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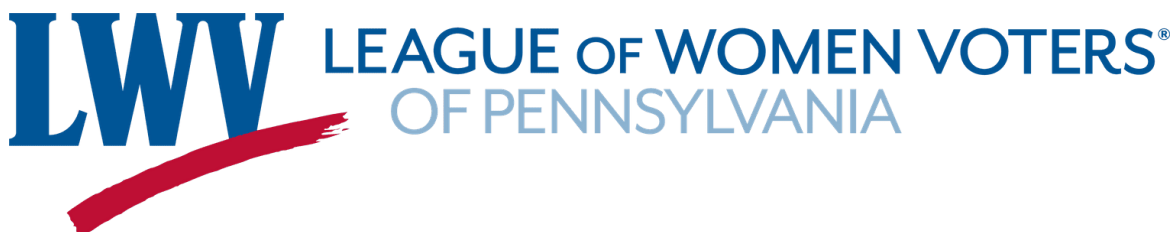
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February Updates from the State League

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Join LWVPA and NCNW Pennsylvania to celebrate Black History Month on February 28th!

Updates from the State League

- February is black history month! LWVPA honors the experiences of African Americans throughout history. Join us on February 28th at 6:00 PM for for an evening to celebrate Black History Month. The stories of Black American women speak of courage, purpose and resilience. They belong centered in our consciousness. We feature a discussion with those who led the way to forge freedom, and speak with leaders continuing the struggle for equity and inclusion today. We will discuss the life and work of Dr. Dorothy Height, civil rights activist and past NCNW President, who was known for wearing many colorful hats. All are welcome to join for an evening with Pennsylvania State Coalition of the

[NCNW](#) (National Council of Negro Women) and the [LWV of Greater Pittsburgh Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative](#). [Register here to attend](#).

- The PA Commonwealth Court ruled yesterday that the state's current system of public education funding is unconstitutional. [Read the League's statement here](#).
- LWVPA Government Policy Director Susan Gobreski weighs in on election misinformation on NPR. [Click here to read and listen](#).
- The results from this week's special elections are in, and Democrats officially have a majority of the Pennsylvania state House. [Read SpotlightPA's full article](#) for more information.
- Representatives from Fair Districts PA and members of the League gave testimony at each of [House Speaker Mark Rozzi's listening sessions](#) this month. Thanks to all who attended and made your voices heard!
- LWVPA turns 103 next week! Is your local League planning an activity to celebrate? [Register your event](#) with LWVUS. Check out other events and register for the League's birthday pep rally [here](#).
- The League is re-launching its [Ballot Box Basics](#) series for 2023! These free monthly webinars will discuss important topics like municipal elections, school boards, the judiciary, constitutional amendments, and more! [Click here](#) to see the upcoming schedule.
- Mark your calendars! The 55th Biennial Convention will take place June 16th-18th at the Crowne Plaza in Hotel in Harrisburg, PA. Keep an eye out for the upcoming first call communication, which will have important information and updates.
- If you've been wanting to learn more about how [Fair Districts PA](#) is structured, and are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities, join their Statewide Update and Volunteer Meeting on March 6th at 7:00 PM. [Register here](#).
- The League will continue its [Poll Worker Recruitment](#) project in 2023. Interested in supporting free and fair elections in your community? Join the Voter Services Committee meeting on February 15th for an update on the project and next steps. [Register here to attend](#).
- Need help understanding League tools? Contact staff member Sam! She'll be available on Thursdays between 9 and 5. If you need technical assistance or have a question, please email samantha.anthony@palwv.org to schedule a meeting.

Meet the Spring 2023 LWVPA Fellows



Victoria Beard (she/her)

Tori currently is enrolled at Temple University and is on track to receive her Bachelor's degree in Political Science this upcoming May. She is also currently enrolled in the Masters of Public Policy program at Temple University. Tori has previously worked on a variety of political campaigns in PA, and actively works as a poll worker in her hometown during the election seasons. She is passionate about advocacy and social justice work, both at a state and nationwide level.



Jeff Fuentes Gleghorn (they/them)

Jeff previously volunteered with Amnesty International USA as a Legislative Coordinator, working with federal members of Congress in Maryland, and has written extensively about local and state politics in Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin, among others. They have Bachelors in Philosophy and Psychology, and a Masters of Theological Study with an Indigenous focus from the North American Indigenous Institute for Theological Study.


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- Bedford County Chamber of Commerce
- The Chamber
- Committee of Seventy
- LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA
- POCONO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Lunch with Lawmakers:
Making Elections Work Better in PA


State Representative
Jared Solomon (D)
PA District 202


State Representative
Jesse Topper (R)
PA District 78

Fri, Feb 17
12:00 – 12:30pm

A series of bipartisan dialogues at the intersection of politics and business.

