

TheVOTER

Forum:
***2020 Election Results
& Political Trends***

November 30, 2020
7:00 P.M. via Zoom
with
Timothy Kneeland, Ph.D,
and Jarred Jones

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to learn
more.

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President's Corner

Here we are, a day or two away from Election Day, and while in New York election results will not be available for another two or more weeks, some states will have results available on November 3, and more on the day or two after that. (New York, being an outlier for start date of absentee ballot counting, may possibly be the last state to report its results).

Two weeks ago, as I was starting to write this article there were glimmers that worst-case scenarios around absentee ballot voting, voter suppression and voter intimidation might not come to pass. Court rulings, voting protection coalitions and signs of voter determination were providing some reassurances. But an additional week has brought court decisions that have retained or imposed barriers for voters. Injunctions and reversal of US Postal Service reforms that slowed mail delivery do not appear to have happened soon enough to significantly improve delivery times. And now evidence of election interference by Iran and Russia are casting new doubts that could be exploited to declare the election invalid. There is much for voters to feel concerned or anxious about.

So what are we to think or do? First, it helps to know of steps that are being taken by officials and organizations to prepare for an election that goes as smoothly as possible. Here in Monroe County the Board of Elections (BOE) has been doing that by paying attention to problems that arose in the June Primary Election and taking steps to avoid recurrences. The BOE has geared up their staffing, both permanent and temporary, to help with the vastly increased number of voters choosing to vote via absentee ballot. They have also aggressively recruited and planned for training of new poll workers and increased their absentee ballot counting equipment.

It also helps to know of steps being taken by organizations to handle on-the-ground polling site situations as they arise. The national, non-partisan Election Protection Coalition, which the League is a part of, has an Election Protection Hotline that voters experiencing any voting problems can call for support (*see box below*). LWV-RMA is referring local voters to that line and is part of a reporting chain to our county BOE and upwards to LWVNYS and LWVUS. LWV-RMA is also prepared to assist voters experiencing long waits at polling sites and some of our members have trained as polling site monitors. Other members have become temporary BOE workers to help with the processing and counting of absentee ballots. Additionally, LWVUS has participated for months in the cross-partisan National Task Force on Election Crises, examining possible election scenarios. Dedicated to ensuring a free and fair 2020 general election, the Task Force, with LWV CEO Virginia Case on its Board, has strategized and planned, and stands ready to engage appropriately as election situations play out.

At this time, what individuals can do is to not give in to doubts about the validity of our elections, stay focused on encouraging voter turnout and counsel patience with the time it will take for final election results. The League reaffirms the resilience of our democratic institutions and appreciation for the people committed to protecting it.

This has been a bruising, traumatic year, from the COVID-19 pandemic and following economic fallout, to protests in the streets over continuing exposures of racial injustice, topped off by the ugliest presidential election season and political environment many of us have ever seen. Our country has much to recover from. Each of us, as a member of the League of Women Voters, can be proud of our great organization that stands up and fights in defense of our democracy. We are looked to, and can be, ambassadors of democracy in that recovery.

In League,
Judith Sternberg
President, LWV-RMA

ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE

Coordinated by the national, non-partisan, Election Protection Coalition. League of Women Voters is a coalition partner

1-866-OUR-VOTE
(1-866-687-8683)

Handles polling site situations and any voter questions

Channeled by state

Service available in several languages

Review of 2020 Election Results & Political Trends

Sharing their interpretations of the political climate and election outcomes will be Timothy Kneeland, Ph.D, Professor & Chairperson Political Science & History, Nazareth College; and Jarred Jones, Director of Major Gifts, VOTE.org.

Dr. Kneeland has led similar discussions for the League several times after major national elections and his presentations are always well received. Plan to attend this timely session.

Go to the LWV-RMA website home page at <https://www.lwv-rma.org/> to register for the meeting and receive the Zoom link.

THANK YOU!!!



Candidate Forums

The October 7 debate between Karla Boyce and Jamie Romeo, candidates for County Clerk, was hosted by WROC TV8 and co-sponsored by the LWV-RMA. LWV-RMA President Judy Sternberg welcomed viewers to the program.

LWV-RMA also co-sponsored candidate events for the following state legislative districts:

- 55th Senate District (Samra Brouk & Christopher Missick) on October 1 with the North Winton Village Association;
- 56th Senate District (Mike Barry & Jeremy Cooney) on October 20 with WROC-TV8;
- 135th Assembly District (Mark Johns & Jen Lunsford) on October 21 with WROC-TV8.

