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“Democracy depends on people being engaged at some level. That’s why I was very drawn to the League of Women Voters, its mission and the manner in which we do our work.”

DIANNA WYNN
President, LWV

Dear Friends,

Let's be unmistakably clear: 2024 and 2025 were a stress test for American democracy. Extremist politicians attempted to undermine voting rights, twist the rule of law, and inject chaos into a system meant to serve the people. At every turn, the League of Women Voters™ refused to flinch.

We didn't whisper our values; we declared them. We didn't wait for permission; we acted. And when threats to democracy surged, the League pushed back.

Across this country, more than one million League members and supporters rose to meet a moment of national consequence. We registered voters everywhere — from school gymnasiums to courthouse steps to naturalization ceremonies — **running more than 600 events on National Voter Registration Day** alone. Through partnerships, textbanking, and in person events, our national staff made over 21 million voter contacts, ensuring communities had the facts.

Our voter education platform, VOTE411.org, became a powerhouse of truth in an election cycle flooded with noise. **More than 7.6 million people** turned to us as their trusted source of nonpartisan information, searching through profiles of 55,000+ candidates to make informed decisions. When disinformation grew loud, we were louder. But educating voters was only half of the fight. We also protected their fundamental rights.

When 60,000 North Carolina ballots were at risk of being thrown out, the League stepped in to protect voters — and we won. Our national litigation safeguarded the rights of over 11 million voters, defeating illegal power grabs and sending a simple, unmistakable message: if you attempt to silence voters, you will meet the League in court.

As the political landscape shifted in 2025, we built power. Through Women Defend Democracy, we organized communities hungry for clarity and courage. With Unite and Rise 8.5, we launched one of the most ambitious civic mobilization efforts in modern history, designed to engage 8.5 million people ahead of the 2026 midterms.

We also strengthened the foundation of our movement. With a new membership portal and sliding-scale dues, more than **17,000 new members** joined our ranks, proof that people across this nation are ready to step off the sidelines and into the fight.

The League today is not a quiet institution. It is a frontline force, anchored in our Constitution, powered by our communities, and unafraid of any challenge threatening the rights of voters.

And the truth is, democracy does not defend itself. We do. And we do it with the strength made possible by supporters like you.

As we prepare for a defining 2026, your investment ensures that the League remains fearless, relentless, and deeply effective. We hope you celebrate the victories in these pages as markers of what we've done, and a promise of what we will deliver next.

In League,



Celina Stewart
Celina Stewart, Esq.
CEO



Dianna Wynn
Dianna Wynn
President

600+
Number of voter registration events held on National Voter Registration Day

7.6 Million+
Number of people who used VOTE411.org for nonpartisan election information

17,000+
Number of new League members

Empowering Voters: 2024 Presidential Election

Registering Voters Across the Country

In the months leading up to the 2024 presidential election, the League intensified its efforts nationwide to get out the vote, maximizing voter outreach, education, and registration.

Opening the door for eligible voters to cast a ballot starts with registration, which is always a key focus of our work. On National Voter Registration Day, the League kicked off its largest activation in history with more than **600 events** across the country. Over **500 Leagues** held in-person or virtual voter registration events, engaging voters at high schools, colleges, naturalization ceremonies, libraries, and even a Washington Mystics WNBA game.

Vice President Kamala Harris recognized the League alongside other voting rights organizations in [an Instagram post](#), sharing a picture of LWV President Dianna Wynn registering voters with the Wake County, North Carolina League. Iconic singer and activist Cyndi Lauper [promoted VOTE411](#) as an election resource on her Instagram. These accounts combined have as many as **22 million followers**, enabling the League's voter registration efforts to reach new audiences. Through these efforts, both in person and online, Leagues registered over **22,000 people to vote in just one day**.

Leagues specifically prioritized increasing voter registration among underrepresented populations. Ahead of the 2024 election, the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) disbursed \$100,000 in voter registration grants to local and state Leagues, enabling them to register approximately **90,000 new citizens and 2,400 formerly incarcerated individuals**, while also maintaining a strong presence in high schools and community colleges to engage young people.

Overall, from July 2024 through the November election, the national League directly supported over **21 million voter contacts**, reaching an unprecedented number of voters through various methods, including email, mail, digital media, text banks, phone banks, in-person canvassing, relational organizing, and radio.



