

# LWVT Board of Directors' Annual Report

Annual Meeting

Capital City Country Club

April 22, 2023



# Education & Advocacy

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

**Advancing the mission:**

**Empowering Voters & Defending Democracy**





Within the Backdrop of . . .

Supreme Court's unraveling of Roe v. Wade

GOP's full-page ad denouncing LWV

Gerrymandered Florida Maps

Florida Legislative Body unaligned with League positions

1st Amendment rights trampled by restrictive Florida DMS Rules

Nationwide election losses for election-denier candidates

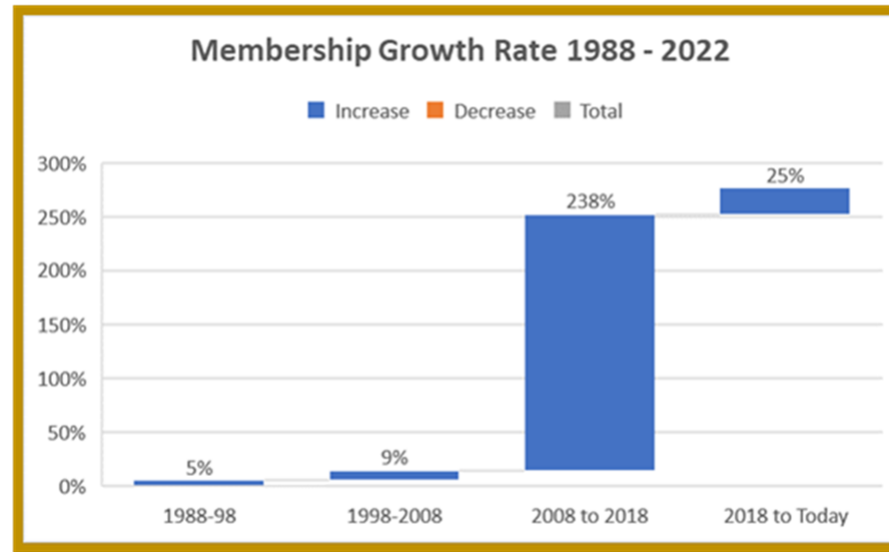
Blunted Congressional Red Wave

. . . LWVT Marches Onward and Upward

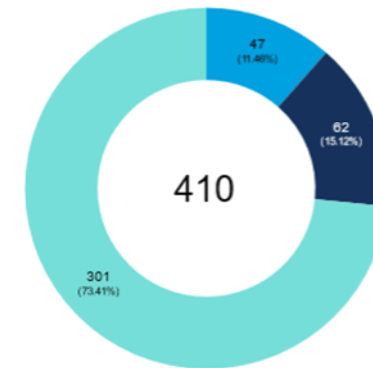
# Membership Matters

Peggy Ramsey,  
Roster Manager

Christine Coble &  
Trish Neely, Co-Chairs



**301 Primary Members**  
**62 Additional Members**  
**47 Student Members**  
*(as of 4.5.2023)*



LWVT is fourth largest of Florida's 29 Local Leagues.

Recent analysis of LWVT membership growth since 1988 demonstrates a steady upward trend that exceeds State and National comparisons over the same time periods.