Links to videos of all forums are on our website.

LWV-RMA President Judy Sternberg welcoming viewers, moderator Adam Chodak, and candidates Karla Boyce and Jamie Romeo during televised October 7 debate.





Some of the LWV-RMA 2020 GET-OUT-THE-VOTE messages this fall



Does My Vote Really Matter?

- 537 # of votes in Florida that decided the 2000 presidential election
- 312 # of votes deciding a 2006 U.S. Senate race, resulting in a Super majority in the Senate
- 2 # of votes per precinct that decided who won Michigan in the 2016 presidential election

We're all in this Together!

Help your friends and family vote!

Grab a coffee together before you vote

Zoom with friends as you each wait in line to vote

Plan a time to meet at your polling place together

Celebrate your vote with a Zoom after-party

Key Dates for New York Voters

Oct 24	First Day of Early Voting	Oct 27	Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail or Online
Nov 01	Last Day of Early Voting	Nov 02	Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot at your Local Board of Elections
Nov 03	Election Day! Last Day to Vote with Absentee Ballot by Mail or In Person. Ballots Picked in Box After Last Collection on 11/3 WILL NOT BE COUNTED	Nov 10	All Absentee Ballots Must be Received by November 10 to be Counted

What's on your Ballot?

Check out: www.vote411.org

SEE WHAT YOU'LL BE VOTING FOR

FIND OUT WHERE TO VOTE

LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

SEE ANY PROPOSED VOTES

MAIL IN VOTING IS SAFE

Cast your vote in which every way works the best for YOU

AVOID DELAYS ON ELECTION DAY!

VOTE EARLY!

➡ POLLING PLACES ARE OPEN: ➡

OCTOBER

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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IT'S SAFE, EASY & RELIABLE!

➡ VOTE AT ANY LOCATION: ➡

Northwestern Blvd
Church of Christ
1000 N. Franklin St.
Rochester, NY 14608

Westwood
Pharm Lab
1400 Elm Ave.
Rochester, NY 14607

McKenzie
Community Services
111 N. Franklin
Rochester, NY 14608

David E. Reed
Community Center
100 N. Franklin
Rochester, NY 14608

Edgemoor
Recreation Center
1100 Elm Ave.
Rochester, NY 14608

Shore of Oaks
Recreation Center
1000 Elm Ave.
Rochester, NY 14608

Westwood
Community Center
111 N. Franklin
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EARLY VOTING MONROE COUNTY

- SHAW-IT BARTY COMMUNITY CENTER
- CITY OF MONROE RECREATION BUILDING
- MONROE JUVENILE RECREATION CENTER
- MONROE RECREATION CENTER
- SUNNYVALE STATE COLLEGE
- TOWN OF CHATEAU CENTER

MONROE COUNTY GOV. ELECTIONS EARLY VOTING

YONGE COUNTY

- NORTH BRIDGE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
- MARKETPLACE SMALL BUSINESS (CHURCH)
- MONROE GOVT PUBLIC LIBRARY
- JAMES H. WALKER PARK LODGE
- PONTIAC SQUARE MALL
- WESTWOOD RECREATION CENTER

YONGE COUNTY GOV. ELECTIONS EARLY VOTING

ON DAYS WHEN THE NEWS GETS TO YOU...

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION AT VOTE411.ORG & PLAN FOR BETTER DAYS

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 1

VOTE 411.ORG

MAKE YOUR 2020 VOTING PLAN

League of Women Voters of Rochester Metropolitan Area

Published by Hannah Rosicka 11:18h

Voting by mail is a safe way to vote!

