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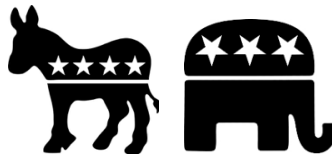
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## Key Dates for the Presidential Primary



Washington State's presidential primary is coming up this Tuesday, March 10. If you are a registered voter in the state of Washington, look for your ballot in the mail. If you are a resident of Washington State and haven't registered to vote, now is the time to register so you can participate in the presidential primary. Make sure to take your ballot to a ballot drop box or make sure it's postmarked by March 10 to ensure it gets counted! Here are the key dates from the Secretary of State Office's Election Calendar:

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| Friday, February 21, 2020 | Presidential primary 18-day voting period begins  |
| Monday, March 2, 2020     | Deadline to receive new registrations and voter updates online and by mail for the presidential primary |
| Tuesday, March 3, 2020    | Deadline for political party chair to submit names of write-in candidates to Secretary of State         |
| Tuesday, March 10, 2020   | Deadline for in-person registration and voter updates for the presidential primary                      |

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For information you need to select the candidate of your choice, go to [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org). Enter your address to access the League voter guide and learn what the candidates have to say for themselves.

If you are looking for more information on how the voting process for this election works, check the following places:

- [LWV of Kitsap County](#): Here you'll find information on dates, deadlines, and what to do. Check the [video](#) with the Kitsap County auditor for details about the voting process.
- League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County: Check out this article, "[How to Get Involved in the Presidential Primary](#)" from the LWV of Seattle-King County Voter.
- LWV of Kittitas County: See LWV of Kittitas County's [Presidential Primary Guide](#) for information on the primary and a video featuring Kittitas County party chairs discussing the primary.

## LWVWA Democracy Team at Work in Olympia

By Ann Murphy, Lobby Team Chair, LWV of Washington



We have had leaders on the front lines working bills on election security, elections, campaign finance, and redistricting, starting well before the legislative session began January 13 up to today.

**Election security** support, particularly for HB 2111 (to eliminate vulnerable email return of ballots) resulted in appreciation and praise from Secretary of State Kim Wyman. While this bill is not likely to pass this session, the effort raised significant public awareness on the security of voting in Washington.

Secretary Wyman recognized the League's expertise in election security in an [opinion piece](#) published in the *Seattle Times*. And in a direct letter to Kirstin Mueller, Election Security Issue Chair, and Kathy Sakahara, Democracy Team Chair, Secretary Wyman wrote:

This is overdue, but I wanted to thank you both for your support and the League's support on eliminating electronic ballot return. Your testimony on behalf of the League was powerful.

As I think back on the session at UW that I attended where, Kirstin, you did your email demonstration. You changed my perspective on this practice and added to what I was

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Doing the right thing often means taking the harder path. Thank you for helping me find that path.

Thank you both, again for taking on this issue!

Alison McCaffree led the charge on ESHB 2575—a bill to update the state’s **Redistricting Commission**. Alison worked tirelessly, generating interest and enthusiasm, providing recommendations and analysis, conducting statewide education sessions, and advocating for the bill that moved to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. While this bill appeared to have the voice votes, the signatures on the boards were not enough to carry it over the line onto the Senate floor. While a bill can be stymied at any point in its path, the work that Alison did strengthened our relationships with key allies, including communities of color.

**Election and campaign finance** legislation was also debated during this legislative session. We pushed for greater opportunities for young voters, more stable and equitable funding for elections, and stricter disclosure requirements to prevent foreign influence in our elections.

Democracy Team Chair Kathy Sakahara said, “I am in awe of the tenacity, depth of expertise, and commitment that both Kirstin and Alison bring to the League’s advocacy effort. We are actively working to expand the team by finding others who want to have this kind of major impact on making democracy work.”

**Democracy Rocks!** Today, March 6, is the last day for policy bills to pass out of the opposite chamber. Next Thursday, March 12, is the final day of the legislative session, when budgets must be finalized. You can catch up with the [Legislative Newsletter](#) and LWVWA’s [Current Actions](#).

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## Towards a More Perfect Democracy—A Centennial Series



[George Grantham Bain. Suffragette parade Mch. 3d 1913.](#) Photograph shows nurses marching to support women's suffrage near the U.S. Capitol. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division.