VOTE 411

Award Wins

The League reached over 1.8 million Spanish speakers and even **won the Best Spanish Radio Ad category at the prestigious Reed Awards.**

Educating Voters Online and In Person

VOTE411, the League's one-stop shop for nonpartisan voter information in English and Spanish, is a cornerstone of our voter education work. In its most extensive coverage yet, VOTE411 profiled over **55,000 candidates across almost 30,000 elections** for the November 2024 election alone, taking place at the local, state, and national levels. Over the course of FY25, over **7.6 million users visited VOTE411** to register to vote, find their polling place, learn about the candidates on their ballot, and much more. To make our voter information accessible to a broader range of audiences, state and local Leagues provided information in languages specific to each community, including Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. We also partnered with APIAVote to provide ballot measure information in select states in Tagalog, Bengali, Hindi, and Korean.

Additionally, we launched a popular new campaign finance feature, empowering voters to learn about federal candidates' financial backers to help voters determine which candidate most aligns with their values and will best represent their interests and values once elected.

State and local Leagues promoted VOTE411 in their immediate communities through paid ads, direct mail, email, social media, billboards, in-person events, and more. The national League's efforts also included creating Spanish-language digital and radio campaigns that focused on culturally relevant outreach to effectively engage voters. Through these efforts, the League reached over 1.8 million Spanish speakers and even won the Best Spanish Radio Ad category at the prestigious Reed Awards.



Another pivotal aspect of the League’s voter education work is relational organizing, in which voters mobilize those in their personal networks to make a voting plan and cast their ballot. The national League’s organizing team leveraged League in Action (LIA), our digital relational organizing tool, as well as on-the-ground events to hold **nearly 70,000 GOTV conversations** with voters as part of our 2024 election activities. League organizers coordinated several Peer2Peer texting (aka text banking) pushes with seven different states, resulting in **over 1.8 million texts sent to voters**.

The national League also collaborated with the League of Women Voters of Kentucky to host a day of action in Lexington and Louisville, where they canvassed neighborhoods and wrote letters to voters. By partnering with local organizations to increase capacity, League members and our partners were able to write more than **600 letters** and canvas nearly **1,500 doors** in just a few hours. In Charleston, League organizers tabled outside early voting centers, encouraging people to remind their friends and family to vote. They gave out over 600 pins to those who texted at least five people, reaching more than **3,000 people** through personal contacts.



70,000

Number of GOTV conversations held with voters



1.8+ Million

Number of texts sent to voters



Protecting Voters Through Litigation

Ahead of the 2024 election, concerns arose around election interference and certification. In North Carolina, a close race for a seat on the North Carolina Supreme Court between Justices Jefferson Griffin and Allison Riggs led to a months-long legal battle. After a narrow win by Riggs and several recounts verifying this result, Griffin filed a lawsuit asking to pause certification of the election, alleging that tens of thousands of voters voted with incomplete voter registrations. Griffin’s attack primarily targeted overseas voters as well as long-time North Carolina residents, including League members who were legally registered under the rules of the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

Eager to defend North Carolina voters, LWVNC got involved in federal court with the support of the national League and filed two amicus briefs. Additionally, LWV supported LWVNC and co-plaintiffs as they filed two amicus briefs in support of the over **60,000 voters at risk of disenfranchisement**. In addition to the amicus briefs, LWVNC and co-plaintiffs **filed a suit** against the chair of the North Carolina State Board of Elections to ensure every vote was counted equally. In May 2025, six months after the election, the federal court ordered the election results be certified, declaring that retroactively tossing out challenged votes would violate the voters’ constitutional rights. This was a huge win – it protected the rights of North Carolina voters while also pushing back on those attempting to subvert the will of the people through malicious legal attacks. Thanks to the League and our partners, **60,000 voters rightfully had their voices heard**.

Engaging Voters Through Strategic Partnerships

In the final push of the 2024 cycle, Leagues partnered with major organizations to get out the vote and reach new audiences, including the WNBA, LUSH Cosmetics, and others. Through these strategic partnerships, the League established its presence in new spaces, including the MTV Video Music Awards and the United Auto Workers' national conference. For many of these organizations, the national League created branded VOTE411 pages allowing our partners' networks to access voting information directly from a trusted source. For others, such as Jeni's Ice Creams, the national League hosted in-person and virtual events, reaching thousands of employees and providing nonpartisan civic education. Some partners took on a more hands-on approach, like LUSH, which offered their store space for Leagues to engage with customers. Nearly 70 LUSH stores nationwide hosted LWV voter registration tables, leading to **3,600 in-person voter contacts** and over **1,000 voter registrations**. The Washington Mystics selected the League as a tournament charity partner and hosted the League's tabling events throughout the basketball season.

