

# THE VOTER



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## VISION

To empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide.

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The Board meets at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Calendar

September 14, LWVYCC Board meeting, noon, League office at YUU Church

September 26, in lieu of *League Conversations* we will host or co-host a Yakima City Council Candidate Forum. Please see info below.

## Notes From Cynthia and Criss

At the August Board meeting, Elaine Smith was appointed to the Board. We are very pleased to have Elaine's energy and experience serving the LWVYC once again.

LWVYC is organizing a Yakima City Council Candidate Forum on Tuesday, September 26, in the Yakima City Council Chambers. It will be televised by YPAC. A print ready flyer will be coming to all members by email for copying and distribution.

The standing date for *League Conversations* has changed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. We will restart *League Conversations* in October.

If anyone is involved in community activities in the next 2 months where voter registration would be a welcomed activity, please call Criss at 965-2351. We are looking for any opportunity to perform this vital function!

We are hoping to start a LWVYC Facebook page as a way of increasing our visibility, especially to the on-line social networking community.

***Request for action from Elyette Weinstein <[elyette@msn.com](mailto:elyette@msn.com)>***

*Hi. I am a member of the Thurston County League of Women Voters. I was the LWVWA Lobby Team Advocate on Energy Issues. LWVTC is working with Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT) to find League constituents of Rep David Taylor, 15th District, willing to talk to him about supporting HB 1964. Either I or Tom Crawford of TCAT will accompany the constituent.*

*LWVWA supported this bill during the 2017 Session. The bill allows local governments to vote on whether they want to create clean energy districts within their jurisdictions. If the measure to create the district passes, the local government can create a local taxing authority which can fund specific clean energy projects within the confines of the new district.*

*Rep. Beth Doglio is sponsoring this bill. She would like Tom Crawford (Thurston Climate Action Team) and I to garner support for the bill on the legislative committees (House Local Govt and Finance Committees) that will hear it in 2018. As you may know, Rep Taylor is on the House Local Government Committee. Since LWVWA supported this bill, Tom and I thought it would be a good idea to have a constituent member talk to their representative from each district represented on the committee.*

If you think you might be interested in helping this effort by talking to Rep. David Taylor, please contact me and I will forward the attachments Elyette sent with her email.  
Criss

cbardill@gmail.com  
965-2351

### **Homeless Study to Begin This Fall**

At the Annual Meeting in May, it was agreed to undertake a LWVYC study on Homelessness. Any member interested in participating in this study please let us know at [yakimacountylwvyc@gmail.com](mailto:yakimacountylwvyc@gmail.com) We will be holding a planning meeting later in the fall.

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF YAKIMA COUNTY**  
**Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Categories:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Student Associate

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Basic

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$70 Contributing

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$80 Supporting

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 Each additional family member at the same residence

**Note:→ Student Associate is not a voting member**

**Make checks payable to:** LWVYC, PO Box 723, YAKIMA WA 98907

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LWVWA- Vote 411  
[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

Yakima County Auditor  
<http://yakimacounty.us/170/Elections>