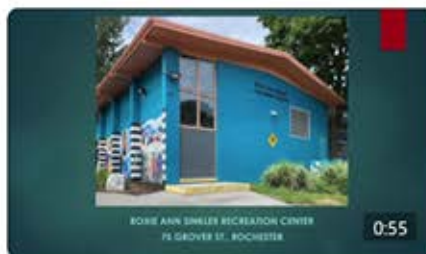
VOTING BY MAIL IS SAFE

The United States Postal Service has been safely delivering mail for 245 years

Ballots are sent to local board of election offices, which are filled with people who have dedicated their lives to making sure voting and democracy stay safe

The United States Military has been voting by mail since the Civil War

All Videos



Early Voting Sites Monroe County
a day ago · 30 Views



If you don't vote to represent your ideals, then who will?
2 weeks ago · 156 Views



Non-Partisan Voting Info
2 weeks ago · 54 Views



Voter Services: Get-Out-the-Vote Efforts

DOOR HANGERS

Members helped to hang informational flyers (see the picture at the top right on page 4) on doorknobs in several low-turnout neighborhoods in mid- October.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Thanks to all who made our registration events possible. The LWV and friends worked hard! Since July, volunteers at 57 different voter registration opportunities registered 262 voters before the October 9 registration deadline. We have been focusing special effort on election districts 22, 25, 28, and 29 because they have the lowest registration rates. Of the 262 voters we registered this year, 106 of them came from those districts.

POSTCARDS

We addressed and wrote 1800 postcards to voters who registered since the last election, encouraging them to vote. We even set it up as a randomized experiment so that we can tell whether this GOTV technique works. Thanks to the energetic and generous volunteers who wrote personal notes and many who donated postage as well.

EARLY VOTING CELEBRATIONS

Early voting began on October 24 with four separate motorcades through different neighborhoods to let residents know that the polls were open. At the polling places at Edgerton Community Center, the Genesee Valley Field House and the David Gantt Community Center, the LWV-RMA sponsored celebrations with music, food, life-sized cutouts of Frederick Douglass suitable for selfies with your "I Voted" sticker, and Frederick Douglass impersonators.

Special thank-you to our partners in planning these events: the Rochester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; the Psi Omega Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We created many visually attractive messages about registering and voting and uploaded them to our website and Facebook. Several of these messages can be seen on page 4.

Barbara Grosh

VoterServices@lwv-rma.org



Photos courtesy of Rodney Burleigh, Georgia DeGregorio, Barbara Grosh, and Elaine Schmidt.

College Presentations in Lieu of On-Campus Visits

Since we have been unable to visit campuses during the present health crisis, we have substituted some Zoom presentations to students. The presentation material focused on the importance of voting, particularly for young people. Topics also included: how to register to vote, and how to vote by absentee ballot or in person early or on election day. Information about the League and upcoming League events was also included, with a focus on Vote411 and educational and candidate forums, as well as the League's advocacy initiatives. The PowerPoint presentations were originally created by Kim Byers and edited/revised by Myra Pelz. The Zoom presentations were given to the following groups:

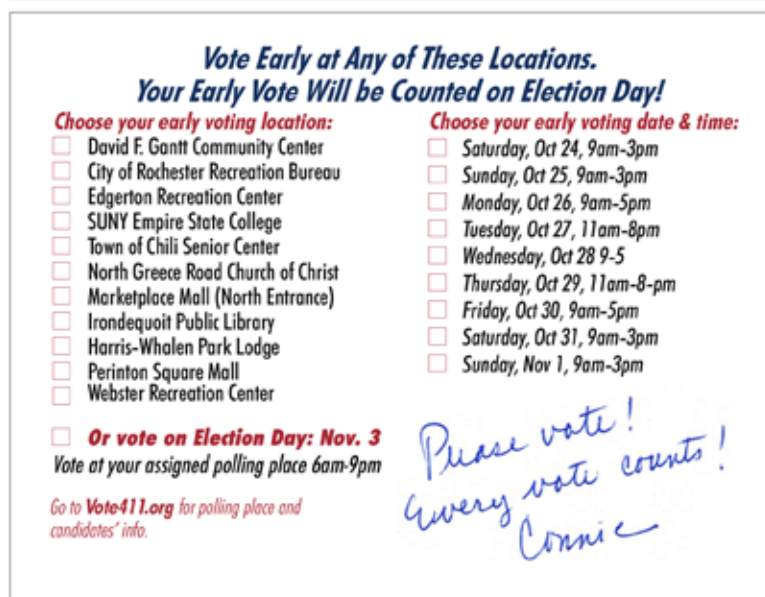
- Nazareth College students (given by Kim Byers) - recorded so that students who could not attend could also view it at a later date;
- Three Political Science classes taught by Joseph Scanlon at MCC (given by Myra Pelz with help from Georgia DiGregorio);
- Students in the Social Work program at Roberts Wesleyan College (given by Myra Pelz) - recorded for later viewing. Roberts Wesleyan is new to partnering with the League, thanks to outreach by Kim Byers. We hope to visit the campus for voter registration in 2021.