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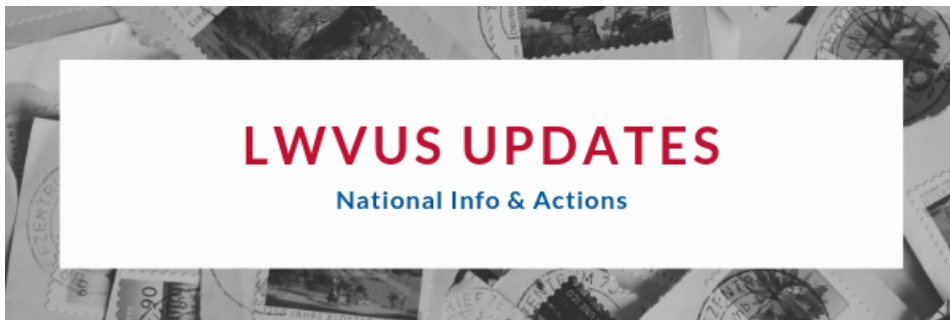
that the 19th Amendment was an important milestone for women, and yet many women and men continued the fight for access to the ballot long into the century. These programs are a great opportunity to educate and advocate about the importance of the vote.

Each program will include a moderated panel of experts, refreshments, and audience Q&A. Our panelists represent marginalized groups in our community and will share their rich experiences in the fight for voting rights. In addition we are including young people—representatives of Generation Z, those born between the mid-1990s and the mid-2010s—to get their reactions to the speakers and the issues raised.

The series is scheduled on the third Thursdays of the month, March through June, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The initial program on March 19, entitled “Imperfect Democracy,” includes Dr. Peter Pihos, assistant professor of history at Western Washington University and a leader of the Lummi Nation in northwestern Washington, and Jewell Praying Wolf James, a master carver and Lummi Nation citizen, who will explore the ways social inequality has undermined the implementation of our democratic ideals.

Dr. Kate Destler, Western Washington University political science professor, will moderate these programs, which will take place in the Rotunda Room of Old City Hall at the Whatcom Museum (121 Prospect St., Bellingham, WA 98225).

The Towards a More Perfect Democracy series is co-sponsored by the Ralph Munro Institute for Civic Education and the Whatcom Museum. More information is available on the [LWV of Bellingham/Whatcom County](#) website.



### Get Out the Count Policy Webinar

For this month's policy webinar, the Advocacy and Litigation team discussed how to successfully create a “Get Out the Count” strategy to ensure your communities are counted in the Census! You can view the [Getting Ready to Get Out the Count](#) webinar recording to learn about changes to the Census and how your League can #GetOutTheCount next month, as well as download the slide! Also check out the new social media graphics in English and Spanish in the [Census Action Kit](#).

### DEI Webinars

The LWVUS will continue its DEI webinar series in 2020. We are moving the webinars to Zoom to allow for more interaction during the webinar and to encourage members to join live as they are able or watch the recordings. Leagues are highly encouraged to watch recordings together and use them as a guide for dialogue on the topic and how it relates to your League work. You can find Information about upcoming DEI webinars as well as recordings and resources from previous webinars on the [LWV Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Webinars](#) page.

### Leaders Seeking Intergenerational League Members

Are you an active League leader who joined because of your mother and you still attend League events together? Have you brought your own daughter to League meetings and

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mother/daughter pair (could include a third generation) of League members that demonstrates our commitment to building the future of our organization. We want to hear from you! Please email [kvix@lwv.org](mailto:kvix@lwv.org) with your story! Please note that we are looking for a pair who are both comfortable speaking in an interview.

### The League in the News

- An article in [Ms. magazine](#) by LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase on the anniversary of the League of Women Voters.
- A [Happy Anniversary](#) piece in *Electionline* by CEO Kase.
- An [open letter](#) from LWVUS President Chris Carson and CEO Kase to the women of America that ran as a full-page ad in the *Washington Post*.

# Calendar

2020 is the Centennial of the 19th Amendment, which granted women in the United States the right to vote. It's also the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Events and celebrations are planned across Washington to mark the occasions. You will find Washington League history and events [here](#). For additional suffrage events across the state see the [Washington Suffrage Centennial website](#).

