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Census 2020: One Year Out

In less than one year, on April 1, 2020, the Census will be in full swing. Communities across the country will begin reporting to the U.S. Census and be counted. This process of counting will ensure that the political power, health, and safety of every community is maintained or enhanced in the upcoming decade.

In the next year though, there is much preparation that needs to be done by community groups who represent minorities, immigrants, children, and others to ensure that everyone is counted.

Why census data matters

EDUCATION: Census data is used to influence the distribution of billions of dollars that go to educational agencies that pay for special education, school lunches, improving teacher quality, and Head Start programs.

HEALTH CARE: The information collected determines where community health centers are placed to better serve low-income patients and aid current health disparities, such as those impacted by the opioid crisis.

INFRASTRUCTURE: Companies use the data from the census to determine where to build factories or expand store real estate.

POLITICAL REPRESENTATION: Finally, census data is used to draw the state and federal legislative district lines that ultimately determine the elected officials who represent us.

The drastic effects of a census undercount

The U.S. Census Bureau has been working to prepare for Census 2020 for the last decade, testing the forms, engaging communities, and planning for a new digital count.

We are committed to a fair and accurate 2020 Census because if our communities are not fully counted, opportunities for investment, health, public safety, and representation will be lost.

May Events

Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m.
Holiday Inn Denver
455 S. Colorado Blvd.

Legislative Wrap-Up

Monday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.
McCollum Room
Montview Blvd. Presbyterian Church

It's up to all organizations and individuals to get involved and make our voices heard.

Now is the time to build power and support in our communities by getting involved in Complete Count Committees at the state and local levels. Complete Count Committees will be planning to work together—across communities and political ideologies—to ensure that every community is accurately counted.

The League will be working on Complete Count Committees, with local and state governments, and with community members to stand up and be counted. A good census is the first step to making sure that everyone has good roads, schools, and representation now and in the future.

Jessica Jones Capparell, LWVUS

Note for the State of Colorado:

The Every Person Counts in Colorado Act (HB19-1239) is making its way through the Legislature. It will award grants to nonprofits and local governments to ensure a complete count across all of Colorado for the 2020 Census and, in particular, communities and groups that are the hardest to reach.

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Annual Meeting

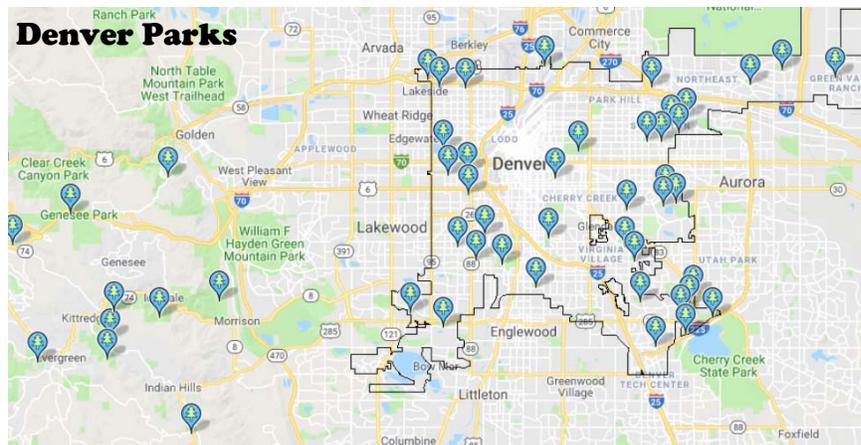
Saturday, May 4
 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn Denver
 455 S. Colorado Blvd.

Surface parking available on north side at Ptarmigan

It is not too late to join us at our new location—just call the office by Wednesday, May 1. It's a good time to see old friends and meet some of our new members. Buffet breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by our guest speaker at 9:15 a.m. Happy Haynes, our speaker, is the Director of Denver Parks and Recreation and oversees 250 urban parks, 29 recreation centers, 31 pools and 14,000 acres of mountain parks. Come with your questions about the future plan for parks and open space. The business meeting follows concluding with the annual awards and the introduction of the continuing and new Board members.

