



*Democracy in Action Across Washington State | News from the League of Women Voters of WA*

## To Do List

- Make sure you (and your friends and family!) are subscribed to our [Legislative Action Newsletter](#).
- [Learn about](#) digital threats to democracy with LWV Maine.
- Complete our [weekly action alerts](#) to help critical bills pass this legislative session! Our action alert webpage is updated with new actions every Sunday evening throughout the session.

## Upcoming Events

### 1.8-3.11 | ACT via Zoom

**[REGISTER NOW!](#)** ACT via Zoom takes place every Monday from 10-11AM. Future sessions include:

- **Jan 29:** Converting our current election schedule to solely even year elections, with Andrew Villeneuve from [Northwest Progressive Institute](#).
- **Feb 5:** Keeping Washington Green: Forest legislation, with Brel Frobe, Executive Director of the [Center for Responsible Forestry](#).
- **Feb 12:** Zero Waste/Waste Diversion legislation.
- **Feb 19:** Democracy legislation.
- **Feb 26:** Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Transportation, and Revenue legislation.
- **March 4:** Climate Crisis Discussion—What Are Our Concerns? What Can We Do?

### 2.21 WED | Redistricting Taskforce Meeting

All individuals and organizational representatives are invited to join us on the third Wednesday of each month for the Redistricting Reform Task Force meeting. Each month we strategize and implement the actions needed to achieve reform. Learn more or [register here](#).

[Find more League events around the state. →](#)

## Around the League



### In Their Own Words: Reducing Solitary Confinement in Washington

Beginning this month, we will be highlighting issues that are currently before the WA Legislature (or will be in the future). We are pleased to be able to share information on these issues from the perspectives of those who are most affected by them. Our first in the series is an essay by Kevin Light-Roth entitled "[Bill to Reduce Solitary Confinement Stalls.](#)"

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### Exciting Civic Engagement Opportunity for WA High School Students

Empower the future of democracy! Encourage the high schoolers in your life to submit an entry to our 2024 Student Video Contest. They can create impactful videos on election credibility, share accurate info, and win cash prizes! Be sure to click the article to view last year's winning video.

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### Behind the Scenes: How the League Works on Legislation

Dive into the legislative heartbeat! Our League Lobby Team navigates the intricate world of bills, testimony, and advocacy. Join the journey behind the scenes of the League's work to help shape Washington's future. Discover the pivotal role you can play—get involved today!

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## League in the News

We provide this list of articles about the League's work in Washington State to showcase the work being done by our state and local Leagues. You may encounter a paywall when you click on an article. As our recent study "[The Decline of Local News and Its Impact on](#)

Democracy" found, local newspapers play a crucial role in supporting healthy communities and healthy democracies. The LWVWA encourages you to subscribe to your local paper if you are able.

- [LEGISLATIVE NEWS: Ramos' Measure Would Remove Gendered Terms from State Constitution](#) | LWV Washington | *Newswires EIN*
- [Male Pronouns within Washington State Constitution Could be Changed to Gender-Neutral Terms](#) | LWV Washington | *The Spokesman-Review*
- [The New Year Brings New WA Laws for Guns, Minimum Wage, and More](#) | LWV Washington | *Crosscut*
- [Prisoners Would Get to Vote Under Bill Backed by Formerly Incarcerated State Lawmaker](#) | LWV Washington | *Kitsap Sun*
- [Spin Control: Proposal to Let Washington Prison Inmates Vote Sparks Heated Panel Discussion](#) | LWV Washington | *The Spokesman-Review*
- [Letter: League Supports Public Participation](#) | LWV Clark County | *The Columbian*
- [First Phase of Sequim Little League Park Revamp Nears Finish](#) | LWV Clallam County | *The Peninsula Daily News*
- [OPINION: Will Thurston County Have Enough Fresh Water in its Future? Only if we Plan](#) | LWV Thurston County | *The Olympian*
- [LWV Observer Corp Notes on School Board Meeting](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Journal of the San Juans*
- [Orcas Dementia Friendly Community Project Developing Survey and Options](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The San Juan Islander*
- [Opalco Board Passes 2024 Budget and Rates](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Journal of the San Juans*
- [LWV Observer Corps Notes on Public Hospital District 1 Meeting](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Journal of the San Juans*
- [County Offers Caregiving Course](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Journal of the San Juans*
- [League of Women Voters Observer Corps Notes on Public Meetings 3](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Journal of the San Juans*
- [Special Library Board Meeting for 2024: Planning and Director Evaluation Schedule](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Journal of the San Juans*

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### Join Your Local League

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any person 16 and older may become a voting member of the League.

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## Support the League

We're able to continue our mission of empowering voters and defending democracy because of support from folks like you. Show your support by donating to the League of Women Voters of Washington right now!

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