# In the News . . . Communications

Linda Davis, Chair

## Webmaster

Deb Berlinger

## Voter Newsletter

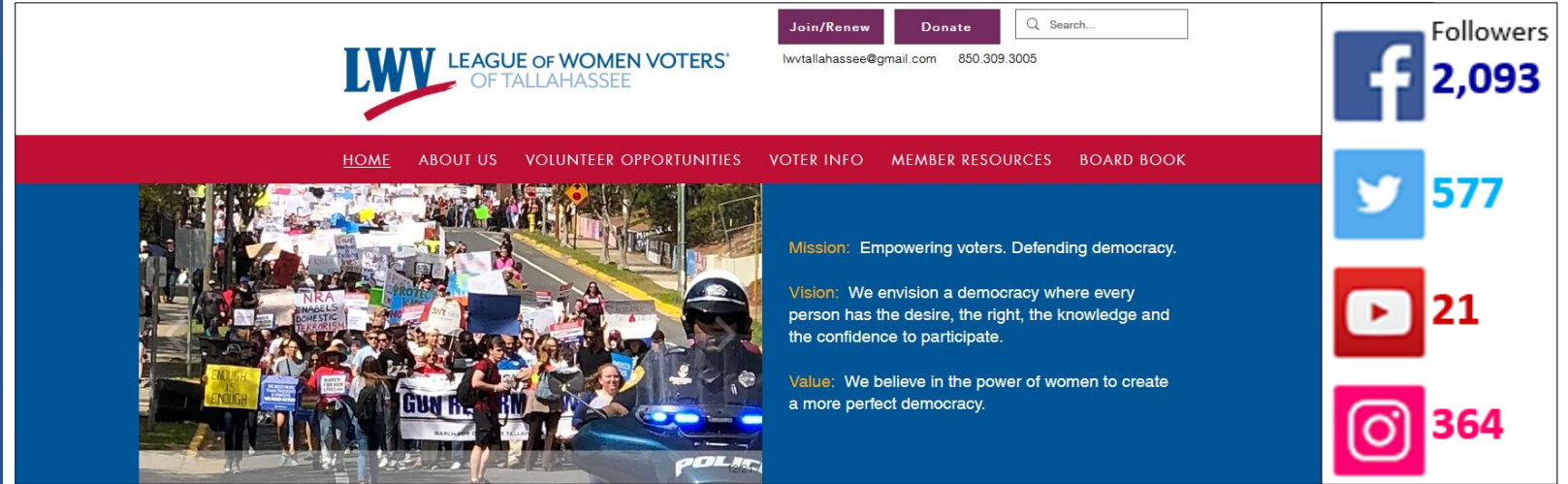
Meghan Hauptli-Everett,  
Stuart Baker & Jan RuBino

## Speakers Bureau

Stuart Baker,  
Jessica Lowe-Minor & Trish Neely

## Social Media & Constant Contact

Teri Cleeland, Sally Butzin,  
Linda Davis & Stuart Baker



Stacy Inez WCTV

- Informative Website
- Weekly Voter
- Constant Contact Info Emails *Distribution 1500*
- Social Media Info Posts *Followers 3,000*
- Guest Columns & Letters to the Editor

### Politics and politicians change, the League of Women Voters' mission does not | Opinion

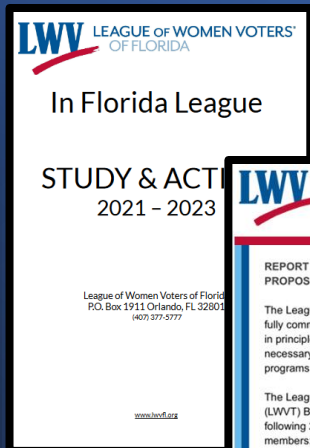
For 102 years, we have successfully encouraged informed and active participation in government at the local, state, and national levels.

NEWS Trish Neely

- League Promotions/Advertising
  - Television & Radio Interviews
  - WFSU Radio Spots
  - Press Releases



# Study/Action Committees



## Local Program Issues & Committees

### 1. Elections & Voting Rights\*

- Voter Services
- Mission 1313
- Community Outreach/Engagement
- Campus GOTV
- New Citizen Initiative
- **VOTE 411**

