

New Board Management Team Named

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OUR FIRST VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING WAS HELD JUNE 13



Our Climate Change Resolution is Adopted at June National Convention

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWVADC) successfully capped a two-year effort last month when its climate change resolution was adopted by the delegates at the League of Women Voters of the United States’s national convention, which was held online.

The effort was led by LWVADC members **Lena Brown** and **Amy Sherwood**. They worked with the national league’s climate task force for two years to create a strong climate change resolution.



The resolution newly addresses environmental justice and equity — which League promotes as part of its diversity, equity and inclusion policy — as issues to be included when considering solutions.

LWV-ADC members, Lena Brown and Amy Sherwood presented the resolution.

The resolution calls for “an immediate, wide-scale mobilization by the United States to restore, protect and fund an ecologically sustainable environment and climate, based on an interrelated approach that is environmentally sound, science-based,

just and equitable and dedicated to appropriately addressing the speed and scale of the global climate change emergency.”

“The resolution was based on the League's position regarding climate change, but additionally took into account the need for speed and a response based on science,” noted Brown and Sherwood. “This document gives League a working document when it takes a seat at the table.”

Their proposal was one of five the convention’s resolutions committee received and one of the three that were recommended for presentation at the convention.

Our Program committee hopes to have the pair share their digital presentation this fall.

SAVE THE DATE: OUR GENERAL KICK-OFF MEETING WILL BE HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY, SEPT. 21 AT 7:00 P.M.

Highlights of our June 13 Annual Meeting

Ann Roux, treasurer, reported that the King Soopers card rebate program has changed and rebates will be reduced in the future. For our 2020-2021 budget, overall income and expenses also will be reduced due to the shutdown of in-person meetings and programs in response to the COVID-19.

Alice Ramsey, secretary, presented proposed changes to our bylaws that included additions of procedures for electronic meetings. New management team officers were elected: Two-year term members are **Peggy Abrams, Jo Feder, Merry Havens, Paula Moore, Kathy O’Neil, Ann Roux, Jill Smith** and **Cyndia Zwahlen**. One-year term members are **Phyllis Graham** and **Maggi Markey**. **Irma Princic** and **Barbara Dungey** continue their second years.

No recommendations were made for new issue studies. Approval was made to retain existing LWVADC program positions. The current Homelessness / Land Use study was readopted to conclude in 2021.

Jo Feder led the annual meeting, our local League’s 54th and the first via Zoom. Barbara Dungey provided technical assistance.

— Jill Smith, Secretary

Want to get more involved? There’s a committee for that!

New 2020-2021 LWVADC Board/Management Team

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In addition to the committees noted above, there are volunteer opportunities available on the following committees and programs. We'd love to hear from you!

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion — Are you interested in how we can diversify our local League, be more equitable and inclusive? Our new committee needs you! More info to come in our August newsletter. Jo Feder: (904) 608-3932, joluvs10s@gmail.com

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Observer Corps — As an Observer Corps volunteer, you pick a local government entity — a local school board, city, county or special district — whose meetings you want to observe or whose meeting minutes you want to monitor. You alert League to any issue or legislation that may affect League positions or require our action. Forms and training provided. Jo Feder: (904) 608-3932, joluvs10s@gmail.com

Oil & Gas / Climate Change — Alice Ramsey: (303) 841-7839, alice@ramsisie.com

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Free Training Opportunity: The Equity Journey:

Forty-three Leagues recently participated in a training program offered by Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. This same program is being offered to all League members at no cost until August 15. Learn more and sign up on [Leaderoisty](https://www.leaderoisty.com).

A Reminder: Our League Has a Nonpartisan Policy

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League of Women Voters is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any political party or candidate; it is political in that it takes positions on selected government issues after member study and agreement. (Policy adopted July 20, 1994; revision adopted 8/20/12; revised 9/26/16)

Fundraise while you shop!

Do you shop at King Soopers or on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)? At no cost to you, a portion of your spending can be donated to our local League.



Link Your Shopper's Card

Our prime fundraising tool has been this Kroger Community Rewards Program. It used to bring in about \$2,000 a year. But the rewards program has changed and our donations based on member purchases have dropped. You can help boost us back up!

Here's how: Set up your online account, first, if you don't have one yet. Then link your King Soopers card to your account (you have to choose your store first) and pick us as the nonprofit to which you'd like the donations to go. Start here: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

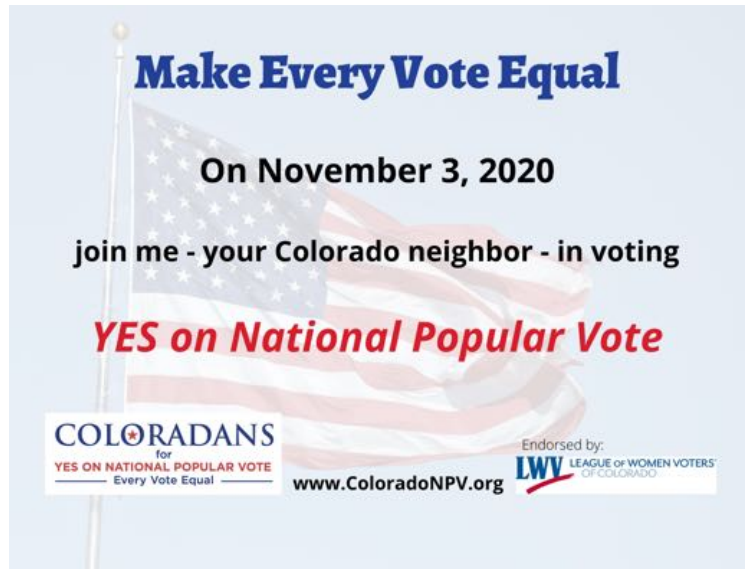


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Members Help with Statewide LWVCO Postcard Campaign for Nation Popular Vote Ballot Measure

Our local League members wrote notes and signed their first names to the backs of hundreds of postcards recently that will be sent as part of a larger state League mailing to select voters this fall. “We completed 1,100 cards with joyful community engagement and a wee bit of hand cramping,” said **Susan Lucerne-Lawton**, who joined the LWVADC last fall. “Job well done!”



Student Memberships are Free!

Do you know a full-time student who would like to get involved in our work to get out the vote and Make Democracy Work for everyone? Let them know that they can sign up for a free membership, [here](#).

Our Mission Statement

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Our Vision Statement

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

Our Value Statement

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

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