POSTCARDS TO VOTERS

Postcards were delivered to 1800 randomly selected newly registered voters in 8 low-turnout districts in the city who had registered between November 1, 2019 and July 15, 2020. The postcards were prepared by 18 volunteers, both members and non-members of the League, who picked up the cards and labels, donated stamps, attached stamps and labels, and wrote a short note to encourage recipients to vote. Each volunteer prepared 30 - 180 cards. Many thanks to Chris Burleigh for creating the postcard design.

After the election we will randomly select an equal number of different newly registered voters and compare the two groups to see if the postcards might have increased voter turnout.

Myra Pelz myra.pelz@gmail.com



If you haven't yet voted, visit Vote411 for information on the candidates on your ballot and go to our homepage, www.lwv-rma.org, for links to our candidate forums.



ABOVE: LWV-RMA President Judy Sternberg and NCJW, Greater Rochester Section President Jane Amstey welcomed participants; Program Committee Chair Elaine Schmidt introduced Dr. Liebschutz and moderated the question and answer session; Dr. Sarah Liebschutz led the discussion of the Electoral College.

The Electoral College: Pros and Cons

On October 19 via Zoom, Constitutional scholar Sarah Liebschutz, Ph.D., SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emerita, provided an overview of the Electoral College to 90 participants. She shared the reasons for the Electoral College, how well it reflects the popular vote for president, and proposals for changing the current system.

Among Dr. Liebschutz's comments were the following:

- The complicated electoral college was seen by the Constitution's framers as consistent with a republican form of government and was reasonably efficient, politically acceptable and likely to result in the best outcome.
- The Electoral College vote has agreed with the popular vote in all but five presidential elections, two of them in the 21st Century (the 2000 Bush v. Gore contest and the 2016 Trump v. Clinton race).
- Changing the Electoral College or eliminating it will be difficult since amending the Constitution is difficult.
- One proposed option is a National Popular Vote Interstate Compact in which each state pledges all of its Electoral College votes to the winner of the national popular vote IF states with 270 votes follow suit. This plan has garnered support from several states but faces opposition in many others. The LWVUS has endorsed this plan as transitional to eliminating the Electoral College.

This forum was presented jointly by the League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metro Area (LWV-RMA) and the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Rochester Section (NCJW,GRS). The program was recorded and is available from the LWV-RMA website at <https://www.lwv-rma.org/>.

**Democracy is not a
spectator sport.
Tag! You're It!**

Fair Election Practices Campaign 2020

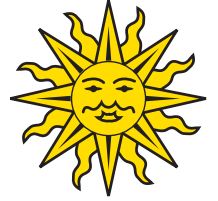
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The League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metro Area and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR) solicited Pledges from General Election candidates to publicly commit to running positive, issues-oriented campaigns as part of the Fair Election Practices Campaign. Fifteen out of 46 candidates signed the Pledge by September 29, 2020 and are listed on the League's website <https://www.lwv-rma.org/FEPC.php>.

A Fair Election Practices Hearing Committee is established to review properly filed complaints from candidates who signed the Pledge by the deadline and who allege violations of the Pledge by their opponents. The Hearing Committee issues decisions regarding the complaints ahead of the elections, which are released to the media and posted on the League website and social media accounts. The hearings will be held virtually-only this season to maintain the health and safety of Hearing Committee members and the candidates. To date, no complaints have been filed.

If you are interested in assisting with the FEPC or learning more about the process, please contact Kris Rogers at FEPC@lwv-rma.org.

Sunshine Corner



POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD (PAB) MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2020

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Following approval of the minutes for the previous meeting, the Board called an Executive Session to discuss their Executive Director position. After that session, the following topics were discussed:

- The City is working to retain the law firm WilmerHale to examine community policing policies and procedures. The Board discussed how it might become involved in this effort as well as the importance of citizen participation.
- Anti-racism training will be presented to city government organizations in early 2021. This training is encouraged but not mandatory.
- An Education Committee, comprised of four Board members, was approved. The Committee discussed several topics to be researched and addressed and how to identify issues of greatest importance to the community.
- A physical office space for the PAB has yet to be identified.
- On September 15, the PAB issued an open letter to city and county leaders questioning why the PAB had not been included in deliberations and internal review following the death of Daniel Prude. The only response received to date was from the City Council. The substance of that response was not discussed.
- The next PAB meeting is scheduled for October 22.

