

The Boulder County Voter

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Monthly Events Calendar

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October 9:	Y&Z presentation
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October 11	Cong. Dist. 2 forum
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It's Time to End Gerrymandering in Colorado. Vote Yes on Y and Z!

By *Peggy Leech*

We need your help! Your mid-term election ballot will include Amendments Y and Z, to establish a fair district mapping process for Colorado. Amendment Y deals with federal congressional districts, and Amendment Z is for state legislative districts. LWVCO was involved in crafting these measures, along with organizations and individuals from both political parties and unaffiliated voters. The amendments were referred to the ballot by a unanimous vote of the Colorado State Legislature.

Now we need to get 55% of the vote in November, since these are constitutional amendments. That's where you come in. Please urge all of your friends to vote Yes on Y and Z. You can host a house party, to make calls or send postcards to friends and family members in Colorado, encouraging them to support fair district mapping. Request our printed postcards by emailing Peggy Leech pegleech@aol.com.

To find more information, go to the "Teams at Work" tab on our website, and click on the Redistricting Campaign. And, we just received yard signs, buttons, and other materials, so contact Peggy Leech if you need any of these resources.

We have a presentation on Y and Z scheduled for October 9, at Front Range Community College. Plan to attend and get your questions answered!

President's Letter

By Peggy Leech, LWVBC President

LWVBC was well-represented at the LWVCO Making Democracy Work Conference on September 29. The highlight was the keynote speaker, Regan Byrd, who gave an excellent presentation on Equity and Allyship, with a goal of anti-oppression work. She wove in examples from the recent Philadelphia Starbucks incident and from the Kavanaugh-Blasey Ford Senate hearing. Other conference topics included updates on the strategic planning process, the Yes on Y & Z Campaign, and the statewide ballot issues.



Our recent Fall Kickoff meeting turned out to be quite energizing, with our new student membership program featured prominently. We also heard from all of the Team Leaders, who talked about what they are working on in the upcoming year. We recognized some members with longevity awards, and we heard about a new Major Gifts program for LWVBC. And, very importantly, we had fun catching up with friends!

Our members have been working very hard all summer and fall, and will continue throughout October, getting ready for the upcoming midterm election. We appreciate everyone's efforts on voter registration drives, ballot issue research and presentations on the ballot issues, and, of course, candidate forums. Another important focus is our support of Amendments Y and Z on redistricting, as discussed on the front page.

On October 7, we are collaborating with Families of Color Colorado and YWCA Boulder County on a screening of the film *Blackkklansman*, followed by discussion. This promises to be a meaningful experience for all who attend. Please go to our [website](#) to register and purchase tickets.

Recent board decisions:

- Determined LWVBC positions on local ballot issues. Positions on three ballot issues are still to be finalized, pending more information.
- Adopted new Gift Acceptance Policies.
- Sponsored the October 14 MOTUS Theater "Women of Resolution" production, about the four Colorado women who are in sanctuary. See information elsewhere in the Voter.

Upcoming Candidate and Issue Forums

Candidate Forum for Boulder County Commissioner and Boulder County Sheriff

October 4th, 2018 , 6-730pm

Lafayette Public Library
775 West Baseline Road
Lafayette, CO 80026

Sponsored by LWVBC and Lafayette Youth Advisory Council



Congressional District 4 Debate:

Rep Ken Buck & Dr. Karen McCormick

Saturday, October 6th 2-3:30pm

Longmont Museum and Cultural Center
400 Quail Road, Longmont, CO 80501

Sponsored by LWVBC and Longmont Observer

Yes on Y and Z: Presentation

by Fair Maps Colorado with Q & A

Tuesday, October 9, 6-7:30pm

Front Range Community College
Longmont Campus
2121 Miller Drive, Longmont, CO 80501



Candidate Forum for Congressional District 2

October 11th, 2018 6-7:30pm

Lafayette Public Library
775 West Baseline Road
Lafayette, CO 80026

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Member Announcements

Grocery Cards

Did you know? It is easy to reload your gift card. You can go to the Customer Service counter, give them your card, and tell them how much you want to add. They will guide you through the rest. That's the point at which the League benefits. We get a percentage of the reload and you get the full value. It's a win-win.

To get your card call or email Louisa Young (303-444-6429 or Louisa.Young@Colorado.EDU).

Legacy Program

Donations from members and friends of LWV Boulder County (LWVBC) can ensure the League remains a trusted source for non-partisan information and principled advocacy, for generations to come. **Bequests** are the simplest and most common planned gift. The gift can be specified in a will, or as a percentage of a donor's estate. LWVBC could be made a beneficiary of an IRA, other retirement savings fund, or life insurance policy. **Major Gifts** can address program priorities or activities as they arise, or to ensure funding for ongoing operations. Please visit our [donate page](#) for details.



Blackkkklansman Screening



Film Screening & Discussion

Sunday, October 7 | 2PM

Village at the peaks

1230 S. Hover

Longmont, Co 80501

Join us for a private screening of Blackkkklansman and an audience discussion following the film. Seating begins at 1:45 and screening begins at 2pm.

Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Boulder County, Families of Color Colorado, and the YWCA of Boulder County.

Purchase your tickets on the LWVBC website [HERE](#)

Women of Resolution

On October 14, Motus Theater will bring the stories of four Colorado women who were forced to seek sanctuary in their fight to stay with their families and communities. Because these women can't leave sanctuary, their stories will be read by members of the Colorado House of Representatives. LWVBC will be a sponsor of this event.



"I'm not a criminal. I'm not doing anything wrong. I don't have a legal paper, but I don't need a legal paper to stay with the kids. I'm a mother. I don't need that." - Sandra Lopez, Carbondale, CO

When: Sunday, October 14, 2018, 2pm to 4pm

Where: e-Town Hall, 1535 Spruce Street, Boulder

Tickets: purchase at the [Motus Theater Website](#)

Webinar: Advancing the League's Goal to Increase Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through Action

This session will put DEI principles into action to increase the League's social impact work in communities across the nation. During this webinar, you will learn about State and Local Leagues' activities that are expanding their reach into more diverse communities. Speakers will discuss the ways individual leaders are overcoming discomfort with communicating across dimensions of difference. This session builds on content offered at the June LWV Convention in Chicago that covered communicating across dimensions of difference through active listening, asking powerful questions, and noticing and mitigating bias.

When: Tuesday, October 30, 2:00PM - 3:30PM ET

Register [HERE](#)

Labor Day Parade

On September 3, members of the League of Women Voters of Boulder County marched in the Louisville Labor Day Parade with signs noting League accomplishments over time and wearing costumes to match.



Preparing signs for each era



Ready to march



Marching!

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