Building off a long history of collaboration and civic engagement, Leagues partnered with Girl Scouts across the country to engage local troops in democracy work. With help from local Leagues, scouts wrote letters, sent texts, and encouraged those in their communities to vote, even if they were not yet of voting age themselves. The two organizations worked together to achieve civics badges, co-host nonpartisan GOTV events, and plan community initiatives. Through these efforts, the League fostered diverse collaborations across communities, broadening the League's reach beyond its traditional audience.



21 Million

Number of voter contacts made



11.2 Million

Number of voters protected through litigation



1.8 Million

Number of Spanish-speakers reached through LWVEF marketing efforts



482,000

Number of voters registered



176

Number of voter registration grants disbursed

**WOMEN
DEFEND
DEMOCRACY**



Defending Democracy: Women Defend Democracy

Our democracy has been tested and will continue to be tested in the months and years to come. As an organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy, the League of Women Voters will continue our work to protect and expand voting rights and challenge those who seek to undermine democratic principles and processes.

As a response to the new administration's authoritarian tactics, the League launched a new programmatic focus: **Women Defend Democracy**. Its priority is centering people power and moving our country toward a stronger, multi-racial democracy. This multi-pronged approach involves providing democracy education, defending voting rights, and protecting democratic institutions.



#Light4Democracy

On March 4, 2025, we, the people, hosted nationwide gatherings in our communities to bring people together in reflection, action, and solidarity during the president's address to Congress.

Rallying Around Democracy

A crucial component of any movement is in-person action, and the League was quick to step up and rally its network around a common democratic cause.

On the evening of President Trump's first address to Congress, Leagues nationwide mobilized quickly. Together, they organized "**Light for Our Democracy**," a nationwide series of events that offered a peaceful and hopeful counternarrative to the president's divisive remarks. Over 20 national organizations signed up to collaborate for the event, and nearly 80 Leagues led local community gatherings, including protests outside county courthouses and state capitol buildings. Together, the League engaged thousands of people in collective action and laid the groundwork for future actions, recruiting over **150 new League members** in one night.

Membership spikes continued following bold statements and activations nationwide. Later that month, a delegation of over 100 League members from across the country gathered in Selma, Alabama, to join voting rights partners in honoring the anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the historic civil rights marches from Selma to Montgomery. The League commemorated this moment, celebrated how far our nation has come from that fateful day, and gathered inspiration to continue the fight for civil rights and racial justice. Around the event, the League convened our National Young Voter Power Cohort — a group of dedicated young people from diverse backgrounds working to hone their organizing skills and empower their local regions — to pass the baton forward to the next generation of leadership.

In April, to mark the 100th day of the Trump Administration, the League gathered at the US Capitol to lobby every member of Congress and urge them to honor their oaths to defend the Constitution by enforcing checks and balances. League members, staff, and volunteers showed up for this day of action

and engaged with every office on Capitol Hill, visiting **535 congressional offices**. For those who couldn't make it in person, the League created online resources they could use in their communities — letter templates to send their representatives, talking points to bring to their district offices, and information on how to find nearby town hall meetings. As a result of these efforts, **over 1,000 individuals sent 2,600 letters to Congress** demanding they uphold the checks and balances that are a cornerstone of our democracy.

Unite and Rise 8.5

Since the Trump Administration took office in January 2025, we've seen increased attacks on our democratic systems, the executive branch's blatant disregard for the rule of law, and a failure by Congress to intervene. In April, the League officially declared our country to be in a constitutional crisis. In response, the League is stepping up and taking action through a bold new initiative: Unite and Rise 8.5. We are aiming to build a movement of 8.5 million individuals to unite and rise up against the anti-democratic actions of this administration. The number 8.5 million is the estimated number of voters it would take to bring about change through nonviolent protest.

Unite and Rise 8.5 employs a multi-pronged approach — civic education and engagement, public mobilization, partnership-building, and legal action — to educate voters and drive change. Through this initiative, the League is rolling out six separate 90-day micro-campaigns and accompanying playbooks before the midterm elections in November 2026. The first of these playbooks, released in May 2025, focused on shifting power narratives, holding leadership accountable, and the importance of building partnerships to multiply impact.