Marge Fisch
Director of Organization



Legislative Wrap-Up

Monday, May 20
 5:30 p.m. Social Time/Announcements
 6:00 p.m. Program Begins

McCullum Room
 Montview Presbyterian Church

This annual briefing is one of our favorites because we get to meet our LWVCO staff lobbyist, Andrea Wilkins, and our amazing Denver volunteer lobbyists who work so hard and speak for us during the legislative session, which ends on May 3. We are fortunate this year that we will also hear from the chair of the Legislative Action Committee, because Leslie Chomic is a Denver Leaguer. We hope to have the other Denver Leaguers who serve on this committee speak to us about their areas of focus.

This was an extremely busy legislative session. Many bills were back that we have supported for years. Many of them passed this year and went to the governor's desk. We will hear about many of the bills League followed. Advocating at the State Legislature is one of the most important things we do. Come out and support our advocates.

Marty Sloven
Director of Program

Consider Being a Delegate!

The League of Women Voters of Colorado Convention 2019 will be held at the Holiday Inn Denver East - Stapleton. The convention will convene on Friday, May 31, at 1:00 p.m. and conclude on Saturday, June 1, at 3:00 p.m. Denver can send up to twelve delegates and the registration fee will be paid by Denver League. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fran in the office.

2019 LWVCO Pre-Convention Workshops

Thirteen free [Workshops](#) are being offered by LWVCO to all League members on Thursday afternoon, May 30, and Friday morning, May 31, before state convention. There will also be a special panel discussion by *Inspire U.S.* on Thursday night. There are some great offerings and we encourage you to attend. You must **RSVP by May 1** (see instructions below).

- Action & Advocacy Practices Plus Hot Topics
- Activity Roundtable: Voter Girl Project; Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremonies; Drinks and Dialogue
- Club Express: Demonstration, Information, and Considerations
- Community Engagement & Partnerships
- Empower Your Inner Voting Rights Advocate! LWVUS Toolkits
- Engaging Latinx Voters
- Every Member a Leader: Developing League Leadership
- Get Your Sash On! The 100th Anniversary is Coming & It Is Time to Start Planning
- Inspire U.S. Panel Discussion
- Leaders Listen and Listeners Lead: Getting Comfortable with Our Diverse Communities
- A Newsroom Approach to Local League Communication: Correspondents and Correspondence
- Putting the FUN into Fundraising
- What is This Strategic Plan and What Will This Executive Director Person Do?

LWVCO is using SignUp.com for registration. Here's how it works:

1. Go to SignUp using this link: <http://signup.com/go/FQNDVVw>
2. Click on the VIEW button to bring up all of the Workshops in date order.
3. Review the SignUps listed and choose the one(s) you want to attend.
Click the blue > before the date to expand the list and before each title to open the workshop description.
4. Click on Sign up! button. Enter your Email, Click Continue, Click Confirm. Enter Name, Phone, Local League. Click on Save and Done.
5. REPEAT until all of your workshop sign-ups are entered.

You will receive an email confirmation of your enrollment and notification of any changes.

Questions using Sign-Up? Need help signing up? If you prefer not to use this online system, please contact Beth Sale at the LWVCO office at 303-863-0437 or info@lwvcolorado.org to sign up manually.

Voter Service

Voter Service continues to receive information about opportunities to register new voters. These include naturalization ceremonies – and if you’ve never been to one, you owe it to yourself to go at least once! In addition, we will help Mi Familia Vota at school events and participate in the National Youth Summit on May 21 at the Colorado History Center. If you’d like to help at these or other voter registration opportunities, please contact Jeanette Scotland (jscotland@gmail.com) or Anne Duncan (anned47@msn.com) to learn how.

Voter Service and the 2019 Municipal Election

Work for the municipal election began in January, 2019. The Denver Decides group, which has now worked together for 20 years, quickly set up dates for forums. We are always pleased that for municipal elections, Historic Denver joins our Denver Decides efforts, but the regulars continue to be LWVD, Inter-neighborhood Cooperation (INC) and Denver Channel 8.

Early on we learned that the City and County of Denver budget for Denver 8 did not include any money to produce candidate forums. That put us into high gear to lobby for funds to carry out our forums. While some accommodations had to be made, ultimately money was allocated for the process.

By mid-March, over 60 candidates were certified by the Denver Election Division. Our office manager, Fran Coleman, the only administrative help our Den-

ver Decides committee has, went into action to notify candidates of “save the date” information. League contributed Fran’s time of nearly 60 hours. See the piece below with a list of participants from each group. It’s a very long list and represents many, many hours of work.

