

THE VOTER

November 2024



Letter from the President



Hello League Members and Supporters,

Election season is here, and your local League has been working tirelessly to get out the vote and to make sure we have an informed electorate. It's not too late to get involved to make a difference this election season. Here are three easy steps you can take to join our efforts:

1) **Become a non-partisan poll monitor.** A virtual training is **TONIGHT, November 1** from 6-8pm. Poll monitors help voters and stop voter suppression. You can sign up [here](#).

2) **Join us for a canvassing event** to get out the vote for **Amendment 4 to end Florida's extreme abortion ban!** We are canvassing every day now through Election Day. Sign up [here](#) and [here](#).

3) **Share our Voter Guide!** We cover all federal, state, and local candidates, referendums, and local and state amendments. We also include our tailored questions to all candidates and their unedited answers. Our Voter Guide is available online [here](#).

Voting is both a right and a responsibility. It has been our honor to serve the St. Petersburg community this election year to help people as they exercise their right. We hope you'll join us in the home stretch.

Let's defend democracy together!

In League,

Jackie Azis
President, League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area



The League of Women Voters of Florida's 2024 Nonpartisan Voter Guide is here!

This year's guide is packed with essential information to prepare Florida voters for the upcoming election season. [CLICK HERE](#)

VOTE 411

MAKE A VOTING PLAN

- CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION AND/OR REGISTER TO VOTE**
- LEARN ABOUT EARLY VOTING OPTIONS**
Vote-by-mail by returning ballot by U.S. Mail or ballot drop box
Vote early in-person at an Early Voting location as early as 15 days before Election Day.
- EXPLORE YOUR DAY-OF VOTING OPTIONS**
Find out where you can vote and what you need to bring with you on Election Day.
- RESEARCH CANDIDATES AND MEASURES**
Learn more about ballot measures and where candidates stand on the issues.
- SHARE YOUR PLANS!**
Tell your friends & family and encourage them to make a voting plan.



VOTE411.org

Pinellas County, Florida, are you ready to vote?

Election Day is:
Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Make your voting plan today!
Check your registration and get personalized ballot information at VOTE411.org

DATES & DEADLINES

Registration Deadline: 10/07
Early Voting: 10/21 - 11/03



Informed Voters' GUIDE TO THE AMENDMENTS

INFORMED VOTERS' GUIDE TO THE AMENDMENTS ON THE FLORIDA BALLOT

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

Print this guide and bring it with you to the polls or scan the QR code to save it to your phone. FloridaAmendmentGuide.com



THE SIX AMENDMENTS ON YOUR BALLOT
THIS IS WHAT THEY WOULD DO

- AMENDMENT 1**
Brings politics into local school boards by changing their elections from non-partisan to partisan.
- AMENDMENT 2**
Establishes a constitutional right to fish and hunt, already state law, and makes it the "preferred means" of managing fish and wildlife.
- AMENDMENT 3**
Legalizes the recreational use of marijuana for adults 21 and over.
- AMENDMENT 4**
Limits the ability of politicians to interfere in the private health care decision to have an abortion.
- AMENDMENT 5**
Increases the homestead tax exemption annually based on inflation. Cuts funding communities utilize for programs and services.
- AMENDMENT 6**
Ends Florida's public campaign financing program that provides an incentive for candidates to seek support from everyday citizens, not just wealthy donors and powerful special interests.

	League of Women Voters of Florida	NAACP Florida State Conference	Mi Familia en Acción	Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Florida	ACLU Florida	Florida For All	Common Cause Florida	Equality Florida	Florida National Organization for Women	Equal Ground	National Council of Jewish Women
AMENDMENT 1	NO	NO	NO	NO		NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
AMENDMENT 2									NO		NO
AMENDMENT 3		YES		YES	YES				YES	YES	YES
AMENDMENT 4	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES
AMENDMENT 5		NO									
AMENDMENT 6	NO	NO		NO		NO	NO		NO	NO	

YES = SUPPORT NO = OPPOSE BLANK = NO POSITION

LWV partners, Progress Florida and Florida Watch, launched their **Informed Voters' Guide to the Amendments**. LWVFL and Amendment 4 are prominently featured!

The online version, available at FloridaAmendmentGuide.com is in English, Spanish and Creole, and has a link to download a printable PDF. Let's get the word out in these next 5 days!



Help Voters | Stop Voter Suppression Be a Nonpartisan Poll Monitor!

Sign up for training [HERE](#)

Note: If you've already attended Election Protection Poll Monitor training for Florida in 2024, you do not need to attend again - we'll let you know when shifts are up for the General Election.

Poll Monitors are critical eyes-on-the-ground for Florida's voting rights community, and we need more eyes than ever this year. You'll be trained by Common Cause Florida (and LWVSPA's own Amy Keith) to assist voters and observe for voting rights issues, and you will receive direct real-time support during your shift. Poll Monitors serve outside priority polling places during Early Voting and/or on Election Day.

