



TPP Newsletter 2/15- 2/18/2022

Weekly Spotlight : League of Women Voters



The League of Women Voters is “a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy.” They were founded in Chicago in 1920 by suffragists of the National American Woman Suffrage Association before the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote was ratified. Now, the LWV’s organizing strategies include advocacy, education, and litigation at federal, state, and local levels. Some of their top priorities include ensuring everyone has access to voting information, improving equity around exercising the right to vote, reducing the influence of money in politics, and opposing partisan and racial gerrymandering. Among other topics, they advocate for equitable health care reform, reproductive justice, environmental protection, and compassionate immigration policies.

Volunteers Needed

The following information can be found on the [League of Women Voters](#) website.

[Tell Your Senators to Support the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#)

The Senate just introduced the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (JLVRAA), which will fully restore the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and ensure renewed oversight, accountability, and justice in our democracy. We must ensure that every voter is treated fairly at the ballot box and has equal access to vote.

[Call on the Biden-Harris White House to do everything within their power to protect voting rights](#)

The freedom to vote is under direct assault across the country, especially for women, Black and brown Americans, and people with disabilities. Federal voting rights protections cannot wait and are vital to saving the soul of our democracy.

[Reach out to your Senators now and urge them to support legislation to remove the ERA's ratification deadline](#)

Congress must remove the ratification deadline of the Equal Rights Amendment to get it across the finish line and added to the Constitution.

[Urge your Senators to support the full rights of DC residents](#)

The people of Washington, DC deserve the same rights as any American living in our 50 states. They deserve full representation in Congress and to be free of Congressional interference in their local governance.

[Tell your Senators to pass the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and take a stand against the epidemic of gun violence](#)

Now is the time for Congress to step up and pass common-sense gun violence prevention reforms, such as universal background checks, closing the gun show loophole, and banning assault weapons.

[Stand with the League in our fight to ensure our elections are always free, fair, and accessible](#)

Across the country, there has been a concerted effort in many states to stop some voters from voting, or to make it much harder for them to participate. Legislators and election officials have purged existing voters from the rolls, made cuts to early voting, reduced polling places, put in place strict voter photo ID laws and levied onerous voter registration restrictions.

Upcoming Events

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Laspa Center for Leadership Elect Her Training

February 25 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Virtual Event

The Laspa Center is again partnering with Running Start to host the Elect Her Training on February 25 from 10:00 - 12:30 p.m. It will be virtual this year. Student and alums across the 7Cs are invited to participate. This is a unique

nonpartisan training for women and gender fluid individuals on how to run for political office. The goal is to advance gender equity in this and other arenas.

The training includes a 1-hour panel discussion with elected officials that they hope to announce soon. Attendees will also have a chance to develop an elevator speech about an issue they care about and map out a potential network of support. Past participants report that the Elect Her training had a positive impact on their confidence, intention, and decision to run for student government and public office.

All 7C students are invited to take advantage of this great training as it is only offered every 2 years.

Pitzer Industry Series: Public Policy/Government

March 1 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Virtual Event

Hosted by Career Services, this event will feature a winter break shadowing host working in public policy and government at Google.

This program is part of a series that provides us with a regular platform for Pitzer alumni and families as well as employers to discuss careers in a variety of fields. In typical Pitzer fashion, we have specifically designed these series events to be small, approximately 10-15 students, to allow for meaningful conversations. Contact tamara_muir@pitzer.edu for more information.

Interested in collaborating with TPP? Contact TPP Program Assistant aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu or CEC Managing Director tricia_morgan@pitzer.edu. Check our [website](#) for additional information and updates.

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Further questions? Comments? Concerns? For more information about The People's Pitzer, as well as how to get involved in our team, contact Alaina Neuburger at aneuburg@students.pitzer.edu.