Voter Service is led by Jeanette Scotland and Anne Duncan. They oversaw our voter registration events, the publication of the Pro/Con brochures and the Speakers Bureau.

As you read this, we’re about to vote. It is anticipated that there will be at least one run-off election, and possibly two. That means the work continues into June. League of Women Voters of Denver is very proud of its level of commitment in every election cycle, but our municipal election remains the most critical to our mission.

Nancy Ulrich, LWV Representative to Denver Decides

Voter Service Volunteers

Voter Service Co-Chairs: Jeanette Scotland and Anne Duncan

Denver Decides

LWV: Nancy Ulrich (Chairperson), Fran Coleman (staff person for entire project), Anne Duncan, Marjorie Fisch, Marcia Verba, Cindy Ward, Pearlanne Zelarney

Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC): Michael Henry, George Mayl, Steve Nissen, Jane Potts, Karen Taylor and many INC Board members and RNO members

Historic Denver: Merrilee Annenberg, Bob Bassett, Judy Cott, Ginny Gelback, Ellen Ittelson, Carla McConnell, Andrew Monson, Heather Noyes, Kimberly & Phil Seymour, Marilyn Starrett

Denver 8 TV: David DiManna, Executive Producer and the entire professional staff. Staff set up each location two hours prior to the beginning of forum, including Saturday, April 13 where they started set-up 6:00 a.m.

Voter Registration Events

Elisabeth Brown, Anne Duncan, Marcia Helfant, Carol Jansch, Nancy Lieberman, Nancy Nicodemo, Mary Werner

Pro/Con Brochures

Steve Coddington, Anne Duncan, Bobbie Heisterkamp, Mary Ann Thompson, Neal Zelarney, Pearlanne Zelarney

League Speakers Bureau

Joan Friend (Chairperson), Sally Augden, Steve Coddington, Bobbie Heisterkamp

Vote411

Anne Duncan and Cath Perrone

New Unit Forming in Capitol Hill

Would you like to become more involved in the Denver League but aren't able to attend unit meetings during the week? Look no further! We're in the process of establishing a new unit for members near the Capitol Hill area. The proposed unit would meet monthly every 4th Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in the community room at Natural Grocers on the corner of Colfax and Washington (1433 N. Washington St.). The first meeting is being planned for August 24th as a "meet and greet" to get to know one another and exchange ideas. If you're interested, please contact the Office Manager at 303-321-7571 or info@lwvdenver.org.

Membership

The month of May promises to offer stimulating activities for **all** members of the League of Woman Voters of Denver! We hope you take advantage of these opportunities whether you are relatively new to LWV or a long-time member; whether you are part of a unit or not; whether you have been to all-member briefings or not. Our hope is that everyone continues to learn something new about League in May!

May 4 — Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn, 455 S. Colorado Blvd. 8:30-11:30 a.m. Come have breakfast with other Leaguers, meet the leaders of LWVD, hear the latest and ask questions about Denver's parks from Happy Haynes, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Denver.

May 30, 31, June 1 — LWVCO Workshops and Convention, Holiday Inn Denver East Stapleton, 3333 East Quebec St, Denver 80207. It's always exciting to meet Leaguers from all parts of Colorado.

May 20 — LWVDenver, Legislative Wrap-up, McCollum Room, 1980 Dahlia St., 5:30 p.m. LWVCO Staff Lobbyist Andrea Wilkins, Leslie Chomic, a Denver Leaguer and Chair of LWVCO Legislative Action Committee, as well as other Denver League volunteer lobbyists, will present what happened "Under the Golden Dome." You'll learn the results of the bills League supported or opposed during the 2019 Legislative session.

For information on any of these events, please call LWVD office at 303-321-7571 or email us at info@LWVDenver.org

Patty Cordova, Membership Chair

Give the Bulb Sale a Try

Please give the bulb sale a try. You don't have to be a "sales" person to do this. Simply ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to buy some bulbs for themselves or others. If not, no problem. I always worry, but not nearly enough sales packets have been checked out. Maybe you are encouraging others to buy through our website, but I haven't seen any orders.

