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Update - LWVAL's GOTV Project for CD-02

The League's ambitious GOTV project is underway and already successful. We are writing 27,000 postcards to voters in Alabama's Congressional District 2 to remind and encourage them to vote.



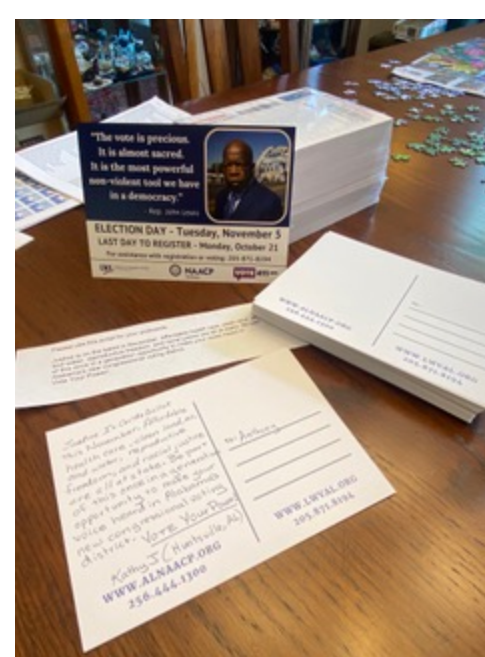
LWV of Greater Birmingham members prepping postcard packages to go out to volunteers.

This project is a joint effort with the Alabama NAACP. LWVAL Board Treasurer Stephanie Butler is leading this effort.

So far we have:

- Covered three entire counties and are deep into a fourth
- Sent nearly 10,000 postcards out to 70+ volunteers from 26 cities in 6 states: Alabama, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New York, Vermont, and Virginia

Volunteers will be writing, addressing, and stamping postcards until the last week of September when project leaders will collect them to mail out the first week of October.



The Greater Montgomery League has signed up for 1,500 postcards. If you want to be involved, there's plenty left to do.

Sign up to write postcards or donate to the project:

[LWVAL.org/CD2postcards](https://www.lwval.org/CD2postcards)

The OFFICIAL kickoff for the campaign was held via zoom this morning, scheduled to be part of the John Lewis National Day of Commemoration and Action. LWVAL President Kathy Jones was joined by Bernard Simelton (President, NAACP of Alabama) and Shalela Dowdy (Standup Mobile and 2nd Vice President of the Mobile Branch of the NAACP). Both Simelton and Dowdy were plaintiffs from the successful Milligan v Allen Redistricting case that resulted in the newly formed Congressional District 2.

Here is a link below to watch the program on the League's YouTube Channel: https://youtu.be/KaSBYtD_Sqk



LWVUS CONVENTION 2024 NOTES

The Alabama League did us proud this year at the League's National Convention June 27-30 in Washington, DC. We had 14 delegates - 8 attending in-person and 6 virtually. According to delegate Leonette Slay, "This convention showed the growing diversity of LWV, including age, geography, religion, sexual orientation, and ethnicity."

Alabama's Jada Hunter was elected to the LWVUS Board of Directors – the youngest leaguer ever to be nominated and elected. Jada is a founding member of the League of Women Voters of Samford University (a geographic unit of LWVGB).

Robin Buckelew, Ellen Buckner, Kathy Jones, Jenella Lymon, Donna Reynolds, Leonette Slay, and Freya Sonenstein attended as in-person delegates. Kim Bailey, Roger Ellis, Carol Prickett, Julie Reese, Cory Unruh, and Reagan Wells attended as virtual delegates. In addition to voting on items of business, these delegates all attended numerous sessions that improved their knowledge and gave them skills to share at home.

Alabama League members also received the high honor of being the initial recipients of the "Turn Up and Turn Out" Award, named for LWV past president, Dr. Deborah Turner, who passed away unexpectedly last winter. The award celebrated the LWV's numerous educational and community engagement initiatives, including the Selma Next Generation Powering Democracy event, which helped us form substantial partnerships encouraging civic engagement for all.

Look for more specific detail on convention business and personal recaps by delegates in an upcoming LWV member communication.



The award inscription: "Presented to LWV of Alabama in recognition of their demonstrated commitment to the League's mission and values to create a more inclusive democracy".

LWVAL TO RECEIVE LWVUS GRANT

The LWVAL was awarded a 2024 Making Democracy Work® which will support our activities to protect and promote democracy while supporting long-term transformational growth. According to the LWVUS this was a competitive application cycle, with more state Leagues applying than ever before. Congratulations to the League's Grant Writing Committee and all who assisted with writing the grant application.

IMPORTANT Advocacy Opportunity for LOCAL Action



The Alabama Legislature recently passed legislation to exempt sales tax on hearing aids at the state level effective October 1, 2024. However, local ordinances must be approved for this exemption to apply to county and municipal taxes. Click [here](#) to learn more about how to push these efforts locally.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

LWV League of Women Voters of Alabama
Voter Services Education - July 2024

Voter Services Skills Training

July Training

Voter Registration (paper and online)

Voter Rights Restoration Referral Form

Monday, July 15th 2pm Central via Zoom

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/4caFkOF>



To watch the recording of this educational program:
<https://youtu.be/Z-T0jYk3ey8>

Uncounted: America's Silenced Citizens
A film presented by "The Campaign Legal Center"

(Technical difficulties prevented this powerful video from being shown during the session)



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LOOKING AHEAD

** Important Dates in July **

July - Disability Pride Month

July 18 - Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama Report on "How Alabama Democracy Compares" (Information and Zoom registration link below)

July 19-20 - The anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848

July 26 - The 34th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act (the ADA) being signed into law

July 27 - National Scotch Day

July 30 - National Support Public Education Day and International Friendship Day

Still time to Register!
6:30 pm THURSDAY JULY 18, 2024



League of Women Voters of Alabama
Voter Education Series

PARCA Report: "How Alabama Democracy Compares"

Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 PM via Zoom
Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3VHzdvz>



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