2. State Government: Lobby Corps

3. Local Government and Ethics

### 4. Natural Resources & Clean Energy\*

### 5. Public Education\*

6. Juvenile Justice

7. Public Healthcare

## LWVFL Issues & Committees

### 1) Reproductive Health & Justice\*

2) *National Popular Vote*

3) *Gun Safety*

4) *Restoration of Rights/Returning Citizen Initiative (Amendment 4)*

5) *Immigration*

*\*2023 Legislative Priorities*

*By the Numbers . . .*

## Election Related Work

*≈1,315 total activities through November 2022*

<b>Number of Voter Services Volunteers Student Volunteers/PIRG</b>		<b>58 certified; 21 non-certified = 79 Students = 50 129 total</b>		
<b>Total # Election Volunteer Hours 1465</b>		<b>Total # Voters Reached 40,709 + 2500 students</b>		
<b>Total Voters Registered 2022</b>		<b>199 + 1,000+ Students = 1,199+</b>		
Election-related activities/events	53 Tabling events	18 Canvassing events	34 Door Hanging events	1200 Post Cards mailed
Guesstimate of voters reached	636	638	590	2400
<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>120</b>
Number election-related activities/events	# Imp of Voting presentations – 11 (Neely, Licht & Caplowe)	167 Redistricting Radio Spots	2 Hot Topics PIRG Post Wrap up	52+ Radio Spots Perspectives & Candidate Forums
Guesstimate of voters reached	305	5,000	100	7,040 (10 % total listening audience)
<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>
Student Election-related activities/events			10 Tabling events	
<b>Student voters reached</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>Total Student Volunteer Hours</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Number Candidate Forums</b>				
	11 - Primary		6 - General	
<b>Number couldn't be hosted</b>	0		2 state races	
<b>Guesstimate of voters reached</b>	12,000+		12,000+	
<b>Forum Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>Events + Committee Work = 168 (estimate)</b>			

# 9 Hot Topics

## 19 Candidate Forums

Primary: June/July  
General Election: October



Event Date	Hot Topic and Presenters
May 26, 2022	<b>Created Equal – A Conversation about Race in Elections</b> Leon County Government and Village Square Candidate Forums
<b>June/July Forums</b>	
August 31, 2022	<b>GOTV: A Tale of Two Communities</b> Andres Cubillos, Graceanne Hoback, Barry Munroe and Trish Neely
September 21, 2022	<b>Public Education Under Fire</b> Rocky Hanna, Superintendent of Leon County Schools
October 21, 2022	<b>What’s on the Ballot?</b> Jessica Lowe-Minor, National and State League Leader
<b>October Forums</b>	
November 15, 2022	<b>Deep Dive on Mid-Term Election Results</b> Reginald Cardozo of The Public Square, Chris Stanburg of Americans for Prosperity, and Daniel Griffith of Secure Democracy Foundation
December 10, 2022	<b>Bridging Divides</b> Vanessa Rowse, Village Square Executive Director
January 25, 2023	<b>Juvenile Justice in Florida</b> Judge Tiffany Baker-Carper, Jessica Yearly, Public Defender and Jack Campbell, State Attorney
February 20, 2023	<b>Tug of War for Natural Resources</b> Aliko Moncrief of Florida Conservation Voters
March 30, 2023	<b>Medicaid Expansion &amp; Unwinding</b> Tracy Melin of Big Bend Area Health Education Center Holly Bullard of Florida Decides Healthcare & Florida Policy Institute



# 1. Elections & Voting Rights

## ➤ Voter Services

79 Volunteers – 58 trained/certified  
 1,500+ Volunteer Hours  
 55 Tabling Events  
 2000 Individuals Updated or Registered  
 2 Rap Videos

## ➤ Candidate Forums

2 Environmental Forums  
 17 Forums with TD & WFSU Media

## ➤ VOTE411.org

Local Candidate Questionnaires

## ➤ Speakers Bureau

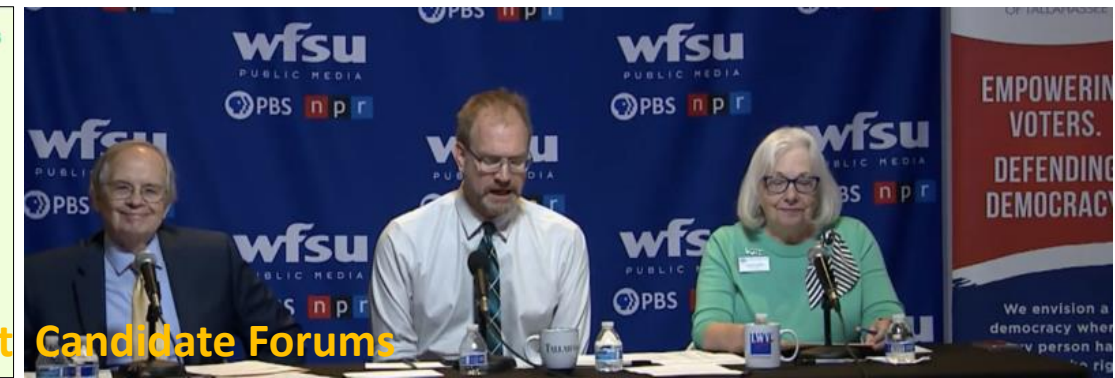
15 Presentations

## ➤ Community Outreach

50+ WFSU Radio Spots  
 167 Redistricting Radio Spots (statewide)  
 Community Supporters/Partners