(To find out more about Rochester Police Accountability Board, please click here: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/PAB/>)

RCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2020

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At 5:00 P.M., the Board meeting was open for comments regarding the renewal of a Charter School as required by NYS. There were no comments made in person or submitted online. The meeting was adjourned after about 15 minutes.

At 5:30 P.M., the Special Meeting of the Board for the Policy and Governance Committees to present to the full board was called to order.

Commissioner Ricardo Adams provided an update regarding the Family Engagement event planned for Saturday, November 14. This was followed by votes on 10 resolutions which were approved after brief discussion. An 11th resolution was approved after discussion in the Executive Session.

For the Governance Committee, Commissioner Amy Maloy presented three items:

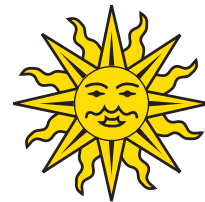
1. The updated Orientation Manual will be available online for new board members and the public; it was forwarded for minor changes and expected to be approved in the October Meeting.
2. The professional development schedule was presented with a request for additional information from the respective committees. The schedule is also expected to be completed in detail and approved in the October Meeting.
3. The proposed metrics to be used to assess the Board's success in meeting the 2020-21 goals were discussed. The Governance Committee had worked with an evaluator to develop the metrics that were presented. There was much discussion of the lack of specifics within the presented metrics. The metrics were more in a pass/fail format, as suggested by the consultant and did not provide quantifiable items as hoped.

Changes were suggested and the committee was charged with additional, timely work due to the need to make metrics available to the superintendent as soon as possible. Approval was tabled for the rewrite.

President Van White presented the Policy Committee report. The work on updating over 300 policies was discussed with input from Kallia Wade, Board Clerk. The possibility of contracting with a state agency to review and update the policies was presented; however, the Board discussion resulted in opposition to spending the money and suggestions for alternatives. One concern with potentially contracting the updates was the need to look at the policies with an anti-racist lens. No decision was reached as further discussion on the contract details was planned for the Executive Session.

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Sunshine Corner *(cont'd)*



An Executive Session lasting about an hour was followed by the passing of the final resolution and adjournment at about 9:15 P.M.

(To view the full minutes from this and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.rcsdk12.org>)

COMMISSION ON RACIAL AND STRUCTURAL EQUITY LISTENING SESSION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION, A TOWN HALL MEETING VIA ZOOM, OCTOBER 8, 2020 6-8PM OBSERVED BY CONSTANCE FLAHIVE constan548@gmail.com

Community participants were invited to present comments by registering online. The town hall session was delayed from the original date to allow for additional community members to participate. Fourteen people offered comments and were given two minutes each to read their statements. The commenters included service providers such as school and family counselors and people suffering with mental health and addiction issues. The entire session was open to the general public with as many as 62 people listening. The session included ASL and Spanish language interpreters. After the presentations the committee discussed the responses saying they agreed with the concerns.

Concerns raised revolved around the limited services available especially for the black and brown populations in the City of Rochester. Issues concerning the timeliness of services, cost, transportation and the trauma already associated with mental health and addiction were raised. Requests for more services included more communication about availability for all populations including women. Also mentioned in the comments were the Prude case and the importance of having mental health professionals attending such situations. One participant recommended looking at the Mobile Mental Health Crisis program in Eugene, Oregon as a model for Rochester. The panel discussed opportunities for Mental Health services and additional needs. It included a discussion of the Strong Recovery services which provide for access and language issues but do need to be expanded. More culturally responsive clinicians need to be recruited.

(To find out more about the Commission on Racial & Structural Equity, please click here: <https://www.rocrase.com>)

COMMISSION ON RACIAL AND STRUCTURAL EQUITY LISTENING SESSION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES, A TOWN HALL MEETING VIA ZOOM. OCTOBER 14, 2020 OBSERVED BY CONSTANCE FLAHIVE constan548@gmail.com

The purpose of the Listening Session was to hear community voices sharing experiences and issues. Community members were invited to present comments by registering online. Eight people offered comments and were given two minutes each. The commenters included service providers, especially those with experience with the Monroe County Foster Care Program, but also included a speaker from the Aging Alliance and speakers for homeless programming. The session, which was open to the public with up to 35 people listening, provided ASL and Spanish language interpreters. Due to the small number of speakers, time was offered for follow up by the speakers who remained as listeners. At least one additional listening session will be planned for this group. "Spread the word via <https://www.rocrase.com>" was the final message from the committee.

