

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



LWVOR President's Letter July 2020

Dear League members,

We're leading with our Redistricting (IP 57) campaign, with only 2 days remaining:

IP 57 Redistricting DEADLINE TOMORROW, Thursday, July 2

It's now too late to mail in Oregon 2020 initiative petitions. The campaign is still collecting petitions, at the Salem location, until **Noon on Thursday, July 2!**

If you have not submitted your petition yet and are not in Salem, for a possible near-by drop-off spot near you: [**Email the People Not Politicians Campaign As Soon As Possible**](#).

Drop Off Hours

Wednesday, July 1: 9am - 5pm

Thursday, July 2: 9am - Noon

Address

People Not Politicians

The Grier Building

960 Broadway St NE, Suite 5

Salem, OR 97301

From the People Not Politicians Campaign "Thank you for being with us and joining the movement to bring historic change in Oregon and put people, not politicians in charge of district mapping."

The Brief

#LWV100 National Convention I am extremely pleased to share Oregon's successes. Barbara Klein's Voter Representation and Electoral Systems Concurrence passed. Two Climate resolutions passed, both directly reflecting Claudia Keith's leadership. We've firmly established our intention to bring a Privacy and Cybersecurity concurrence to the 2022 Convention. See more below and in The Voter.

Redistricting We collected signatures for IP 57, the People Not Politicians Redistricting

campaign, under the extreme and unprecedented circumstances of a global pandemic. That work is not completed! Thanks to Norman Turrill, Chief Petitioner, and Chris Cobey, LWVOR Advocate.

Action Our Action Committee sent almost a dozen testimony approval requests in June and kept up with the Oregon Legislature's interim meetings and special session. Senator Wyden requested a health care advocates' call after we signed a coalition letter of support to our Congressional delegation. He is now supporting the bill we addressed. Kudos to Health Care advocates Bill Walsh and Christa Daniels.

Joint Virtual Meeting Several Pacific Northwest state Leagues are discussing a joint virtual meeting, not until after the November elections. We are in the very early negotiations, no announcements yet.

Welcome to July, looking forward

Our Board will meet virtually for an annual retreat next week. Please send your "Guidance to the Board". There was no feedback after the remote Council meeting. Given that COVID still presents uncertainties, the Events Committee is wondering about placing hotel deposits for our May 2021 Convention in Corvallis, and if that should be a distance meeting, too. It is too soon to say.

Voter Service

Ballot Measure Research It is not too early to ask for a researcher slot, especially if you have been following one of the measures and know it is likely to be certified with enough signatures. These will go into our Voters' Guides. Avid League researchers should apply early to claim a topic or to get a research assignment. Teamwork is encouraged; plan to recruit and include a new researcher! COVID has seriously curtailed signature collection for ballot initiatives. As a result, fewer state initiatives are predicted to achieve ballot measure certification this year. Email me if you are interested, [b.gladstone \[at\] lwwor.org](mailto:b.gladstone@lwwor.org).

Voter Service News- Nationwide Cybersecurity Training [June 22, 2020, EAC](#). The EAC (Election Assistance Commission) is providing and paying for "self-paced cybersecurity training" for all Local, State, Tribal, and Territorial elections offices. Ask your Elections' Officials if they've enrolled! Let's be sure we're doing all we can for Election Security! Courses are available through May, 2021.

Looking back to June

Black Lives Matter This was a national public outcry in June. With uncharacteristic speed, the LWVUS national convention passed a late-breaking resolution for Racial Justice. LWVOR suspended its rule requiring a 24 hour voting period, joining many state and local Leagues in formally supporting this resolution. During the LWVUS Convention, delegates were emailing each other that the Mississippi House and then their Senate were voting to remove a Confederate symbol from their state flag, the last state to do so. Mississippi is now looking forward to a new design. From Oregon Senate President Courtney: *"Back in 2016 Oregon reached out to Mississippi to ask that they change their flag. When it didn't happen, the MS flag was quietly removed from our State Flags display on the Capitol grounds. With all the mistakes we have made since before our statehood, we are moving in the right direction."*

LWVUS Convention News

Our 100th Anniversary LWV(US) Convention was to be held in Washington DC, but met virtually this past weekend. Please thank your delegates because Oregon had a fully enrolled, truly engaged delegation! See our Summer Voter for more.



Join us in welcoming incoming LWV President Dr. Deborah Turner. Hear her first remarks as President [here](#).



LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase spoke about the unforeseen 2020 challenges, our strategic framework for the new biennium, what it means to be nonpartisan in hyper-partisan times, and the way we talk about race in our country and especially in the League.

See the [LWVUS Convention homepage](#) for links to daily briefings, all reports, and videos, including the keynote speaker, Norah O’Donnell, CBS Evening News Anchor, the Convention Keynote speaker.

Concurrences These agreements to concur, adopt national advocacy positions based on local, state, or multiple studies. We are seeing a trend toward fewer national League studies, toward concurrences. These were proposed at the #LWV100 and passed.

