

## LWVCC Update

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### **Outreach to Members**

This month the Steering Committee held a brainstorming and planning session. Given the upcoming election, the restrictions on us due to the pandemic and limited means to meet and communicate we discussed what our priorities would be. If you are a newer member and have previously completed our interest questionnaire - we will be re-connecting with you about options to participate in your areas of interest. Others will be contacted by one of our Steering Committee members. We will use this opportunity to listen to your interests, concerns, and suggestions. In the coming months, we will need your support in contacting non-voters to register, encouraging registered voters to vote, training on the mail-in voting procedures, and educating voters on candidate positions, via [Vote411](#), our Voter's Guide, and Candidates' Night.

Feel free to contact us at any time via our website: [lwvcentrecounty.org](http://lwvcentrecounty.org) or email: [lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcentrecounty@gmail.com)

### **RIP John Lewis**

The world lost a civil rights icon, a voting rights champion, and an American hero. A tireless advocate for justice and equality, John Lewis dedicated his life to creating a more perfect democracy, fighting tirelessly for all people, especially Black people to have their voices heard. We are all indebted to his personal sacrifices and grateful his legacy inspired generations to 'get into good trouble, necessary trouble.' Rest in power John Lewis.

The League has lost a great friend in the endless fight to protect the voting rights of all who risk losing them because of poverty, race or other societal disadvantage. RIP John Lewis.

### **Trump v Boockvar**

Yesterday, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Conference of NAACP, Common Cause Pennsylvania, and three individual applicants filed a motion to intervene in Trump v. Boockvar, a case brought by the president's re-election campaign against secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Kathryn Boockvar, seeking to limit vote-by-mail options in Pennsylvania. [The League and its partners seek to intervene on behalf of impacted voters.](#)

### **Protect Our Vote**

With a little over 100 days before November's election, it's time to make sure everyone can vote safely. The Senate needs to pass the voting reforms and \$3.6 billion in funding included in the HEROES Act. #ProtectOurVote

In March, Congress worked to add \$400 million in aid to states to address necessary policies to safeguard our elections during the COVID-19 public health crisis. This money is just a down payment on the real funding needed to protect the right to vote in the November elections. The November election is quickly approaching, and it is imperative Congress provides the necessary

funding to transform our election system to respond to this crisis, and ensure voting remains fair, accessible, and safe. Voters should not have to choose between their health and their vote.

Contact your Senators today, and ask them to include \$4 billion in funding to secure our elections in the next stimulus package.

### **Fair Districts**

When Pennsylvania residents crusade tirelessly, go through all the proper channels and work with lawmakers to craft legislation that attracts numerous co-sponsors, they should at the very least have the courtesy of seeing their proposals come to the floor for a vote in Harrisburg. The movement to establish an independent redistricting committee has incredible support. Thank you to league members who have supported resolutions, passed petitions, visited legislators, co-hosted informational events with [Fair Districts PA](#). LWVPA will continue the fight for People Powered Fair Maps. We've been fighting for fair maps for thirty years. We're not stopping until our legislators hear us.

### **Your League**

We will be working hard to ensure ALL voters can participate in the electoral process. It's essential that the November election be safe, fair and accessible. There's never been a more important time for the work of the League.

### **Encourage friends and family to get involved**

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