

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



LWVOR President's Letter June 2020

Dear League members,

Welcome to summer of the League's 100th year! Some are joking that 2020 is the longest year ever and we're only three months in! We are adapting to distance meetings. LWVPDX was set to walk in the Portland Rose Parade on June 6th but sent a ZOOM clip instead.

I have enjoyed several League annual meetings: Portland, Corvallis, Deschutes, and my own League, Lane County!

All the best to our new Boards for a rewarding year! The Board is concerned for our Leagues' vitality, as we face on going roadblocks to in person events, fundraisers, annual meetings, and social events. We are prepared to help. Please be in touch.

In Brief

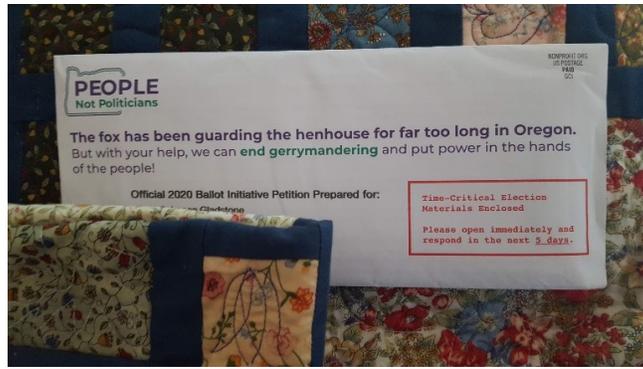
- Redistricting- 31 Days left to get the ~150K required signatures.
- You can help put redistricting on the November ballot!
- LWVUS Convention, with LWVOR involved in 2 Resolutions and 3 Caucuses
- Council wrap up: Delegates, please send your guidance to the Board!
- Consensus Meetings progress
- Summer Reading!

IP 57 Redistricting Collecting Signatures 31 days left!

LWVUS is actively organizing in all 50 states for redistricting reform, including here in Oregon. LWVOR is working to put a Citizens' Redistricting Commission on the November ballots. You can help! Signatures are due July 2nd -Very Soon! Volunteers are working (safely) in almost every Oregon League. Contact Chris Cobey to volunteer: cecobey@gmail.com.

[GET YOUR E-PETITIONS HERE!](#)

National partners say our redistricting proposal is one of the best-written they've seen [read IP 57 here](#). Chief Petitioner Norman Turrill is leading the [People Not Politicians](#) Political Action Committee (PNP PAC). They have mailed paper petitions to 500,000 Oregon households, 1.13 million voters. Ours arrived on Saturday! Watch for it- this is what it looks like:



LWVUS Convention Delegation News

We have lots of information already! Please recruit attendees and notify us if you have unused delegate slots so we can share them with others who may be interested in attending. Please send your delegate rosters ASAP to lwvor@lwvor.org and we will be sure you are informed, have what you need, know what LWVOR is sponsoring, and more!

Oregon is well-represented for LWVUS Convention 2020 meeting content, some as partners with other states. Claudia Keith's Climate Immigration Resolution has been accepted as "recommended" by LWVUS. Barbara Klein is co-chairing the work for the "Proposed Concurrence on Electoral Systems".

I am very proud that our Privacy & Cybersecurity Today study was accepted to present a Caucus. Claudia is also a leader in another national Climate Change caucus.

We've got names for almost half of our local Leagues for delegates to the LWVUS Convention. Let's aim for full virtual attendance from Oregon this year!



Council Wrap Up

My disappointment that Council could not meet in Newport this year is tempered by gratitude that Oregon has so far "flattened" the COVID curve. Our board and our Leagues have worked incredibly hard this year! I am proud of all of you and have relished getting to know you, attending your meetings, and keeping in touch.

Our May ZOOM Council evaluations mentioned appreciation for seeing each other safely, the easy commute, and getting dull but necessary business done efficiently. :)

The Break-out Rooms were very popular! I heard suggestions that we initiate regular ZOOM meetings for our local League Leaders, for Voter Service, Action, and Fund Raising!



LWVOR's Council delegates & observers!

Cyber Study Consensus Meetings

The “Cyber Study” committee hosted ZOOM Consensus support meetings on May 4, 6, and 8. Initially, the goal was to practice then offer support for Leagues to run their own meetings. These served as dry runs benefiting all of us for our smoothly run Council meeting. Some recorded their consensus question responses, discussing and answering questions. Zoom may be an option for those who are unable to participate otherwise. Thanks to staff for patiently and professionally helping. Please contact staff for more information and tech assistance at lwvor@lwvor.org.

Vote By Mail (VBM) is receiving partisan misinformation. States and Leagues are looking to Oregon’s leadership on VBM. LWVPDX offers the [VBM video highlights](#) from March’s Cybersecurity presentation.

You can see the full video from the March 10th *Privacy and Cybersecurity Today* study program [HERE](#).

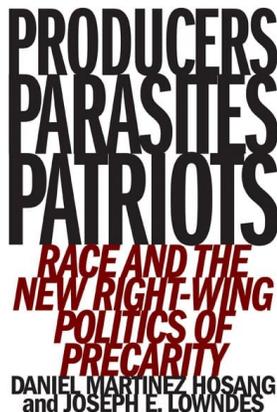


Reading!

Summer is always a favorite reading season. While this month’s timely choices are not an escape, they directly address today’s challenges in Oregon:

First, the May 28th New Yorker article: [How the Coronavirus Exacerbated Oregon’s Bitter Political Divide](#).

The New Yorker author cites “[Producers, Parasites, Patriots: Race and the New Right-Wing Politics of Precarity](#)” by Daniel Martinez Hosang and UO Professor Joseph Lowndes. Here’s a UO Political Science Department [book review](#).



Above: From the New Yorker article: "Governor Kate Brown has touted Oregon’s response to the coronavirus as a national success story." Photograph by Gillian Flaccus / AP

Left: "Producers, Parasites, Patriots: Race and the New right-Wing Politics of Precarity" by Daniel Martinez Hosang and Joseph E. Lowndes

Daily news is bringing challenges that the League must speak to- today an urgent need for justice. Read the [LWVUS statement on the killing of George Floyd](#) Keep up with [LWVUS press releases directly here](#). Thank you for reading, thank you for being a part of our League work. Be well everyone. --Becky

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