Joint Candidate Forums



Rapper Lil Dubble U



Rev. Don Tolliver



FSU Law School



# 1. Elections & Voting Rights

## ➤ Mission 1313: Be a Voter

20 Canvassing Days

35 Door Hanging Events

1200 Postcards Mailed

Be a Voter Billboard

*Appleyard/Tennessee Streets*

Southside Community Engagement



# 1. Elections & Voting Rights

## ➤ Campus GOTV

- 50 Student Volunteers
- 100+ Volunteer Hours
- 10 Tabling Events
- FSU, FAMU, and TCC Outreach
- 200 Students Updated or Registered



Graceanne

Katie & Andres



Students Demand Action w/  
Rep. Anna Eskamani



# 1. Elections & Voting Rights

- New Citizens
- Returning Citizens
- Poll Workers
- Poll Monitoring
- Lobby Corps



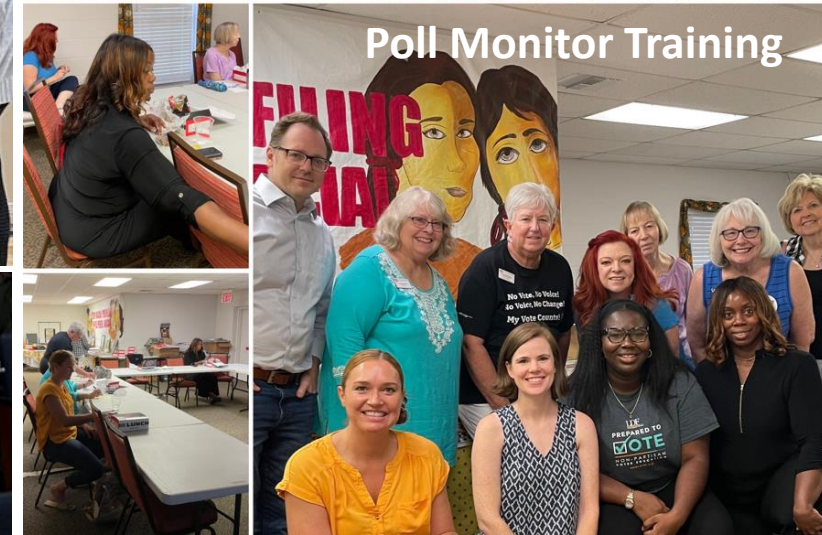
SOE Mark Earley, Defender of Democracy



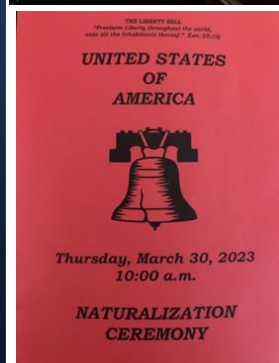
Poll Monitor Training



Testifying against SB 7050 - 2023



Rallying for Fair Districts



# 2. State Legislature: Lobby Corps

Trish Neely, Chair



- 25 Local Volunteers
- 300 Volunteer Hours
- 113 Priority Bills Lobbied For/Against
- Legislator Visits
- 12 Action Alerts
- Multiple TV Spots
- Rallies & Pressers

## 2023 Legislative Priorities

- ❖ Voting Rights & Election Reform
- ❖ Reproductive Health & Justice
- ❖ Environment & Natural Resources
- ❖ Education



**ACTION ALERT**

**LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA**

Your Action is Needed Now:  
*Florida's 6-week Abortion Ban  
Final Senate Committee Hearing on  
Tuesday*

Take Action Now!

