

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER



LWVOR President's Letter October 2020

Dear Oregon League members,

October is Voter Education Month! My gracious, what a challenging time! I hope all of you are safe from our wildfires! Our 100th Anniversary year is becoming yet more memorable. I hope we can look back on it safely with relief, and more importantly, with pride for the work we are accomplishing, especially with so many of us under duress. Please read below for Oregon Vote by Mail (despite wildfires) and recently added, Election Security news.



Oregon can reassure many US voters new to Vote by Mail (VBM) that as the first state to use statewide VBM, our elections have worked securely for decades, to popular acclaim, now joined by CO, HI, UT, and WA. An unprecedented increase in mailed ballots is forecast nationally, largely due to COVID safety concerns. This will be a new process for voters and elections officials. More voters than ever care about this election and will want election results quickly. We may need to urge everyone to be **patient**. Oregon's election protocols allot ample time to process our mailed ballots securely and to certify our results. Please connect with your League's Voter Service leaders to see how you can help. Your help is still needed and you can make a big impact on our coming election. Let's make a difference together!

NOW IS THE TIME TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND JOIN THE YOUTH OF OUR NATION WHO CLAMOR FOR REPAIR OF THE PLANET'S AIR, WATER, AND SOIL, AND FOR PROTECTING THEIR FREEDOMS AND FUTURES.



I trust we all are continuing to take precautions to avoid the coronavirus. Arguably, the virus may be related to climate change. Our Children's Trust work currently supported in Congress4Juliana is more urgent than ever. Thank you for following up on our [Action Alert](#) and writing to your Congressional delegation.

Here's an overview of this letter:

- [MyVote](#) Register to Vote directly with the OR Secretary of State: 1 WEEK left, closes October 13th
- [Election Protection 866-Our Vote!](#)
- [LWVOR News page](#) Check for updates
- [Subscribe](#) to our Action Committee Legislative Report! October's featured reading

October: Voter Education Month

Read [this message from LWVUS](#) for the many ways to help with Voter Education in October!

Register to VOTE by October 13th

Please don't take usual voter outreach work for granted with this election's COVID and wildfire disruptions. Please contact your County Clerks and ask how the League can help. UO shared [All IN Campus Democracy Challenge](#). Double check with schools and partner organizations. Reach out in new ways to GOTV, Get Out The VOTE!

Thank you to Barbara Klein for sending: "[Voter Registration Has Plummeted in 2020](#); The Brennan Center finds that voter registration has declined by an average of 38% in 17 of the 21 states analyzed when compared with 2016 registration rates."

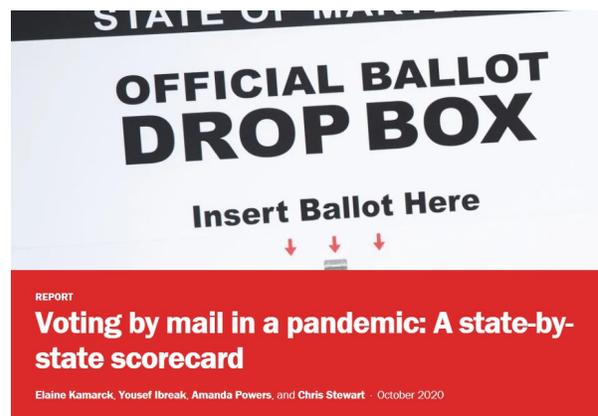
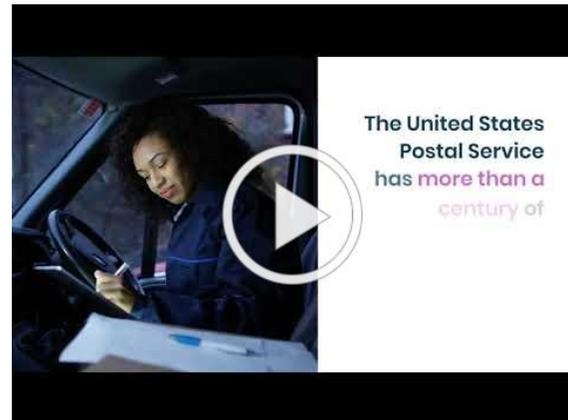


Election Protection

Call: (866)-OUR-VOTE. 866.687.8683, also in Spanish, Arabic, and Asian languages. LWV is a coalition member for this National Voter Protection hotline. Call with any voting concerns. They will direct callers to specific advice for each of our states and territories. Check [Election Protection](#) to volunteer.

OutreachCircle

LWVUS is sponsoring Oregon participation in this app's pilot program as an outreach organizing app for phone calls, emails, texts, and social media messages to contact family and friends directly; when they recognize us, they pay attention, compared to getting spam.



States' Voting Scorecards

[Voting by Mail in a pandemic: A state-by-state Scorecard](#)

Some states require witnesses to sign before you can drop your ballot in a dropbox! This is an education; take a look!

The best part is, this app will help **you keep track** of who you've called, emailed, posted to, etc. It'll let you know if they opened your message, if they followed through, so *you know you're making a difference!* LWVUS wants this direct networking to make a Rapid Response Impact! Use Outreach Circle and urge your personal contacts to:

- register to vote (*before the 13th!*)
- Use Vote411.org. Learn about your ballot races and measures
- Watch a League candidate interview or forum
- Send GOTV messages
- Find an Oregon Ballot Dropbox [Locator map](#), updating in days
- Be sure to VOTE!



Vote By Mail and Secure Elections

Look at our [Newsroom](#) for these recent additions:

- [Oregon Election Security](#), anticipating heavily increased VBM traffic.
- [Oregon Wildfires and Vote by Mail](#), the best compilation from early September.
- [Oregon Vote by Mail Best Practices](#), with postal service cutback concerns in late August.

Voter Service Publicity Grants

Have you noticed local ads featuring your League's events, Vote411.org, or the [LWVOR Vote Oregon page](#) with our Voters' Guides? We hope so! Please spread the word, thank your newspapers, local radio, the local media your League has chosen.

Video Voters' Guide

Thank you to our Leagues and their studio partners for candidate interviews and shared event videos. These will be posted soon; [watch our Voter Service pages](#) for frequent updates.

GOTV Postcards

LWVOR printed and sent thousands of postcards to our Leagues for members to write and send out to urge acquaintances to vote. How did that go? Tell us about it!

Our Featured Reading: LWVOR Legislative Report

Our Action Committee is remotely attending state agency meetings, legislative committee hearings, coalitions for congressional action. Read the Legislative Report and subscribe for thorough coverage, including a first-hand report from a fire area.

Thanks to our staffers Sarah and Amanda as they prepare for an extensive website

Legislative Report

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revision after the elections.

Thank you for your steadfast work! We are counting on you! Please take good care of yourselves and remember to share the work. More hands make light work, after you train them. :) Mentorship is part of our legacy and we need to welcome our new volunteers!

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