Advocacy in Action

The national League issues Action Alerts to mobilize members and supporters on critical legislative and policy matters. These alerts inform individuals about pressing issues and provide guidance on how to make their voices heard, such as contacting legislators, participating in campaigns, or spreading awareness.

FY25:



185,573
Number of letters and
faxes sent to the Hill



222,542
Number of actions
taken by Leagues



106,429
Number of actions
taken by individual
citizens



Federal Judiciary Position

In June 2025, the League of Women Voters national board of directors was pleased to announce the adoption of the new League position on the Federal Judiciary.

The Federal Judiciary position was adopted using the long-standing League practice of grassroots study to arrive at member understanding and agreement. A total of **321 Leagues representing 45 states** and the District of Columbia participated in the study.

“The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) believes that all powers of the US government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of the balance of powers among the three branches of government. The League believes that, within the bounds of the US Constitution, the overarching principles of transparency, accountability, independence, and ethics are essential to an effective federal judiciary. These principles are not only essential for a strong democracy but foster public trust in the federal judiciary and adherence to the rule of law, the essence of our constitutional democracy.”

[You can read the full text of the position in the League’s Impact on Issues.](#)



Fighting Back in Court

In April 2025, the League of Women Voters, LWVAZ, and partners sued President Trump in federal court over his unlawful executive order on elections, which ordered the Elections Assistance Commission (EAC) to require voters to show documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) — a passport or similar document — when registering to vote using the federal voter registration form. This would create unnecessary barriers to voters, particularly for people of color, women, voters with disabilities, and young people, among others. It would also harm election officials tasked with an overwhelming new administrative burden. The lawsuit argued the president lacked the power to make such an order; the states and Congress are responsible for election administration.

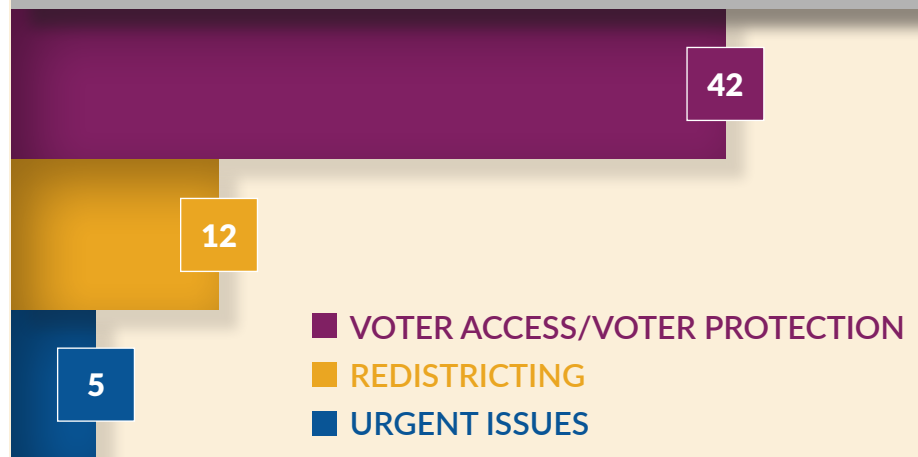
Shortly after filing our complaint and motion for emergency relief against President Trump, the League celebrated a major victory in the case when a federal court granted the League’s

motion to block the challenged portion of the executive order. This meant the order was *never in effect to harm voters* thanks to the League’s litigation. Then, in October, after further briefing, the court granted the League’s motion for a permanent injunction, permanently blocking the Trump Administration’s illegal effort to require documentary proof of citizenship and reaffirming a foundational principle of American democracy: no president can violate the separation of powers to change our elections and erect barriers that disenfranchise eligible voters.

This case is just part of our broad commitment to fighting back against illegal, discriminatory DPOC laws around the country. The League is at the forefront of this fight, which is integral to our efforts to protect voter registration and the *National Voter Registration Act*. We have recently filed lawsuits or briefs challenging documentary proof of citizenship laws in Arizona, Indiana, Louisiana, New Hampshire, and Wyoming.