Senate Bill 300, Florida's near total abortion ban, will be heard in the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee on Tuesday (March 28) at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

Senate Bill 300 and House Bill 7 ban abortion after approximately six



JOIN THE  
LEON COUNTY DELEGATION  
FOR THE

2023 LEON COUNTY  
DELEGATION MEETING

January 23rd, 2023  
at 6 pm

**Chair**  
State Rep.  
Allison Tant

**Vice Chair**  
State Rep.  
Jason Shoaf

**State Senator**  
Corey Simon

**State Rep.**  
Gallop  
Franklin

At the Leon County Commission Chambers  
Leon County Courthouse  
301 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32301



# 3. Local Government

Danielle Irwin, Chair

**wfsu** PUBLIC MEDIA  
**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TALLAHASSEE  
**Tallahassee Democrat**

2022 General Election  
 Candidate Forums

The Tallahassee Democrat newspaper, WFSU Public Media, and the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee are hosting virtually streamed candidate forums. The following candidates have been invited to participate.

MONDAY, October 10, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Leon County Commission, At Large Group 2 Josh Johnson, Nick Maddala	TUESDAY, October 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Leon County Commission, District 5 Leon Commission, District 2 Christan Caban, Hannah Crane	WEDNESDAY, October 13, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm State Representative, District 8 Curt Brander, Gallop P. Franklin	THURSDAY, October 14, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Leon County School Board, District 4 Laurie Lawson Cox, Alexander I. Stormis
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Replays: WFSU-FM 88.9 FM on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 AM on Perspectives  
 Get Alerts in Advance of Forums: Download Tallahassee Democrat's app from the App Store or Google Play  
 Archives: Visit Election Central at Tallahassee.com/elections

Important Voting Dates - Leon County 2022 General Election  
 Oct. 21: Voter registration deadline for Nov. 8 election (register at LeonVotes.gov/CVR)  
 Oct. 24: Early voting begins (vote at any of the 30 Early Voting sites throughout Leon County; visit LeonVotes.gov for more info.)  
 Nov. 6: Last day of early voting  
 Nov. 8: Election Day (on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling place)  
 Vote-by-Mail: Request Vote-by-Mail ballot from the Leon County Supervisor of Elections at LeonVotes.gov or call (905) 606-8683. Vote-by-Mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7:00 pm on Election Day to be counted. You have 3 options for returning your voted ballot:  
 (1) Mail your ballot in the signed and sealed envelope well in advance of Election Day (recommend mailing at least one week before Election Day).  
 (2) Return voted ballot within the signed and sealed envelope to an official Secure Ballot Intake Station (AKA drop box), located outside each Early Voting site during voting hours. View locations and times at LeonVotes.gov.  
 (3) Bring voted ballot and signed envelope to Supervisor of Elections office at 2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy., Tallahassee, FL by 7:00 pm on Election Day. Office Hours are 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, with extended hours on Election Day.  
 Note: You cannot drop off Vote-by-Mail ballots at Election Day polling places, but you can cancel your Vote-by-Mail ballot and vote in person at your designated Election Day polling place.



**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TALLAHASSEE



- 2022 Candidate Forums
- Monitoring Local Government

# 4. Natural Resources & Clean Energy

Meta Calder, Chair



Marpan Recycling Fieldtrip



- Participation at Local & State Levels
- Big Bend Environmental Candidate Forums
- Campaign Sign Recycling Project
- **February HOT TOPIC** Aliki Montcrief
- Natural Gas Appliance Rebate Program
- Leon County Schools Sustainability Committee
- Tallahassee's Clean Energy Plan and Roadmap
- City of Tallahassee's Clean Energy Transition webpage
- Adopt-A-Street: Duval Street/Gaines St/All Saints Street

# 5. Public Education

Asari Fletcher, Acting Chair  
Marianne Arbulu, Chair  
Sally Butzin, Chair



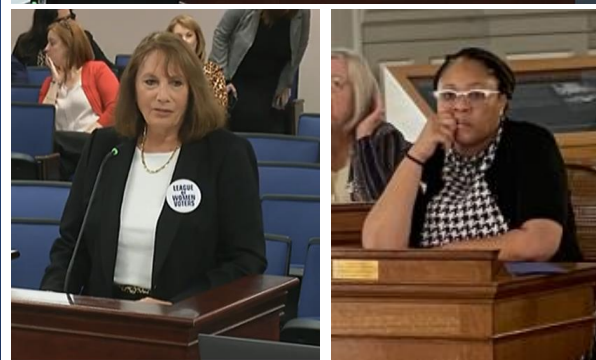
Superhero Superintendent  
Rocky Hanna



February Open House of  
new Community Hub



Testifying



- November Hot Topic
- Attended School Board Meetings
- Proclaimed League Support to District (*Letter*)
- Created Education Tools
- Monitored CSC
- Launching Roundtables
- Lobbying legislators



UNDERSTANDING  
**SCHOOL  
CHOICE**



A QUICK GLANCE



# 6. Juvenile Justice

Phelicia Stiell, Esq.



