

## LWVCC February Updates

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For example, there are currently proposals in the legislature to abolish mail-in-ballots, require voter ID at the polls, require signature verification on mail ballots, and eliminate ballot drop boxes. The LWVCC opposes any bill that suppresses eligible voter participation in our democracy. LWVCC favors bills that promote eligible voter participation such as mail-in-ballots, early in-person voting, and ballot drop boxes. LWVCC also supports pre-canvassing of mail ballots by county election workers. We recently received a letter from Senator Jake Corman regarding an op-ed piece we had published in the CDT about legislative rules. Legislators do pay attention. We the people must do the same!

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## Information and upcoming events

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**February 25, 4:00 pm** - McCourtney Institute for Democracy. Presentation by Danielle Allen: Our Common Purpose, Reinventing American Democracy for the 21st Century. [Click here for more info and to register.](#)

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