



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
ARAPAHOE AND DOUGLAS  
COUNTIES COLORADO

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Membership

**SEPTEMBER MEETINGS:**

**Unit Meetings:** No Unit Meetings this month.

**Great Decisions:** Next meeting OCT 14.

**LWVADC Movie:** No movies this month.

**Lunch Bunch:** No lunch this month.

**SEPTEMBER 17 LWVCO League Day** at the Holiday Inn Cherry Creek, 455 S. Colorado Blvd, Denver 80246 8:30-3pm. Reservations required see the LWVCO VOTER at <http://lwvcolorado.org/lwv/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/0-Corrected-LWVCO-Voter-2016-August.pdf> Registration closes Sep 5.

**SEPTEMBER 19 Ballot Speaker training**, all welcome 9:30am Southglen Library

**SEPTEMBER 19 LWVADC General Meeting: 6-9pm** at Las Brisas a Mexican restaurant at 6787 S. Clinton St, Englewood 80112 303-792-3212. This restaurant is across Clinton St from the Target in the SE corner of I-25 and Arapahoe Rd.. There will be a 20% gratuity and individual checks. We will have the County Clerks from Douglas and Arapahoe Counties as our guest speakers on voting and more. Bring your questions.

**OCTOBER MEETINGS:**

**Unit Meetings:** Pros and Cons of the Ballot Issues on the November ballot

**October 6**, Thursday 5pm at Heather Gardens

**October 10**, Monday 5:30pm at Las Brisas (see above)

**October 13**, Thursday 9:30am at Koebel Library

**October 14**, Friday 9:30am Southglen Library Rm A

**Public Meeting** with pro-Con speakers on November Ballot Issues To Be Determined

## **NOVEMBER BALLOT ISSUES—WHERE LEAGUE STANDS**

The League of Women Voters of Colorado has taken a position of support on 4 of the 9 November Ballot issues. We already know of their support of **Amendment 69** the State Healthcare System--ColoradoCares health care insurance program. This position is based on support of the right to a basic level of health care, support of a national health care system, increasing taxes to pay for such a system and more.

There are 2 referenda from the State Legislature. **Amendment T** which removes language from the Colorado Constitution that would allow slavery and involuntary servitude (such as chain gangs) to be used as punishment for the conviction of a crime. LWVCO's Constitutional position supports the guarantee of the rights of individuals. This does not refer to paid work by prisoners even if it very low.

**Amendment U** exempt's certain property taxes for individuals or businesses that use governmental-owned property (such as state forest land) for a private benefit worth \$6000 or less in market value beginning in 2019. It generally costs more to collect these taxes than the tax amount.

LWVCO also supports **Initiative 101** creating a State Minimum Wage. This is another State Constitutional Amendment that would incrementally raise the minimum hourly wage by 90 cents reaching \$12 per hour by 2020. Support is based on support of programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency.

Some of these issues may have a new number on the ballot and there may be more positions taken by LWVCO soon on some of the other ballot issues. There are 9 in all and the rest include Primary elections, a Presidential Primary, medical aid in dying, new cigarette and tobacco taxes, stricter petition requirements for Constitutional amendments.

LWVADC will have meetings in October to learn about and discuss this important ballot so stayed tuned.

## **Management Team news**

You can see our Management Team members on the last page but there are a few changes since the last newsletter. At our Annual Meeting we said farewell to Sonya Pennock and Deb Armbruster who have ably led us the last several years. We said hello to Anne Roux and Phyllis Graham. Anne is a longtime Leaguer moving from Jeffco and Phyllis has already had to leave the team due to health and family issues. Also Marlu Burkamp has taken a leave of absence for personal reasons and will hopefully be back in the nearer future. Thanks to all our team members for a job well done.

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