Nehemiah Assembly in March.



- **HOT TOPIC: Juvenile Justice Panel:**  
Judge Tiffany Baker-Carper  
Public Defender Jessica Yeary  
State Attorney Jack Campbell  
*Second Judicial Circuit*
- **Exploring Coalitions**

# 7. Public Health Care

Kathy Winn, Chair

LWVFL Statewide  
Action Leader

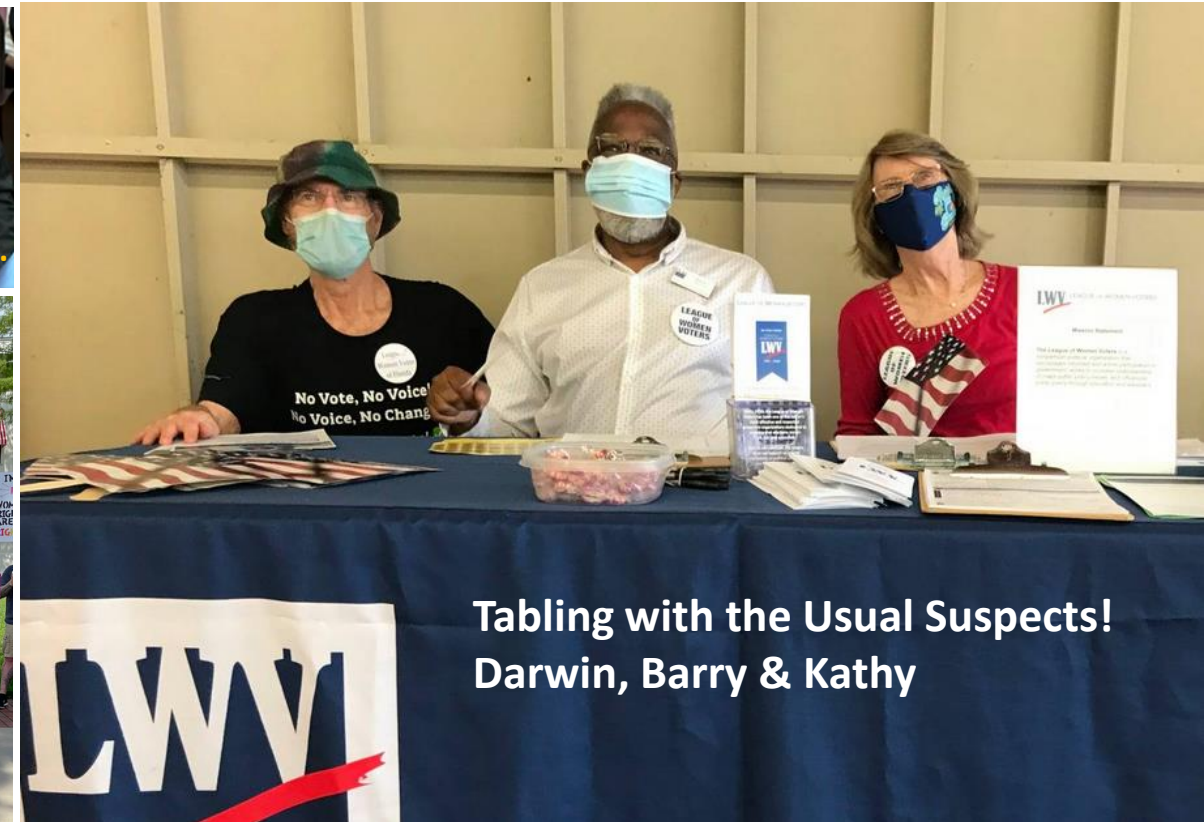


Opposed to Medical  
Conscience Bill April 2023

Trumbull



July 2022 Student  
Abortion Rally



Tabling with the Usual Suspects!  
Darwin, Barry & Kathy

- Expand Florida's Medicaid Program
- Support Women's Healthcare Initiatives
- March Hot Topic: Medicaid Expansion & Unwinding
  - Tracy Melin of Big Bend Area Health Education Center
  - Holly Bullard of Florida Decides Healthcare & Florida Policy Institute

