Dear Members and Supporters,

The past two years have presented new challenges as well as opportunities for the League of Women Voters of the United States. As our democracy has faced unexpected obstacles, the League has stood up as a trusted voice fighting to protect and defend voters nationwide.

For nearly 100 years, the League of Women Voters has championed voting rights, and today our work couldn’t be more important. As this biennium ends, the League of Women Voters looks back on the successes we accomplished together.

From protecting voters’ rights at the Supreme Court and standing up against big money influencing our elections, to fighting to stop partisan and racial gerrymandering—we’ve impacted and strengthened our democracy.

The continued impact of the League is due to the hard work of the committed League members and volunteers on the ground in states and communities across the country. Some highlights of our efforts are shared in the pages to follow.

However, despite all this work, there is still more to do.

When democracy is under attack, the League fights back. From courtrooms to Congress, we advocate for voters first. At the local, state, and federal levels, our work on voter protection and mobilization, election reform, money in politics, and redistricting is at the heart of the League’s mission and our future.

We are excited to welcome in this next biennium and are pleased to present this 2016-2018 Impact Report demonstrating the League’s contribution to the Campaign for Making Democracy Work®.

Thank you,

Chris Carson
President, League of Women Voters of the United States

Anisa Tootla
Interim CEO, League of Women Voters of the United States

The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

OUR MISSION

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

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

LWVUS BY THE NUMBERS

- More than 400,000 activists
- Sent 138,500 letters to members of Congress
- Signed 55,559 League petitions

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DEFENDING THE EAC

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) works to ensure the efficacy, reliability, and trustworthiness of our nation’s election systems by conducting research, collecting data, and sharing information among election officials, the public, and interested organizations. When opponents of the EAC proposed terminating the Commission, the League stepped in. The League lobbied Congress to uphold the only federal entity devoted exclusively to improving election administration on a bipartisan basis. Ultimately, Congress awarded $380 million to the EAC under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) for the purpose of improving election security.

FIGHTING FOR VOTING RIGHTS

Throughout the biennium, the LWVUS and state and local Leagues across the country continued our core work to fight voter suppression opposing voter photo ID laws, advocating against barriers to the voter registration process, and preventing last-minute Election Day obstacles.

DISCREDITING THE EIC

In 2017 an “Election Integrity Commission” (EIC), was charged with uncovering fraudulent activity in federal elections based on false claims of voter fraud. The EIC attempted to collect voter registration data from states around the country. In some states, releasing this information was illegal based on privacy concerns, and state Leagues took legal action where necessary to stop the sharing of this data. LWVUS rallied outside of the EIC’s first meeting with other coalition partners and delivered the names of more than 13,300 members and supporters who opposed the efforts of the Commission. The League continued to oppose the Commission until it was disbanded in January 2018 after producing no evidence of voter fraud.

LEGAL BATTLES

**FISH V. KOBACH**

The League of Women Voters of Kansas went to trial alongside the ACLU and other plaintiffs in March 2018. The case challenges a new rule that gives citizens a short window to provide documentary proof-of-citizenship if they failed to do so when first submitting their voter registration form. Of the more than 35,000 Kansans impacted, roughly 18,000 registered at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The League was instrumental in helping to prove that Kansas voting officials were violating the NVRA. In June 2018, the court struck down Kansas’ documentary proof-of-citizenship law, stating the law violates the National Voter Registration Act.

**LWV V. NEWBY**

LWVUS led an effort together with the Leagues in Alabama, Georgia, and Kansas. This case challenges the action of U.S. Election Assistance Commission Executive Director Brian Newby to allow three states to require documentary proof-of-citizenship on the federal voter registration form. As of June 2018, the EAC was split on partisan lines and the September 2016 injunction against the burdensome registration requirements still stands.

**HUSTED V. A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE**

LWVUS and the League of Women Voters of Ohio submitted an amicus brief for this U.S. Supreme Court Case. The case was challenging the process that Ohio uses to “purge” voters from their voter registration lists was heard in January 2018. The amicus brief argues that the process used by Ohio is illegal, inaccurate, and unreasonable under the provisions established by Section 8 of the NVRA. In June 2018, the U.S, Supreme Court ruled against Ohio voters by upholding the state’s purging practice for those voters who did not vote in a single election.

**MINNESOTA VOTERS ALLIANCE V. MANSKY**

LWVUS joined the League of Women Voters of Minnesota on an amicus brief in this case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. The case is a challenge to a Minnesota statute that says that a “political badge, political button, or other political insignia may not be worn at or about the polling place on primary or election day.” The amicus brief that the League filed argues that the law is put in place to safeguard the right to vote. In June 2018, the court rightly upheld the distinction between voting and campaigning.

**LEGAL BATTLES**
Partisan and racial gerrymandering distorts and undermines representative democracy by allowing officials to select their voters rather than voters to elect their officials. The League has worked for decades to improve the redistricting process by putting the power back in the hands of voters. During this biennium we continued that effort through litigation at the state and national levels.

**GILL V. WHITFORD**

LWVUS filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case heard in early October 2017. The League brief argued that partisan gerrymandering violates the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. It also points out that traditional redistricting principles—such as compactness, contiguity, and respect for political subdivisions—have no constitutional foundation. In June 2018 the court sent the case back to the district court.

**STATE REFORM**

State Leagues are also pushing for reforms across the country.

In **Ohio**, the League supported a successful ballot initiative from the state legislature that establishes an independent commission for Congressional redistricting.

Additionally, LWVUS and state Leagues have tackled litigation efforts on redistricting in **Michigan**, **North Carolina**, and **Pennsylvania** over the last biennium. These efforts work to challenge partisan and racial gerrymandering efforts by the respective state legislatures.
Throughout the biennium the League was featured in tens of thousands of media reports about our election work and VOTE411. League leaders have written letters to the editor in newspapers around the country and placed op-eds in publications reaching millions of voters. We continue to be a go-to source for election information and our place in American politics.
## Consolidated Statements of Activities

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<td>Interest and dividends, net</td>
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| Change in net assets without donor restrictions | 2018          | 2017          |
| Change in net assets without donor restrictions from operations | $1,261,501    | $2,383,682    |
| Net gain on investments              | 249,813       | 243,304       |
| Net assets transferred               | -             | 41,219        |
| **Change in net assets without donor restrictions** | $1,511,314    | $2,668,205    |

| Activities with donor restrictions  |               |               |
| Grants and contributions            | 237,498       | 1,033,781     |
| Investment income                   | 56,859        | 62,669        |
| Net assets released from restrictions | (609,034)      | (520,180)     |
| **Change in net assets with donor restrictions** | $(314,677)    | 576,270       |

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DONOR LISTINGS

The League’s success is made possible by the tens of thousands of supporters and partners who contribute to our programs and help us realize our mission every day. We are grateful for all they do and we wish we had space to list each and every one. Below, it is our privilege to recognize the individuals, foundations, and corporations that have donated $1000 or more in 2017-2018.

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Martha Chestem* 
Ms. Kathleen Reilly*

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