levels will be a critical election year for ALL levels of government, and the work of nonpartisan groups like the League will be more critical than ever. Your support for LWVPA helps inform, engage, and empower Pennsylvanians to have their voices heard at the ballot box and to advocate for the issues that matter. Help grow and advance our mission in 2024 by becoming a member of the League, making a donation, or taking action. Your support makes a difference for democracy.

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