

THE VOTER

November 2021

Letter from the President



Dear Leaguers,

The election is this week so I hope you've sent your mail ballots in, prepared to vote in person, or have a plan to drop off your mail ballot. Equally important: encourage everyone you know to exercise their voice at the ballot box.

Even though the election ends soon, our work isn't over. Civic engagement doesn't stop at the ballot box: it's only the beginning.

Our goal is to inspire voters to take their passion for their community from the polling station to city council and beyond. Policy-making happens everyday and it's consequences impact us today, tomorrow, and years down the road.

This is why it is key that we continue to stay engaged after November 2nd; democracy is an every day practice and is worth defending no matter the time of year.

As election season closes, please keep your eyes on legislative session and our upcoming program planning. We're also happy to announce the second year of Century for a Century Virtual Race! Stay tuned for more information.

In League,
Linsey

ST. PETERSBURG GENERAL ELECTION

Time to Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd and mail ballots will be in mailboxes soon.

Here's what's on the ballot:

- Mayor of St. Petersburg
- St. Petersburg City Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 6 & 8
- 7 Proposed Amendments to the St. Petersburg City Charter
- 1 Referendum Question

For the top five things to know for the Municipal General Election and access to more valuable information, READ ON.



Check out Pinellas Voter Guide!

- See how the candidates for Mayor and Council responded to community questions.
- Read analysis of the Amendments and Referendum.



WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT?

Learn about the candidates, charter amendments and more

PinellasVoterGuide.com



ALL-MEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Let's circle up!

Rescheduled for this Thurs

Due to inclement weather our first in-person gathering in a year and a half was re-scheduled to this coming Thursday, November 4.

Outdoors, socially distant, everyone masked.
Fully vaccinated attendees only please.

[RSVP](#)



LWVSPA IN ACTION



Caitlin Constantine and Robin Davidov at "Bans Off Our Bodies" rally, signing up voters and distributing LWVSPA information



October 2, 2021 Thousands of reproductive rights advocates gathered to protest following Texas's recent abortion law.

[See LWVSPA Social Justice and Medical/Healthcare Advocacy Action Teams](#)

[More about the rally from Tampa Bay Times](#)

LWVFL 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



As a result of receiving legislative priority ballot choices from LWVSPA and 27 other local Leagues (29 total), we have a very clear understanding of what our state members think the priorities should be. [See state priorities.](#)

Approximately 3,000 bills will be introduced between now and January 11. Out of those, about 300 will become law. The League is currently monitoring approximately 80+ bills.

At the April 2022 LWVSPA Annual Meeting, members will decide which specific issues our members will champion in the upcoming year. [See 2021 LWVSPA Annual Meeting and Priorities](#)

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Beth Settle, from the Radical Gratitude Squad, LWVSPA Membership Committee, is seeking your nomination for outstanding volunteer(s) to recognize each month. If you have someone you'd like to nominate, please contact Beth at samster1212@hotmail.com

[Read about the contributions made by these volunteers.](#)



Deborah Williams



Beate Marston



Amy Weintraub



Betsy Wells



Ken Wrede

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By VOTER Team Member Bonnie Hough
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If there is one thing that Elaine Jerrold wants you to know, it's that you have a tool to make change happen - and that tool is your vote.

[Get to know Elaine, our latest LWVSPA member spotlight, here.](#)

**YOUR VOTE
IS YOUR
VOICE**

SEEKING DIRECTORS



Keeley Sheehan LaForme, Nominating Committee Chair 2021-22

Dear League Members:

As members of the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area, you all bring unique perspectives, passion for your community, and special skills that make the League strong. One meaningful way to share your passion and skills is through serving on the Board of Directors.

Our Board of Directors helps to set the direction for our League, sharing their time and talents to make a positive impact in our community while growing as leaders.

The Nominating Committee is seeking members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors. If this sounds like an opportunity you or someone you know might want to pursue, please contact Keeley LaForme, Nominating Committee Chair, at [**keeley487@gmail.com**](mailto:keeley487@gmail.com), for more information.

See bios for current [**Board of Directors**](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Gina Burchenal, Volunteer Coordinator
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Hey....We need you!

Volunteers are needed on the Finance Committee, Media and Publicity, Fundraising, the Suffragette March 2022, Voter Services Speakers Bureau and Election and Voter Protection.

As a LWVSPA volunteer you will increase your engagement in your city, build relationships with league members and invest in democracy.

[**CLICK HERE for a complete listing of volunteer opportunities**](#)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- [**November Calendar of Events/Meetings**](#)
- [**Meet our Board**](#)
- [**Explore Issues**](#)

- [Check Out our Blog Archives](#)
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