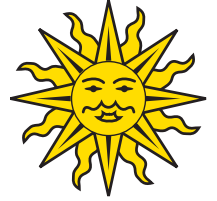
The session began with some key statistics for Monroe County including the high poverty rates for people of color (for example, the median household income for the white population is twice that of the African American population in the county). A comparison of Monroe County with NYC statistics indicated that Monroe has a lower approval rate for benefits and a higher sanction rate (meaning more families are put on a list denying them future benefits).

Concerns raised by the community revolved around the experiences of black children and families in the foster care system. It was stated that currently black children are more often placed with white foster parents raising issues about cultural responsiveness and pathways to adoption. One community member spoke emphatically about the lack of knowledge of how to care for the hair and skin of black children as an example. Also raised was the discrepancy between payments to support struggling black families and the larger payments for fostering children. A question raised: Where is the safety net to help families avoid losing their children to the foster care program because of poverty? An important issue voiced dealt with the current structure – a system that has been designed to work as described and which needs an overhaul. The community needs to vote for change. The Committee needs to be creative in addressing the issues.

(To find out more about the Commission on Racial & Structural Equity, please click here: <https://www.rocrase.com>)

Sunshine Corner *(cont'd)*

COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (COMIDA)* OCTOBER 20
 BOARD MEETING SUMMARY, OBSERVED BY DEBORAH GORDON
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The following requests were reviewed by the Board on October 20:

RING CONCIERGE, LLC This e-commerce business selling custom-designed jewelry moved to Pittsford and requested a sales tax exemption. Nineteen full time equivalent positions (FTEs) are anticipated including six new hires. Positions will be filled locally and local labor will be used for any building renovation needs. The request was approved.

19 CAMBRIDGE STREET, LLC This project consists of the acquisition of a leasehold interest in the land and building located at 19 Cambridge Street, Rochester, for use by Reliant Staffing Systems Inc., a workforce management group that moves people from public assistance to the workforce. COMIDA will acquire a leasehold interest in the facility and lease it back to the company. No local labor exemptions are anticipated. The request was approved.

FAIRVIEW AT TOWN CENTER III LLC This project involves the retention of a leasehold interest in a parcel of land on Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta, to create a 117-unit apartment complex. COMIDA will acquire a leasehold interest in the facility and lease it back to the company to operate during the term of the lease. The company sought sales and mortgage tax exemptions. The benefit to exemption ratio is 10:1. A local labor exemption might be needed. The request was approved.

REN SQUARE, LLC This project involves acquisition of a leasehold interest in a parcel of land at 190-194 East Main Street, Rochester, and the existing vacant six-story Glenny Building which will be renovated for mixed-use consisting of apartments and commercial space. A geothermal well field will be installed on a lot at 75 Mortimer Street to provide HVAC to this and other buildings renovated by the developer. COMIDA will acquire a leasehold interest in the facility and lease it back to the company to operate during the term of the lease. The developer sought sales and mortgage tax exemptions. The benefit to exemption ratio is 7:1. Local labor exemptions are not anticipated. The request was approved.

Existing Project Modifications

Modifications to existing projects were approved:

1733 Ridge Rd LLC – received an extension of the sales tax exemption through 2022 due to pandemic-related delays in getting construction materials, etc.

American Packaging – plan was amended to correctly state the sales tax exemption granted.

Other Business/Discussion

Finance Committee Report – A balanced budget was approved at \$2 million and was based on a review of 12 years of revenue and expense data.

Excellus has given the county a grant of \$40,000 to provide small business with PPE kits. The grant can be used for printing and distribution. The County Executive has asked COMIDA to administer this grant in order to expedite kit distribution.

Shore Foundation request – This foundation works to address the digital divide and enhance access to digital technology by refurbishing computers and giving them to community organizations, schools, etc. A request was made for \$20,000 for 6 rolling computer building towers to improve and increase efficiency in refurbishing. The request was approved.