# 1) Reproductive Health & Justice

Stacey Kroto & Ginger Mundy,  
LWVFL Chairs

Kathy Winn, Local Liaison

June 2022 National Convention  
Denver, Colorado  
*Dobbs Decision upends Roe v  
Wade*



Testifying March 20, 2023  
Florida Senate



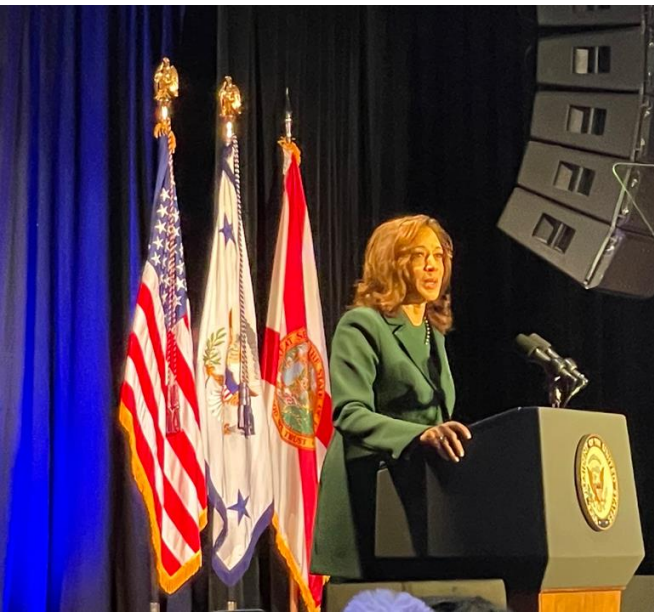
Delegates Rally June 24, 2022  
Denver Capitol



**Abortion Legislation is a Democracy Issue**

*LWVUS National Convention June 2022*

# VP Kamala Harris



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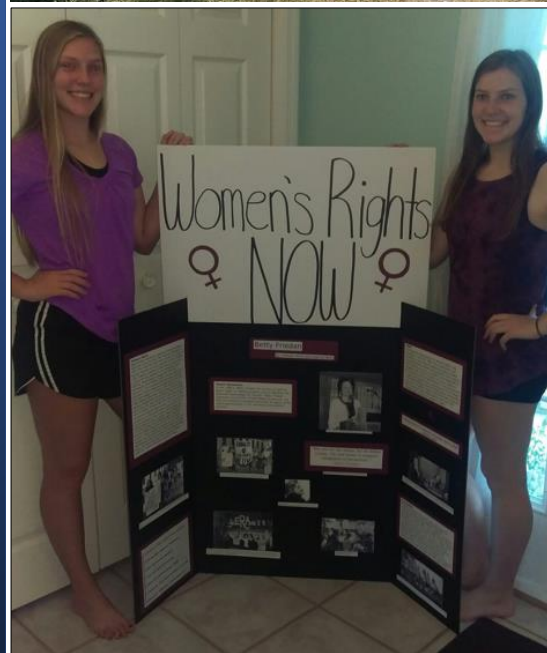


# ERA

The League is pushing for Congress to officially recognize ERA as the **28th Amendment!**



Alice Paul Institute Photo



College Town  
September 24, 2022

LWVT hosted the Vote Equality! Notorious Ruthless Vote Getter (RVG) as part of its southern tour to help educate today's youth on the continued need for passage of ERA.

We need it now more than ever!



## 2) National Popular Vote in Florida

Kathleen Crampton, LWVFL  
Chair

Sabrina Hartley,  
LWVT Liaison



Florida Delegation scores victory at 2022 National Convention when K. Crampton convinces Delegates to retain NPV as part of the National Program.



**Rep. Michael "Mike" Gottlieb**  
(D) Davie, District: 102



**Sen. Victor M. Torres, Jr.**  
(D) Orlando, District: 25

### 3) Gun Safety

Cathy Swerdlow,  
LWVFL Chair

Patti Brigham,  
President



February 2023 Senate & House Testimony