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FEDERAL LITIGATION FOCUS

OUT OF 59 FEDERAL AND REDISTRICTING CASES



Litigation Impact by the Numbers

In FY25, the League was active in **94 cases** – 59 federal court and redistricting cases and 35 state court cases. Over 11 million voters were protected through the League’s litigation. The League also celebrated a 76% win rate in its litigation in federal court and redistricting cases. Finally, out of 59 federal and redistricting cases, 50 of them (85%) meaningfully supported diversity, equity, and inclusion by protecting minority and underrepresented individuals.

OUT OF 35 STATE COURT CASES



85% of the federal and redistricting cases meaningfully supported diversity, equity, and inclusion by protecting minority and underrepresented individuals



Increasing League Participation

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are foundational principles for the League, and we uphold them in all aspects of our work. As part of the effort to make joining the League more accessible and to reach younger and more diverse audiences, the League launched a new membership portal that makes becoming a member easier than ever before.

Previously, individuals had to sign up through their local or state League’s website. The process was often laborious and time-consuming. Now, anyone can join their local, state, and the national League simultaneously from LWV.org, streamlining the enrollment process and reducing drop-off. Additionally, we introduced a new pay-what-you-can feature, allowing more people to join without feeling burdened by financial limitations.

Since this portal launched, **over 2,500 members have joined** at the minimum \$20 rate, indicating that many are utilizing this lower-cost option. On the other hand, a comparable number of members have chosen to pay more than the recommended dues rate, ensuring that League revenue stays consistent while opening the doors for more people to join. So far, over 17,000 new members have joined LWV since February 3, 2025. This has been a politically charged time, and the League has been intentional in showing up in new, bolder ways. That, combined with this new method of joining, has contributed to bringing in a significant number of new members into the fight to protect our democracy.

These efforts will increase nationwide recruitment and close the gap between people who search for their local League and those who join. It will also increase dues revenue and decrease the administrative burden on state and local Leagues, while improving our data collection.



Transformation Spotlight: Building State League Capacity

As the League continues to implement its long-term strategic plan (“Transformation”), we are working to build the capacity of state Leagues. State Leagues are a vital part of LWV’s grassroots power and strength. To meet this critical moment for our democracy, we need to invest in expanding the impact of state Leagues.

To this end, the League is proud to continue its flagship Making Democracy Work® program, which provides a cohort of state Leagues with resources, trainings, and project support. This year we were proud to invest in a cohort of 25 state Leagues, providing trainings on topics including advocacy; voter mobilization, engagement, and protection; strategic communications; fundraising; and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Upon completion of the program, **95% of participating state Leagues agreed or strongly agreed** that they were more knowledgeable about how to strengthen our democracy to be more equitable, inclusive, and participatory.



25
Number of grants disbursed



1,033
Number of meetings held with local election officials



4,173
Number of events, rallies, and forums produced



8,113,179
Number of individuals engaged either in person or online



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The League is proud to honor and thank those who have included the League in their estate plans through membership in our League Legacy Circle. Thank you for investing in the League's future and ensuring this important work continues for another century.

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REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Contributions	\$13,988,504
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	\$5,368,572
Per-member payments	\$1,666,578
Membership dues	\$618,948
Sublease income	\$97,958
Interest and dividends, net of fees	\$312,399
Mailing list rental income	\$256,909
Publication sales and other income	\$194,724
Council and Convention	\$143,870
Contributions in lieu of per-member payments	\$33,094
Net assets released from restrictions	
Satisfaction of time restrictions	\$717,500
Satisfaction of program restrictions	\$701,844
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$24,100,900

EXPENSES

Program Services

Advocacy	\$6,790,364
Mission impact	\$5,487,453
Communications	\$4,303,220
Outcome and evaluation	\$198,988
Member services	\$704,132
External affairs	\$584,944
Council and Convention	\$298,758
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$18,367,859

EXPENSES

Supporting Services

Fundraising	\$4,224,298
General and administrative	\$2,862,975
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$7,087,273
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,455,132
Change in net assets without donor restrictions before other items	(1,354,232)
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments	596,548
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	(757,684)

ACTIVITIES WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Contributions	974,307
Interest and dividends, net of fees	75,204
Net investment gain	157,128
Net assets released from restrictions	
Satisfaction of time restrictions	(717,500)
Satisfaction of program restrictions	(701,844)
Change in net assets with donor restrictions	(212,705)
Change in net assets	(970,389)

NET ASSETS

Beginning	\$14,131,693
Ending	\$13,161,304

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