If you have questions (even after calling the Supervisor of Elections), have trouble voting, know someone experiencing voter suppression, or if you see something troubling at a polling place, please call the Hotline.

**Questions/Concerns about voting?
Call the nonpartisan
Election Protection hotlines!**

English language hotline 866-OUR-VOTE	Spanish language hotline 888-VE-Y-VOTA
Asian & Pacific language hotline 888-API-VOTE	Arabic language hotline 844-YALLA-US
Disability Rights Florida hotline 877-352-7337	Florida Haitian-Creole voter support line 727-308-3009

#StopVoterSuppression



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF THE ST. PETERSBURG AREA

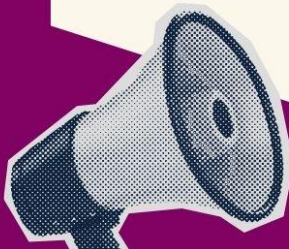
**AFFECTED BY HURRICANE
HELENE & MILTON?**

No longer getting mail at your home address?
Has your regular polling place been damaged?

Get the updates you need to know
regarding the election & how/where
to vote by visiting:



Votepinellas.gov/Home/Hurricane-Information-Page



The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office has a webpage dedicated to answering any questions you have about voting in the aftermath of the hurricanes. The SOE has relocated 25 polling places following the impact of the storms. Get prepared to vote and check the list ahead of time to verify if your polling location has changed!

The complete list of polling place changes can be accessed [here](#).

If you have questions about your voting location or mail ballot, please Visit the SOE Office's Hurricane Information Page [here](#).

Or call the Pinellas County SOE directly at 727-464-VOTE (8683)

MEMBERS MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY



Meet Bailey from Stetson Law

Bailey, a Stetson Law student, picked up a copy of the Voter Guide at the Gulfport Public Library to research her ballot and vote!

Our Voter Guide is online at Vote411.org. You can also find our printed state and local voter guides at Gulfport Public Library and South Community Library in St. Pete at these addresses:

Gulfport Library

5501 28th Ave S,
Gulfport, FL 33707

South Community Library

2300 Roy Hanna Dr S,
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

VOTER GUIDE 2024

**OUR NONPARTISAN VOTER
GUIDE WILL HELP YOU
PREPARE TO VOTE ON NOV. 5.
SEE CANDIDATES' RESPONSES
FOR US HOUSE,
FL STATE SENATE AND HOUSE,
AND LOCAL RACES,
AND FIND EXPLANATIONS OF
AMENDMENTS AND
REFERENDUMS.**



Professor Sonia King & Voter Education



On October 26, LWVSPA Speakers Bureau Team Co-Lead, Professor Sonia King, presented the constitutional amendments and other ballot topics at a voter education gathering sponsored by the Greater Mt. Zion AME Church in St. Petersburg.



We would like to highlight SPC Professor Orlando Pizana for inviting his students to the event, and his Greater Mt. Zion AME Church community, who came ready with our Voter's Guides AND print outs of the sample ballot for attendees. Thank you to all who attended!



"No One Asked You" Film Screening



On October 27, we laughed, we cried, we signed up to get out the vote for Yes on 4 to end Florida's extreme abortion ban!

Thank you, Green Light Cinema, for hosting our special screening of the **"No One Asked You" documentary** with Abortion Access Front and thank you to ACLU of Florida for sponsoring our event. We are fewer than 5 days away from the election. Early voting is almost over. The time to get out the vote for **Yes on 4 Florida** is NOW.

"We often look back on history and say: "How did this happen? How did we get here?" Many of us, including me, are saying that right now. Well, I'll tell you something; there is DANGER in indifference and ACTION is the only remedy. We cannot have you sitting comfortably in this theater, watching atrocities unfold, and, years from now, look to our children, our grandchildren, and our neighbors and say: "I watched as your rights were stripped away."

And when they look back into your eyes and ask you: "What did you do to try and stop it?" Your answer cannot be that the only action you took was to stare up at this screen in fear. The time to be brave is now." -Lindsay Polega, LWVSPA Reproductive Rights Chair

Many thanks to those who purchased tickets and attended this sold-out show!

UPCOMING EVENTS



LWVSPA members have been in the lead at every turn advancing the Yes on 4 campaign – thank you!

The **Repro Rights Action Team** has organized weekly neighborhood canvasses through Election Day to boost support for Amendment 4. Research indicates that face-to-face interactions during canvassing can significantly boost voter participation by up to 10% points. Together we will learn the best practices for canvassing and how to talk to voters about supporting the Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion!

During this event, participants will be paired up with a fellow volunteer and have the opportunity use their new skills to identify Yes on 4 supporters and promote Amendment 4 to a broader audience.