This isn't hard to do. We will have the packets at Annual Meeting and in the office. I would be happy to drop a packet or two at your home or office. Our League depends on this sale. If you no longer have a yard, we have indoor forcing bulbs, paperwhites or gorgeous amaryllis bulbs. They make wonderful gifts. You have until the end of May, so there is plenty of time. Don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Marty Sloven, Bulb Sale Chair

MSloven25@aol.com or 303-333-3148

Unit Meetings: A place for lively conversation!

Buffalo

Members are encouraged to attend
Annual Meeting and Legislative
Wrap-up
Contact: Joan Friend 303-596-1022

Cheesman

Tue., May 14, 9:30 a.m.

Rona Shor
1200 Acoma
917-756-6066

Tue., May 28, 9:30 a.m.

Carla Bennett
1844 S. Pontiac Way
303-757-2930

Tue., Jun. 7, 6:00 p.m.

Marge Fisch

2700 Cherry Creek Dr. S.
Party room
303-322-4235

Cherrington

Thu., May 23, Noon

Potluck luncheon
Marty Sloven
2990 E 17th Ave.
1st floor party room
303-333-3148

Highland/Woodbury

Wed., May 22, 5:45 p.m.

W. 29th Avenue Restaurant
5560 W. 29th Ave.

Contact Anne Duncan
773-852-3197

Observatory

Tue., May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Location TBD

Whiteman

TBD

For info contact
Peggy Pitchford
303-638-5534

May Calendar

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 4** Annual Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Denver
455 S. Colorado Blvd.
- 20** Legislative Wrap-Up, 5:30 p.m., McCollum Room
- 27** Memorial Day, Office will be closed

Summer Hours

Fran will be working during the months of June and July primarily on setting up Club Express, the software we purchased with the help of your generous contributions pledged at Annual Meeting last year. This will bring our office into the 21st Century. Fran will be checking e-mails and phone messages, but her hours will be flexible. If you would like to set up an appointment with her, just leave a message and she will get back to you. Regular office hours will resume August 5.

Kroger/King Sooper Community Rewards Program

King Soopers changed the nature of their rewards program. Instead of the gift card system, you now need to name a preferred organization. LWV Denver is a participating not-for-profit organization. If you enroll and designate LWV Denver as your preferred organization, we will get a quarterly check for 5% of all the groceries, gas, and pharmacy purchases using your member SooperCard (or phone number as "alt id")! Go to <https://www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards> to enroll. We will also have a laptop at the Annual Meeting to help you enroll.

If you need a ride to Annual Meeting or Legislative Wrap-Up, please contact Marge Fisch, 303.322.4235.

Welcome New Member

Mary Giammari, 1658 Garfield Street, Denver, CO 80206, mgiammari19@gmail.com, 720-272-0036

Board Highlights

4/18/2019 Meeting

- Received a tech update from Treasurer Andrea Mitchell on the status of our joining Club Express, software we have purchased to improve membership data, payments, website, and other advantages
- Discussed the free workshops the State League is offering before the State Convention May 31. Direction of Organization Marge Fisch encouraged each board member to sign up for a workshop which would then be the basis of a board retreat planned for June 11 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Discussed various ways we might improve our bulb sale results since very few packets have been checked out so far
- Office Manager Fran Coleman reported that we have run off and folded approximately 2000 local ballot issues pamphlets.
- Although we were late getting Denver election information to VOTE411, Anne Duncan, with the help of Cath Perrone at the LWVCO office, got information on the site with several links to helpful election sites.

In Memoriam

We extend sympathies to the family and friends of Leaguer **Polly Dole**. Polly was a member of the Whiteman Unit and a 50-year member.

Members, offer this application to friends and neighbors!

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<input type="radio"/> Two residing at same address.....	\$90.00
<input type="radio"/> Sustaining member	\$125.00
<input type="radio"/> Two sustaining members at same address	\$185.00
<input type="radio"/> Student	\$25.00

(for Denver, State & National)

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<input type="radio"/> To LWV Denver	\$ _____
<input type="radio"/> To Dues Assistance Fund	\$ _____

Make check payable to LWV Denver. (Dues are not tax-deductible. Tax-deductible contributions may be made by separate check to LWVD Education Fund.)

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National Popular Vote Compact and Alternative Voting Methods Briefing April 1



Representative Emily Sirota, pictured here with her children who also attended, was one of the sponsors of the National Popular Vote Compact.



Leaquer Steve Coddington and Linda Templin, Executive Director of Ranked Choice Voting for Colorado, used candies for a mock voting session.