

Member Bulletin

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Today is Vote Early Day!

There are eleven days until Election Day, November 8th!

But here in Illinois, Election Day, November 8th is the LAST day you can vote because Illinois has early voting rights. This means that you can vote now—vote in person at an early voting site or your polling place or vote by mail .



Early voting is safe, secure, and most of all, it is smart. When you vote early you make sure that a last minute turn of events—the sick child, the late bus, the work emergency—doesn't keep you from getting to the polls on Election Day. When you vote early you make sure your voice is heard, that your ballot is counted.

Vote now when it is convenient for you. Get it done. Get that vote by mail ballot up off the kitchen counter, fill it out and get it to a drop box.

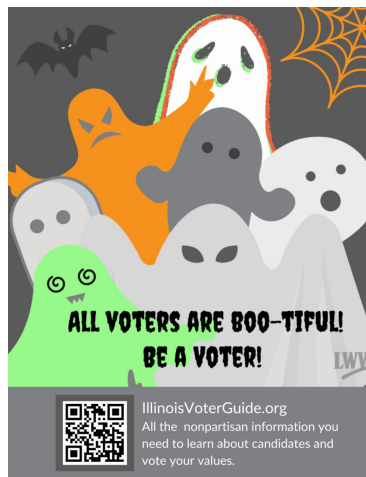
If today isn't an option, then make your plan to vote. Pick a day and time to vote and get it on your calendar. Call a friend and make a date to vote together. Make the call today.

Commit to finding five people who haven't voted yet, and ask them to make their plan to vote early!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Allyson'.

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Are you haunted by non-voters? Use our Halloween graphics to encourage everyone to be Boo-tiful! Click on any of the images above for downloadable files you can post on social media or print and hang in your window. Happy haunting!

One-by-one. Ask a person to vote every day.

There is an election going on, and the last day for Illinois voters to register and vote at their polling place is **DAYS AWAY!**

As November 8 fast approaches, each and every one of us must play a key role in voter turnout. As League members, we are passionate about voting, and it is imperative that we share that passion. All the time. One by one, we have power to move people to vote.

Research shows that a personal appeal works best to get out the vote. That means that a word or two from YOU to people you know can be very effective. Text friends and family, in every state, and ask if they've voted yet. Share your passion with store clerks, people standing in line at the checkout with you, the receptionist at your doctor's office. Talk about the importance of voting, of voting early, and of making sure five people they know vote as well.

Did you know that many people don't vote because they don't have the information they need? Because they don't feel informed? Be prepared to help everyone vote informed—send them to IllinoisVoterGuide.org!

The LWVIL [Illinois Voter Guide](https://IllinoisVoterGuide.org) is a one-stop-shop for every zip code in Illinois:

- Registration information
- New voting districts
- Where and when to vote (early, by mail, election day)
- Candidate stances
- Candidate forum recordings
- Information on judges (ratings from up to 13 bar associations)
- Wording of ballot referenda

Remind people that when they use the [Illinois Voter Guide](https://IllinoisVoterGuide.org), they can take their time, learn about candidates, make choices, and save and print a sample ballot to take into their polling place.

Get out the vote—spread the word!

Use the tools on the LWVIL website to inform voters and drive voter turnout. Start by looking at the [Illinois Voter Guide Materials](#) page for IllinoisVoterGuide.org business cards. Carry them with you, hand them out at train stations and coffee shops, and share the images on social media.

For more ideas, go to the LWVIL website For Members>League Resources page and scroll down to Voter Service.

- Check out the [Get Out the Vote Idea Guide](#), designed to help all local Leagues energize and activate voters.
- Go to the [GOTV Toolbox](#) for downloadable LWVIL graphics for social media and printable items such as business cards, flyers, and yard signs.

Step up to Power the Polls.

Many election jurisdictions are facing a **pollworker shortage** this November. If you can, gather friends and family and [sign up to work the polls](#)!

You can also decrease stress on overloaded Election Day polls by voting early. [Early voting](#) is now open in all 108 jurisdictions in Illinois.

Forums—did you host Forums!



Congratulations, Illinois local Leagues—you hosted more than 65 forums this election season! Your determination and dedication to presenting candidates to the public in fair, accessible, nonpartisan "job interviews" is something to be proud of.

Forum recordings can be found in the [Illinois Voter Guide](#) and are also linked on the [LWVIL website](#).

Protect our respect. Make sure all League events are strictly nonpartisan.

The League is a highly respected resource for nonpartisan information, which can be hard to find during our hyper-partisan times! During election season, it is crucial that you and your League are staunch guardians of our nonpartisanship.

Avoid **any appearance of bias**:

- Make sure there is a clear separation between voter education and any advocacy or legislation education activities
- Voter education and advocacy should not take place at the same event
- League members may not advocate for, or mention, ballot items such as referenda in the vicinity of a forum venue
- Leagues should not schedule or promote meetings or education activities with any candidates for office, including any elected officials who are running for office
- When in doubt, err on the side of caution, and please reach out to voterservice@lwwil.org

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or party. Period.

Education opportunities

Identifying Election Misinformation

LWVUS is partnering with The News Literacy Project (NLP) to present a series of webinars addressing election misinformation:

- **November 1, 5 pm ET: How to debunk misinformation and engage in productive conversations without confrontation** Learn how to verify reliable information that you can share with family and friends while avoiding heated arguments. [Register here.](#)

How to Run for Office

League members make excellent candidates for office—are you one of them? Do you think you can make an impact as a public servant in your community? Read through LWVIL's [So, You Want to Be a Candidate](#), and then check out the Running for Office page on the [Illinois State Board of Elections website](#) for more information. Filing deadlines for some local offices are just around the corner.

LWVIL Election Training Day

Saturday, January 14, 2022

The Consolidated elections are around the corner! Join us for a morning of election training. Hear about some new ideas for candidate forums, become a forum moderator, and learn how to write and submit candidate questions for forums and for the Illinois Voter Guide.

[Register to attend](#) one or all of these training opportunities:

- Illinois Voter Guide Questionnaire Training—9:30 am
- Candidate Forum Training—10:00 am
- Moderator Training—11:00 am

Expand League impact, educate voters statewide

Zoom helps us take our work to all corners of Illinois. **Expand your audience** and elevate our mission to empower voters and defend democracy.

Share your League's education events on the LWVIL website calendar. Submit events on the LWVIL website calendar page, lwwil.org>[News & Events](#)>[Event Calendar](#).

Thank you for supporting our work to defend democracy and empower voters.



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