- **Transfer of Federal Public Land** The LWV of New Mexico moved for concurrence of their study: [Transfer of Public Lands](#). **PASSED** on 885 yay, 207 nay votes.
- **Voter Representation/Electoral Systems Concurrence** The LWV of Wisconsin and 23 other state Leagues moved to support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters be adopted. **PASSED** on 1064 yay, 79 nay votes *Note: Thank You Barbara Klein for your work on this!*



The LWVOR Privacy and Cybersecurity Today Study team presented an overview presentation to help build support for concurrence in Convention 2022. Watch the full presentation [here](#).

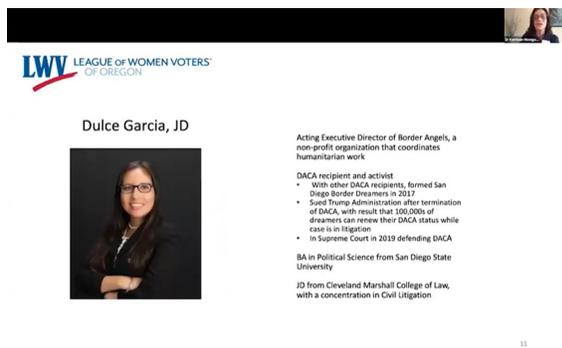
Resolutions

The following resolutions are paraphrased for brevity; see full texts in the [Resolution Committee Report](#). The LWVOR board suspended voting rules to endorse the racial justice and climate emergency resolutions. LWVOR also successfully introduced its Climate Migration Immigration resolution.

Racial Justice The LWV of Missouri (joined by many state and local Leagues) moved for the League to advocate against systemic racism in the justice system, at a minimum, to prevent excessive force and brutality by law enforcement. And that we help elected officials and all Americans to recognize that Black, Indigenous and all People Of Color (BIPOC) deserve equal protection under the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, and gender identity or sexual orientation [to] truly become a nation “indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”. **PASSED** 1,094 yay, 32 nay.

Climate Emergency Mobilization Colorado Leagues moved for immediate, wide-scale US mobilization to restore, protect, and fund an ecologically sustainable environment and climate, dedicated to adequately addressing the scale and speed of the global climate change emergency. **PASSED** 1,091 yay, 21 nay.

Climate Migration and Immigration LWVOR moved to reaffirm our commitment to immigration reform, standing in solidarity with immigrants and human rights partners, to end the crises at our borders and separation of families. **PASSED** 1,092 yay, 12 nay.



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Dulce Garcia, JD

Acting Executive Director of Border Angels, a non-profit organization that coordinates humanitarian work

DACA recipient and activist

- With other DACA recipients, formed San Diego Border Dreamers in 2017
- Sued Trump Administration after termination of DACA, with result that 100,000s of dreamers can renew their DACA status while case is in litigation
- In Supreme Court in 2019 defending DACA

BA in Political Science from San Diego State University

JD from Cleveland Marshall College of Law, with a concentration in Civil Litigation



The slide features a photograph of a woman holding a child. To the right of the photo is the text 'SHELTER AID' and 'BORDER ANGELS'. At the bottom right is the Border Angels logo with the tagline 'ANGELAS DE LA FRONTERA'. A video player interface is visible at the bottom.

SHELTER AID

BORDER ANGELS

BORDER ANGELS
ANGELAS DE LA FRONTERA

As part of the LWVOR resolution for Climate Migration and Immigration, we hosted a Convention Caucus to help garner support for this issue. Thank you to all of the panelists, including Dulce Garcia, JD, Director of Border Angels, pictured above. Watch the full presentation [here](#).

Electoral College The LWV of Illinois moved to abolish the Electoral College by Constitutional amendment as a LWVUS action focus for 2020-2022. **PASSED** 681 yay, 458 nay. This did not come from the Resolutions committee and will be added to the program.

On the Legislature’s Short Session, from Peggy Lynch

After just three days of work, Legislators went home Friday having passed six bills to strengthen police accountability and limit the use of chokeholds and tear gas. They also approved 16 other policy and housekeeping bills, many of which also contained provisions aimed at improving equity.

[From the Oregonian](#), June 28: "On Saturday, Brown announced she plans to spend \$62 million from the federal CARES Act on a relief fund for Black-owned businesses, \$45 million for coronavirus response equity initiatives at the Oregon Health Authority and \$30 million to provide paid sick leave for workers across the state who contracted COVID-19."

[From the Salem Statesman-Journal](#), June 27: "While the agency does face complex constraints set by the federal government, and a very old computer system, Kotek told reporters she wants a closer look at ways to improve the agency’s processes to speed up payments to Oregonians. “We’re going to be back at this on Monday, asking more hard

questions," Kotek said."

Reading!

[LWVOR NEWS](#) Catch-up on reading this month by reviewing the books recommended within this past year's newsletters. Check for anything you may have missed in the LWVOR newsletters, all posted on our lwwor.org home page, upper right, as [News](#). All releases are included: all of our Action Alerts, quarterlies- The VOTER, and almost bi-weekly President's messages, both the monthly openers to all members (including the reading recommendations) and the League leaders' news reported after the LWVOR board meetings.

By the way, do you know where to find LWVUS news?

- Get the [Weekly LWVUS President's Newsletter](#)
- Read [LWV Newsroom releases](#)

Thank you for reading. Here's to a healthy, safe, productive July for all of us. Thank you for your diligence on so very many different fronts, to League issues during these trying times. Lots more information will be available from the national convention and on other fronts-soon!

Yours in League,
Becky

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