**Note: This schedule assumes people are able to travel and meet, but if the COVID-19 virus makes that too difficult, please be flexible and check to verify if and how events are happening. For more information about the virus, see the webpages for the [Washington State Department of Health and Public Health – Seattle & King County](#).**

## March 2020

**Saturday, March 14**—"[Battle for the Ballot: Women and the Vote](#)," celebration and exploration of voting rights and the fight for suffrage, including presentations, art, and music, 1-4 p.m., Museum of History and Industry, Seattle, free.

**Monday, March 16**—LWVWA board meeting, Seattle.

**Thursday, March 19**—*Toward a More Perfect Democracy: History & Future of the Struggle for Voice*, first in a four-part series of panel discussions co-sponsored by the LWV of Bellingham/Whatcom County, the Whatcom Museum, and the Ralph Munro Institute for Civic Education, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Old City Hall Rotunda Room, Whatcom Museum, 121 Prospect St., Bellingham.

**Thursday, March 19**—*Many Maps, One Voice*, one-woman play about redistricting done right, 7 p.m., Theater Off Jackson, 409 Seventh Ave. S., Seattle, [tickets](#).

**Friday, March 20**—*Many Maps, One Voice*, one-woman play about redistricting done right, 2

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## April 2020

**Thursday, April 2**—Exhibit Opening, "[Votes For Women: 100 Years and Counting](#)," Washington State History Museum, Tacoma. On display through August 30, 2020.

**Thursday, April 16**—*Toward a More Perfect Democracy: History & Future of the Struggle for Voice*, second in a four-part series of panel discussions co-sponsored by the LWV of Bellingham/Whatcom County, the Whatcom Museum, and the Ralph Munro Institute for Civic Education, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Old City Hall Rotunda Room, Whatcom Museum, 121 Prospect St., Bellingham.

**Monday, April 20**—LWVWA board meeting, virtual.

**Thursday-Saturday, April 23-25**—*Many Maps, One Voice*, one-woman play about redistricting done right, 2 p.m. April 23 and 7 p.m. April 24 and 25, Lair Auditorium, Spokane Community College, 1810 N. Greene St., Spokane, free for SCC students, [tickets](#).

**Thursday, April 29**—"Protecting One Person, One Vote" [presentation](#) with Alison McCaffree, LWVWA Census & Redistricting Issue Chair, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Syre Auditorium, Whatcom Community College, 237 W. Kellogg Rd., Bellingham.

## May 2020

**Thursday, May 21**—*Toward a More Perfect Democracy: History & Future of the Struggle for Voice*, third in a four-part series of panel discussions co-sponsored by the LWV of Bellingham/Whatcom County, the Whatcom Museum, and the Ralph Munro Institute for Civic Education, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Old City Hall Rotunda Room, Whatcom Museum, 121 Prospect St., Bellingham.

**Saturday, May 30- Sunday, May 31**—LWVWA Council, Yakima

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**The LWVWA state office in Seattle will be closed:**  
**May 29-June 3 (State Council)**  
**June 23-June 30 (National Convention)**

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## June 2020

**Friday, June 12**—Public forum with guest speakers discussing women's history, Edmonds Historical Museum, 118 Fifth Ave. N., Edmonds, WA (details to follow)

**Thursday, June 18**—*Toward a More Perfect Democracy: History & Future of the Struggle for Voice*, fourth in a four-part series of panel discussions co-sponsored by the LWV of Bellingham/Whatcom County, the Whatcom Museum, and the Ralph Munro Institute for Civic Education, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Old City Hall Rotunda Room, Whatcom Museum, 121 Prospect St., Bellingham.

**June 25-28**—[LWVUS National Convention 2020](#), Washington, D.C.

**Friday, June 26**—"Where's Missouri Hanna?" scavenger hunt, downtown Edmonds (details to follow)

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## August 2020

**No August LWVWA Board Meeting**—Executive Committee will be available for action

**Saturday, August 15**—LWV Clallam County Centennial Celebration Finale and Quilt Raffle, Olympic Cellars Winery, 255410 US-101, Port Angeles.

**Saturday, August 22**—Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration, State Capitol, Olympia, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Saturday, August 22**—"[Community Party in the Park](#)," Celebration of Women's Equality Day and passage of 19th Amendment, Maritime Park, Bellingham.



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