Partner Highlight:

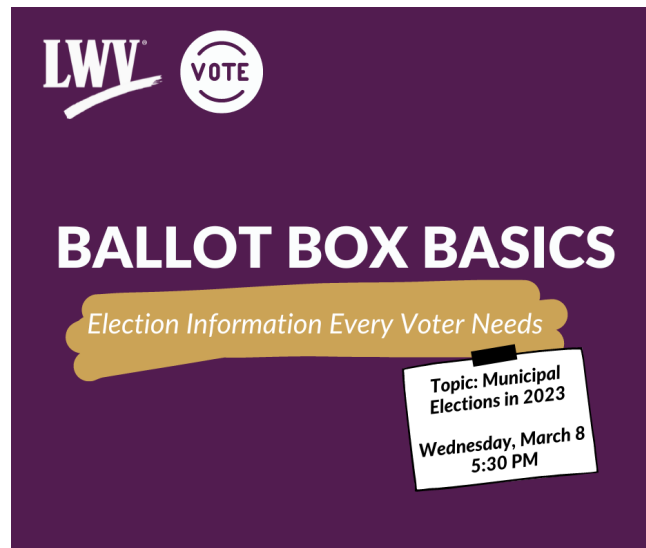
Business for America

Building on a series of bipartisan dialogues, join [BFA Pennsylvania](#) for the first in their series of “Lunch with Lawmakers” which bring together different perspectives at the intersection of business and politics. Join them on February 17th when they bring together two of the Pennsylvania House’s most knowledgeable members about needed reforms to the way the state conducts its elections.

The 2023–24 legislative session in Harrisburg will consider a range of proposals aimed at changing how citizens vote and how election officials tally and report the results. With a new governor, secretary of state, and House speaker governing as an Independent, changes are certain.

To shed light on these developments, State Representatives Jared Solomon (D - 202) and Jesse Topper (R - 78) will discuss issues such as voter ID, pre-canvassing absentee ballots, protecting election workers, standardizing the procedures counties use to run elections, clarifying the rules concerning mail-in ballots, and ensuring election integrity.

As BFA Pennsylvania prepares to engage businesses across the state in 2023 to support needed election reforms, they look forward to hearing from Representatives Solomon and Topper about what’s likely to happen in Harrisburg and how business can support these initiatives. [Register here to attend.](#)



BALLOT BOX BASICS

Election Information Every Voter Needs

Topic: Municipal
Elections in 2023
Wednesday, March 8
5:30 PM

Upcoming Events

February 13th, 6:00 PM: Monthly Environmental Policy Meeting

This month's meeting will feature Keith Jack, Director of Facilities Operations at the [Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission](#) (PTC) where he oversees the daily operations of the Facilities Department. Jack is also the Chairperson of the PTC's Sustainability Committee, which leads the agency's sustainability strategy. Under his leadership, the PTC was the first agency to achieve a perfect score from the GreenGov Council. In 2014, he was named the Engineer of the Year by the Facility Managers Association. Jack is a U.S. veteran, serving as a Seabee with the U.S. Navy. In his community, he serves as the Adjutant of the American Legion Post 329 in Elizabethtown. All are welcome to attend. [Click here to join](#), or email environmentalpolicy@palwv.org for more information.

February 23rd, 6:00 PM: Webinar: Gun Safety in Pennsylvania

Join LWVPA for a webinar on the status of gun safety legislation in Pennsylvania. Panelists include: Shannon Flores, Coalition Manager for [Giffords Gun Owners for Safety](#), will provide an overview of gun safety legislation; Carol Latkowski, Southeastern Coordinator for [CeaseFirePA](#) will discuss advocacy work in Pennsylvania; and Sean Holihan, Giffords State Legislative Director will share his insight on the status of legislation in Harrisburg. Susan Boser, LWVPA will be facilitating Q&A. [Register here to attend](#).

March 8th, 5:30 PM: Ballot Box Basics: The Importance of Municipal Elections

[Ballot Box Basics](#) will kick off 2023 with a discussion on why municipal elections matter, election day information for 2023, how to research your candidates, and more! [Register here to attend](#). All events are free and open to the public.

Don't forget to check the [LWVPA](#) and [FDPA](#) Events pages for more upcoming dates!

LWVPA in the News

[Report from Advocacy Groups Anticipated Dominant Legislative Issue](#)

[State Push for New Voting Laws with an Eye Toward 2024](#)

[PA Speaker Mark Rozzi Pledges to Ready House Rules by Month's End](#)

[Pennsylvania Voting Officials are Still Fighting Election Deniers](#)

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