There are opportunities to help in these final days before the Election. Volunteer canvassers touch base with voters who support reproductive rights, but who have yet to vote. Let's urge them to the polls!

Will you sign up for at least one shift (if you haven't already)?

October 23 to November 3 - urge voters to Early Vote or to hand-deliver mail ballots to Early Vote site

- [**Volunteer for St. Pete GOTV 10/23-11/3**](#)

November 4 and November 5 - final push to motivate reluctant voters to the polls on Election Day

- [**Volunteer for St. Pete GOTV 11/4-11/5**](#)



Yes on 4 Election Night Watch Party in St. Petersburg

When: Tuesday, November 5,
2024

Time: 6:30 PM - 11:59 PM ET

Where: Downtown St. Pete venue

- TBA

The Yes on 4 leadership team chose St. Petersburg as the location for their **Election Night Watch Party** due to the swell of support they received from us over the last two years.

All LWVSPA members and those who've worked on petition gathering and/or voter outreach are invited.



This will be an in-person event at a large downtown venue with plenty of anticipation, energy, and excitement as we witness this pivotal moment unfold!

Let's gather together to celebrate our hard work and watch the results roll in.

For security reasons, everyone must register for the event and will receive precise venue info closer to the date.

[Register Here](#)



Interested in Leadership?

The Nominating Committee is seeking members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors

For More Info Contact:

Beate Marston

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The Nominating Committee is seeking members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors helps set the future direction of our League. Being part of our leadership gives you an opportunity to represent what you and the community you are a part of feel most passionately about, and to make a positive impact on our League.

If you know someone who may be interested, or if you are interested but would like some more information, here is a link to the Board Position descriptions that can give you an idea about the scope of the various board positions:

Board Position Descriptions

If you decide to apply for an upcoming position, please contact Beate Marston, Nominating Committee Chair, at beatemarston654@gmail.com





Join us for
Souls
to the
POLLS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

1:00 TO 6:00 PM

AT WILLIAMS PARK

350 2ND AVE N

ST. PETERSBURG 33701

Featuring Family Fun, Live Music, Game Competitions with Prizes, Food Trucks, Vendors, Prize Drawings & More to Help Get-Out-The-Vote



Register here for the Game Competitions:

Free Admission. Recovery Resources & Clothes Corner

Bring Your Lawn Chairs!

Don't miss the Ceremonial March at 5:00 PM when we collectively stroll and roll to the polls to cast early votes!

Brought to you by the *Power of the Vote* Collective:



Souls to the Polls

Sun, Nov 3 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

We're in the final days of election season! Help us in our final push to get out the vote at **Souls to the Polls** Sunday, November 3, 1:00 PM-6:00 PM.

We will have a table with voting info and there will be a high-energy mix of fun to take part in. As in, line dancing, anyone? Lakewood High marching band, anyone? Come join our **Voter Services Team** and so many of our essential community partners in this celebration of our democracy!



November Cocktails &



Conversation Tue, Nov 12, 2024, 5:30 PM

We would love for you to join the League for Cocktails & Conversation and invite a guest or two. These happy hours are the perfect time to relax with (or without!) a drink and enjoy some great company. Food and drinks are available for purchase, and there's pretty good parking but it never hurts to share a ride!

**Location: Three Birds Tavern
1492 4th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701**

[RSVP Here](#)



2024 Holiday Party

JOIN US FOR THE LWVSPA
**HOLIDAY
PARTY**

DECEMBER 8 AT 2:00 PM

HOME OF AMY WEINTRAUB
4545 DOLPHIN CAY LN S
ST. PETERSBURG FL 33711

Please RSVP by:
Friday, December 6

We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun and celebration at the

home of Amy Weintraub. This year, we're doing a potluck!

RSVP Here



DONOR THANK YOU!

**Thank you to the following who donated to the
League of Women Voters
of the St. Petersburg Area in October**

Gulfport Friends of the Library
Maryellen Greer
Rita Knorr
Roland Lajoie
Judy Ludin
Rae Madson
Kent Noel
Ann Rascoe
Linda & David Tanner

**Thank you to the following members who joined or
renewed membership at the Silver and Gold Level**

Kathleen & Raymond Arsenault
Bonnie & Stephan J. Freeman
Mary & Michael Hanrahan
Mary Ann Renfrow
Victoria Rexer
Kate Steinway & Paul Zolan
Ellen & Lou Weiner
Deb West-Weires & John Weires



FINANCE TIP FROM AVA



NOVEMBER TIP:

Have a family conversation. As we get older, we can settle a lot of financial anxieties and imparting our closely held values to the next generation. Do your children or spouse have the information they need to take over your finances? Reach out for family discussion topics.

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SEND US YOUR MONTHLY NEWS

Please send your news and updates one week in advance of the 1st of the month directly to communications@lwwspa.org



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