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Letter From the Co-Presidents

All Members of LWVOA,

We hope all members of LWVOA will read, listen, learn and **engage** in any of the many issues that our local league is involved with.

A big **Thank You** to all members for the promotion of LWVOA endeavors in the past as well as work for LWVOA in our future challenges.

We continue to be open to your ideas, programs and passions in support of our communities' needs.

As "Brevity is the Soul of Wit" and "Democracy is NOT a Spectator Sport", enough of the Co-Presidents' thoughts...

Onto LWVOA's news, activities and events.

Co-Presidents,
Jim Treharne and Maria Woloson

League Sponsored Roads Program



Panelists Craig Bryson, Ronald C. Fisher and Eric Luper at the *Concrete Solutions: Paving the Way to Better Roads* program.

If you missed this informative event about the largest county road system in Michigan, watch it [here](#).

CANDIDATE FORUMS FALL 2019

Following is the latest list of upcoming candidate forums the league is facilitating:

Ferndale Monday, September 16, Ferndale City Hall, 300 E. Nine Mile Rd. 6:30-7:05 pm: two candidates for Mayor, 2-year term. 7:10-8:50 pm: five City Council candidates for two 4-year terms and four City Council candidates for one 2-year term.

Rochester Monday, September 16, Rochester City Hall, 400 Sixth St. 7 pm: seven candidates for City Council, three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term.

Southfield Wednesday, September 18, Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Rd. 7 pm: 12 candidates for City Council, vote for four, three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term.

Berkley Thursday, September 19, Berkley City Hall, 3338 Coolidge Hwy. 6:30-7:10 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term. 7:15-8:45 pm: six candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms.

Farmington Monday, September 23, Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty St. 7 pm: five candidates for City Council, vote for three, two highest vote totals for 4-year terms, third highest for 2-year term.

South Lyon co-sponsoring with the Salem South Lyon Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm: seven candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms.

South Lyon, Thursday, September 26, Salem South Lyon Library, 9300 Pontiac Trail. 7 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term.

Auburn Hills Wednesday, September 25, Auburn Hills City Hall, 1827 North Squirrel Road. 7 pm: Six candidates for City Council, three highest vote totals for 4-year terms, fourth highest for 2-year term.

Birmingham, Wednesday, October 2, Baldwin Library, 300 W. Merrill. 7 pm: seven candidates and possibly one write-in for city council, vote for four for 4-year terms.

Northville Tuesday, September 17, Northville Library 212 W. Cady, Northville 48167. 7-8 pm: three candidates for City Council, vote for two for 4-year terms; 8:05-8:35 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term.

Novi Thursday, October 3, Novi City Hall, 45175 Ten Mile Rd. 6-6:30 pm: two candidates for mayor for 2-year term; 6:40-7:50 pm: six candidates for City Council, vote for three for 4-year terms; 8-8:40 pm: three candidates for City Council, vote for one for 2-year term .

Royal Oak Monday, October 7, Royal Oak City Hall, 211 Williams St. 6:30-7:05 pm: two candidates for Mayor for 2-year term; 7:10-8:50 pm: six candidates for City Commission, vote for three for 4-year terms.

LWVOA Board Updates

At the June 2019 annual meeting a new LWVOA Board was voted in. That board met on August 6 to discuss goals for the 2019-2020 year. Priorities for this board are: writing a strategic plan; finding major donors to support printing and distribution of 2020 Voter Guides; development (aka fundraising); planning educational events for our

Lame Duck Study

Delegates at the 2019 LWVMI Convention voted to undertake a state study concerning the "Structure and Process of the Michigan Legislature limited to exploring the ramifications on democracy, if any, posed by lame duck sessions and developing guidelines, if warranted, regarding the type of bills and how such bills should be handled in a

members and the public on issues League cares about; member engagement; Census 2020; and ways our League can uphold the national organization's [diversity, equality, and inclusion policy](#).

League Lingo

Are you new to League and wondering what some of the terms you read in the Voter or see on League's website mean? Have you been in League a while and still wonder what some of these terms mean? Check out this [League Lingo glossary](#) created by the LWVMI.

lame duck session." A statewide study committee is now being assembled which will determine the scope of the study, conduct research, and eventually, develop consensus questions that will be used for local League participation. The committee will meet at least once in Lansing, and then have other meetings electronically. The end goal is a new position by Spring 2021.

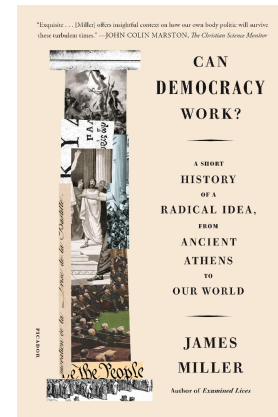
If you are interested in being part of the state study committee, please contact Tera Moon tlcmoon@gmail.com, 248-376-9638.

LWVOA Book Club

The next meeting of the LWVOA Book Club is Wednesday, September 25 at 7 pm at Panera in Bloomfield Hills, on Telegraph, north of Square Lake and Costco. We'll discuss *Can Democracy Work?: a short history of a radical idea, from ancient Athens to our world* by James Miller. Everyone is welcome! No need to have attended other book club meetings. See you there!

Upcoming meetings and books:

- Wednesday, September 25 @ 7 pm, Panera, 2125 S. Telegraph Rd., Ste B, Bloomfield Twp 48302 - *Can Democracy Work?* / James Miller
- November (date and location TBD) - *Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations* / Amy Chua



Volunteer Opportunites

They Represent You Brochures

The League is currently updating They Represent You brochures listing elected candidates at all levels for every community. The ones for Novi and Rochester have been completed and information is available on LWVOA.org, but there are six more to update. This involves collecting data related to races such as local cities, townships, villages, school boards and district court judges.

To assist with this project, email packardeva@gmail.com.

Candidate Forums

League sponsored candidate forums offer voters the opportunity to meet those running for office in person. Forums are usually recorded for rebroadcast on local cable or available to view online.

Forums offer several volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in making these events happen, email judybateman@comcast.net.

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