# TEXAS LEAGUES

Amarillo

**Austin Area** 

Bay Area

Baytown

**Brazos Valley** 

Cy-Fair

Collin County

Comal Area

**Cooke County** 

Corpus Christi

Dallas

Denton

El Paso

Fort Bend County

**Hays County** 

Hill Country

Houston

Irving

**Lubbock County** 

Midland

**Montgomery County** 

Richardson

Rio Grande Valley

San Antonio Area

South Central Texas

Southwest Texas

Tarrant County

Tyler/Smith County

Victoria

Waco Area

Wichita Falls

Williamson County

# 2022 Impact Report

# **Together We Are Stronger**



While the League's history has not always reflected this truth, we have learned over our 103 years that together we are stronger. We have learned that together our knowledge and experiences are broader and more profound, our voices are louder, our outreach is greater, and our actions are more powerful.

This year we seated our most diverse board of directors with a broad range of experience, skill sets, ethnicities, and perspectives. This strengthens our capabilities, decision-making, and outreach. Together we are stronger.

We are proud of our work in collaboration with other nonpartisan organizations representing a wide range of communities - Black, Latinx, people with disabilities, students, and rural voters. Yet we know we must expand this network to uplift their outstanding work and to reach more voters. Together we are stronger.

To fully achieve our mission, we must build upon and strengthen our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in everything we do. Our <u>five-year strategic plan</u> demonstrates this commitment. Because together we are stronger.

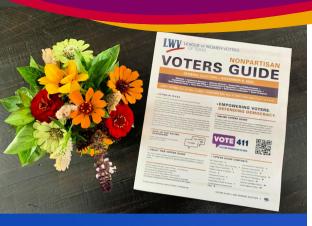
Joyce LeBombard, President, League of Women Voters of Texas







# **IMPACT REPORT**



# Social Media Outreach since Jan. 2022

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### **Facebook**

- Followers- 13,935
- Overall Reach- 155,326
- Increased monthly reach from
- ~12,000 to ~42,000

## Twitter

- Followers- 5,508
- Impressions- 460.3K
- Profile Visits- 61,136



#### Instagram

- Followers- 4,069 (~1,000 new followers this year)
- Reach- 8,891
- Profile Visits- 4,318

#### YouTube

- Subscribers- 1,181
- Views- 66.7K
- Watch Time- 1.9K hours



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#### LinkedIn

- Followers- 176
- Page Views- 303, an increase of 1,112%
- Unique Visitors- 148, an increase of 1,544.4%

#### TikTok

We created an account on TikTok on October 10, 2022. Since then, we've posted 7 videos, gained 26 followers, and gotten 29 likes.



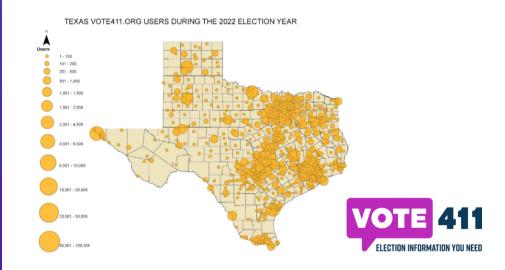
# **Empowering Voters**

#### **Voters Guide & VOTE411**

In 2022, our nonpartisan Voters Guide was used over 1 million times!

We published four *Voters Guides*: Primary and Runoff Elections, Special Constitutional Amendment Election, and the General Election.

- Distributed nearly 80,000 printed Guides and 24,000 bookmarks in English and Spanish to over 160 public libraries and other locations for the Primary & General Elections combined.
- A printable PDF version of the Guide was provided via email and on our website for all four elections.
- The Guide was available on VOTE411.org in four languages English, Spanish, Simple Chinese, and Vietnamese.



# New Vote By Mail Application

In partnership with the Center for Civic Design, we created a new vote-by-mail application with instructions that are easier to use and understand. We also developed new Voter Education material including videos to educate voters on how to complete the new vote-by-mail application and ballot carrier envelope. You can view and download these resources at lwytexas.org/votebymail.

### **County Website Review**

We completed two reviews of election websites for all 254 counties and the SOS! The first review was before the Primary Election and the second was before the General Election. We expanded our criteria this year to include changes required by SB1, the major elections bill that went into effect for the 2022 elections. Thirty-six counties received an outstanding ranking for the General Election. This is down from prior reviews likely due to the decreased funding and increased workload stress put upon our elections offices. You may read the results at lwvtexas.org/find-yourcounty-election-website



# **Supporting Our Election Administrators**

LWVTX honored County **Election Administrators Heider** Garcia, Isabel Longoria, Michael Scarpello, and Bruce Sherbet at the Women Power the Vote ~ A Making Democracy Work Dinner. Isabel Longoria was the kevnote speaker.











# **Defending Democracy**

# Moore v. Harper Amicus Brief & Lawsuits

We continue to fight to defend our democracy even when the Texas Legislature is not in session:

- LWVTX joined LWVUS and 50 other Leagues in filing an amicus brief for Moore v. Harper, one of the greatest threats to our democracy in our time.
- We provided depositions on Texas Senate Bill 1 (SB1) and redistricting suites.
- We joined in filing multiple other suits, all of which suppress the vote of people of color, people with disabilities, students, senior citizens, or people who are economically disadvantaged.



## **Assault Rifle Webinar**

With our state partners of NAACP and LULAC, we hosted an "Assault Rifles -What Can Be Done?" webinar with over 400 attendees from across the state. LWV Texas followed up the webinar with an Action Alert - Support the "Well Regulated" Part of the Second Amendment - calling for a special session. You may view the webinar at www.youtube.com/lwvtexas

# **IMPACT REPORT**



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>President:</u> **Joyce LeBombard** (Austin Area) <u>Vice Presidents:</u>

Elisabeth MacNamara (Collin)-Advocacy,
Dorothy Marchand (Austin Area)-Voter
Education, Charlotte McKenzie (Collin)-Service
to Local Leagues, Deb Treece (Texas)Development

#### Directors:

Diane Gil (Tarrant), Julie Espinoza (Collin), Pamiel Johnson (Houston), MaryJane Mudd (Houston), Janis Richardson (South Central Texas)-Secretary, Stephanie Swanson (Austin Area), Linda Vaughn (Amarillo), Elaine Wiant (Dallas)-Treasurer

# **STAFF**

Aileen Jacinta McMurrer, Executive Director Joleen Smith, Communications Breezie Reeves, Data Manager

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# **Organizational Capacity**

#### **New Staff**

We hired two employees, one full-time and one part-time, with a focus on communications strategy and data/website management to expand our outreach to a broader audience.

## **Supporting Local Leagues**

- Provided 18 grants totaling \$20,000 to expand local voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts.
- Provided a variety of training including board, communications, and fundraising.
- Held regular local League networking groups for Presidents,
   Voters Service, Membership, Communications, and Treasurers

# **Financial Report**

We raised more money than we spent, which gives us continued financial stability going into 2023 and beyond.