CGR Report

COMIDA initiated a Center for Governmental Research report at the request of the County Executive to identify ways for the county to be more responsive to needs of the business community. CGR interviewed over 40 people during their research. Report recommendations included continued dialog with GRE (Greater Rochester Enterprise), coordination with the City, development of a county economic development strategy, a focus on infrastructure and workforce development, and a strategic plan for skills creation (Monroe Community College is in a good position to lead this). The county has contracted with Rochester Works to help displaced workers. Using the metrics in the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act, it looks like they are doing a good job. The County Executive is on board with recommendations.

*To find out more about COMIDA, please click here: <https://monroecountyida.org/>



Book club members meeting via Zoom on October 14.

LWV-RMA Book Club

On October 14, LWV-RMA book club members met via Zoom to discuss *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. Chris Pryor led the discussion.

Remaining 2020 – 2021 book reading schedule

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| November 19 | <i>The Warmth of Other Suns, The Epic story of America's Great Migration</i> by Isabel Wilkerson |
| December 17 | <i>The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters</i> by Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins |
| January 21 | <i>Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom</i> by Keishan N. Blain |
| February 18 | <i>The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present</i> by David Treuer, AND <i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West</i> by Dee Brown |
| March 18 | <i>Begin Again</i> by Eddie S. Glaude Jr. |
| April 15 | <i>How To Be An Antiracist</i> by Ibram X. Kendi |
| May 20 | <i>Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement</i> by John Lewis |
| June 17 | <i>Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope</i> by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn |

The LWV-RMA book club meets via Zoom at 4:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of the month. A link will be sent to everyone who expresses an interest to Judy Weinstein (vote411@lwv-rma.org), who serves as the group's Zoom techie.

Election Services

The Monroe County Board of Elections (MCBOE), the League, and so many wonderful citizens in our community have worked hard to process applications and ballots in September and October, and will continue to do so in November. The MCBOE paid temporary workers \$15 per hour to do this job. The challenge of COVID- 19 made the process even more difficult. Special thanks go to our League members for all their efforts: Kim Beyers, Barbara Boyd, Rodney Burleigh, Barbara Grosh, Mary Hussong-Kallen, Elaine Schmidt, and Judy Sternberg.

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Calendar

November

- 1 Last day of Early Voting
- 3 ELECTION DAY (6:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.).
- 6 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; directions and a link provided via email.
- 10 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Contact Judy Sternberg for link.
- 19 Book Club (4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.) via Zoom; *The Warmth of Other Suns, The Epic story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson; contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lwv-rma.org for link.
- 30 Forum on 2020 Election Results, (7:00 P.M.) via Zoom, details to follow

December

- 4 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; directions and a link provided via email.
- 8 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Contact Judy Sternberg for link.
- 17 Book Club (4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.) via Zoom; *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters* by Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins; contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lwv-rma.org for link.

Whenever you attend a League event, take pictures & email them to the Voter editor at judithw@frontiernet.net so we can make sure that all our good works get the recognition they deserve.

*** All Naturalization Ceremonies are cancelled in Monroe County until further notice.**

Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!

SOME SUGGESTED ON-LINE READING WHILE WAITING FOR NORMAL SCHEDULES TO RETURN

- * www.lwv.org - Explore the LWVUS website, particularly the League Management section.
- * <https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state> - Explore all its features and the latest legislative advocacy.

First Friday Goes Electronic

Because of the pandemic, First Friday convenes via Zoom. Shown are some of the participants in the October 2 session. Join the group on any or all of these dates:

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November 6	March 5
December 4	April 2
January 8	May 7
February 5	June 4



Board of Directors meetings are currently via Zoom. Board meetings are open to all members. See calendar for dates and times and contact Judy Sternberg for link.

Forums are open to the public. Calendar information is subject to change.

For more complete information, consult our website at www.LWV-RMA.org, call 262-3730 or e-mail us at info@lwv-rma.org

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Voter education is one of the League's most important functions, and the League encourages all citizens to register and to cast an informed vote.

The League does not support political parties or candidates, but does take stands on important issues after careful study and research.

Membership in the League is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age.

Those under 16 can be associate members.

Goals of the League of Women Voters:

- To encourage informed citizen participation in government and politics
- To influence public policy through education and advocacy

Join the League Today!

Name: _____

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