



PRESIDENTS' LETTER

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It's a new League year, and we're experiencing a convergence of health, social, economic and political challenges unlike our nation has ever seen. The world has changed dramatically since our "100 Years Strong" Anniversary celebration in March; these are scary and uncertain times. And yet our mission is clear: to empower voters and defend democracy, for everyone, no matter what.

Truly fulfilling that mission requires us to courageously acknowledge that the suffrage movement and our own organization too often bowed to the pressure of institutional racism, which curtailed our power and potential in so many ways. Looking forward, this year we will continue advancing our anti-racism work and fostering new leadership and deeper partnerships for a more inclusive and equitable organization and community.

Co-President Susan Saunders and I are so pleased to work with our new LWVBC Board and fabulous Operations Director, Mandy Nuku to lead the organization in applying that equity lens, to inform and inspire Boulder County community members for civic engagement. We have a busy year and so many critical issues at hand, that it will be even more important to focus on our strategic priorities: Voter Service (voter registration, ballot initiatives, candidate forums and VOTE411), Advocacy on key campaigns (e.g. National Popular Vote) and the Operations tasks (membership, communications, fund development) that make it all possible. Many of our League leaders gathered in July to begin this year's strategic planning process and we're rearing to go!

For LWVBC to remain relevant and have meaningful, tangible impact in our community we need our members – all of you! – to help make sure every voter in Boulder County is well-informed and fully exercises their right to vote and engage in our political process. Please consider what time you have available and what skills you can share, and what friends, neighbors or family members you want to bring along. Making a donation as part of our 100 Years Strong fundraising campaign is another great way to contribute.

Thanks for all you do for League, and hope to see you soon!