

The VOTER December 2024

And just like that, we're nearly to the end of 2024 and it's time to celebrate all our hard work this year and plan for 2025! We're keeping the December Voter newsletter short and sweet with just the most important information since we know how busy everyone is this time of year. Please take a brief moment to scan through it! The Florida Legislative Priority listening sessions will be held on 12/4 and 12/9 and the survey is due by 12/14.



Save the Date: Holiday Party Jan. 25

We will celebrate our League's 2024 accomplishments at our Holiday Party on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 3-6 pm, at the New World Brewery, 810 E. Skagway Ave., Tampa. More details will be shared soon, but we hope you'll make plans to attend.

Dec 3: Free ERA Documentary Screening

Ratified is a new documentary on the fight for and status of the ERA and the story of Virginia's ratification. LWVUS is working hard to build national public pressure on President Biden to ensure that the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is published before he leaves office. With a quick turnaround to match the urgency of this moment, we're inviting League leaders to a free, virtual screening of Ratified on Tuesday, December 3 at 4 pm. The screening will be followed by a 20-minute panel discussion to help us all find ways to engage as Leagues and individuals. Please reach out to me at president@hclwv.org if you are interested in attending this screening on behalf of the LWV of Hillsborough & Pasco Counties.

2025 Legislative Priorities Survey & Listening Sessions - Due by 12/14

Every year, all members of the LWV of Florida vote on the legislative priorities we will focus on in the upcoming Florida Legislative Session. Voting & Election Reform will remain our #1 priority for the 2025 session. The other three priorities will be determined by submissions from local leagues and input from the LWVFL Board of Directors. Please click here to submit your choices for legislative priorities. Deadline: December 14! Our selections must be sent to the state by 12/15.

There will be two listening sessions giving members of local leagues the opportunity to discuss the issues and make cases for actions utilizing a pro-con format. These will be held on:

- December 4 5 pm Register here
- December 9 12 pm Register here

Our current issue areas are:

- Clean Energy
- Education
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Health Care
- Home Rule/Preemption
- Juvenile Justice
- National Popular Vote
- Natural Resources
- Poverty & Affordable Housing
- Reproductive Health & Justice

Scenes from Tabling Events

We appreciate the many League members who volunteered this fall to table at events in both counties, including the University of South Florida, three Pasco Hernando State College campuses, three branches of Hillsborough Community College, and three Goodwill stores.





















Upcoming Member Meetings

Dec. 16, 12-1 pm, Monthly Board meeting. Details

Jan. 6, 6-7 pm, Monthly Issues Update Meeting. Details

Jan. 25, 3-6 pm, Annual Holiday Party, New World Brewery.

Check the League's website <u>calendar of events</u> throughout the month for new meetings and events.

Want to know what's coming up? You can now subscribe to our HCLWV Events Calendar so our events show up on your online calendar! Find the subscribe link just below the calendar heading here.

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