

# VOTER

Calendar	
Date	Event
Aug 17	Last day to file for place on November 3 ballot
Aug 18	100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment
Aug 18	7pm, Zoom social: Voting Memories
Aug 24	Last day for candidate to withdraw from 11/3 election

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Ellen Steger

It's here!!! The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution is August 20, 2020. It took over 5 decades for the Amendment to be ratified, from the time it was introduced in 1878 in the U. S. Congress until it was ratified in 1920. Never take your right to vote lightly!

Membership Vice President Nita Thomason has planned another fun virtual get-together. Due to social distancing, the social will be via Zoom on August 18, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, at 7pm. I hope you'll join us! See page 2 for more details.

The Texas political party primary runoffs are history. We now know who will be on the ballot for the November 3, 2020, election. Your League Voter Service Vice President Pamela Wren is busy planning forums for Richardson ISD At-Large Place 6 candidates, as well as for candidates of Texas House Districts 102 and 112. For the first time since I've been a member of LWV-R, these forums will only be online—no in-person forums due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Since you will not be able to attend the forum in person to ask your questions, Pamela is asking you to **send questions you'd like to ask the candidates** to her via email at [voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org). See page 4 for more details.

Your Richardson League will be ordering face masks that encourage everyone to vote. See page 5 if you are interested in purchasing a mask. Order by Friday, August 7, 2020.

## Celebrating 100 years

### United States Constitution 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.**

**Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.**

First introduced in 1878 to Congress, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment finally passed the U. S. House of Representatives on May 21, 1919, with the U. S. Senate following on June 4, 1919. The Amendment was then submitted to the states for ratification. To become part of the U. S. Constitution, 36 states had to ratify it. This happened on August 18, 1920, when Tennessee was the last state needed. The adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was certified on August 26, 1920.



[Click here for 19 facts about the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment](#)



### A Social Event via Zoom

*Nita Thomason, Membership Vice President*

We had such an interesting discussion on our Zoom meeting about the documentary "The Vote" that we have decided to do it again.

On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified granting women the right to vote. So on

**August 18, 2020, 7pm**

we will have another 40-minute Zoom Chat about our own voting memories -- either personal or family. This should be fun and help us get to know each other better.

I only wish that I had talked to my grandmothers and great-grandmothers about this! We will try to organize this in a way that you can email questions to the speakers, so whether you have a memory to share or want to probe a bit deeper with your fellow members' stories, please consider joining the call.

A link will be sent to all the members from our President Ellen the week prior to the discussion. Hope you can join!

## Voter Service Report

By Pamela Wren, Voter Service Vice President .....[voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)

### July 14<sup>th</sup> Primary Runoff Election Results



Statewide Results		
Political Party	# Ballots Cast	% of registered voters
Democrat Party (top of ticket race)	955,735	5.8%
Republican Party	No statewide runoff	N/A

 <b>Voter Turnout by County</b> 			
County	# Registered Voters	# Ballots Cast	% turnout
Collin County	616,959	52,543	8.52%
Dallas County	1,352,991	129,551	9.58%

Overall, the primary run-off ran smoothly.

- Poll workers behind plexiglass shields wore appropriate protective gear and voters complied with mask requirements.
- Statewide, there were reports of mail-in ballots not received in time and envelopes returned unopened.
- In south Texas, several voting locations were shuttered due to lack of poll workers.

On July 27, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott extended the Early Voting period for the November 3, 2020 election.

**Early Voting will now be October 13 – October 30.**



## Upcoming Voter Service Events

Our first online-only candidate forums will premier in September. Included races will be

- Richardson ISD at large place 6,
- Texas House District 102 and
- Texas House District 112.

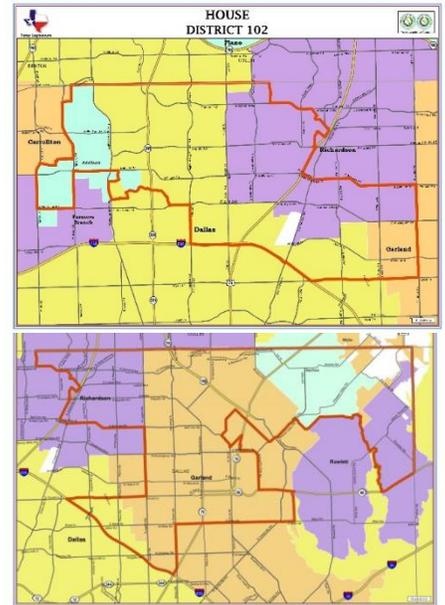


Do you have questions for these candidates?  
Please submit to

[voterservice@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvrichardson.org)

Questions must be:

- able to be asked of all candidates
- relevant to the job



## Job Descriptions

The Texas House of Representatives is composed of **150 members**, each elected for a two-year term. The Texas Legislature meets in Regular Session for about five months every other year. A representative earns \$7,200 per year, plus a per diem of \$190 for every day the Legislature is in session. That adds up to \$33,800 a year for a regular session (140 days), with the total pay for a two-year term being \$41,000. The duties of the legislature include

- consideration of proposed laws and resolutions,
- consideration of proposed Constitutional Amendments for submission to the voters, and
- appropriation of all funds for the operation of state government.

All bills for raising revenue considered by the legislature must originate in the House of Representatives. The House alone can bring impeachment charges against a statewide officer, which charges must be tried by the Senate. More information can be found [here](#).



Richardson ISD Board of Trustees is composed of 7 members, each elected to a 3-year staggered term. Five trustees represent specific geographic areas while two trustees represent the entire district. Service on the board is voluntary. Their duties include:

- setting district policies and supporting administrators and teachers in the execution of those policies,
- employing and evaluating the superintendent,
- adopting the annual budget,
- levying/collecting taxes and issuing bonds, and
- performing specific duties imposed by the state.

More information may be found [here](#).



## Membership Minute

By Nita Thomason, Membership Vice President.....[membership@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:membership@lwvrichardson.org)

League members, if you haven't done so already, it is time to renew your membership for the coming year.



Dues for one year are

- \$54 for one member or
- \$81 for two members in the same household

Please send the membership form (the last page of this VOTER) and your check to the League Office:  
League of Women Voters of Richardson  
300 North Coit Road, Suite 125  
Richardson, TX 75080

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## Do you need a face mask?

Some of the League board members want to order face masks that encourage everyone to vote.

These masks are being sold by the League of Women Voters of Washington. **The masks are for general public use only and are NOT intended for use in medical settings.**

Each mask is \$10, payable by

- cash
- check, made payable to Ellen Steger
- PayPal, account [steger@gmail.com](mailto:steger@gmail.com)

President Ellen Steger will pay for postage.

### Size Guide

Size: Regular  
Strap 8"  
Width 7.25"  
Height 4.6"

If you would like a blue mask or a VOTE mask, please contact

[president@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:president@lwvrichardson.org)

with your order by **Friday, August 7, 2020**. The order will be placed at that time.



VOTE mask



Blue Be a VOTER  
Vote411.org mask

## 2020 United States Federal Census

# Stuck at Home?



It has *never* been easier  
to respond to the **CENSUS**  
on **YOUR OWN**...



whether online, over the phone or by mail

...all **without** having to meet  
a census taker.

Respond today at **2020census.gov**  
or call: **844-330-2020**

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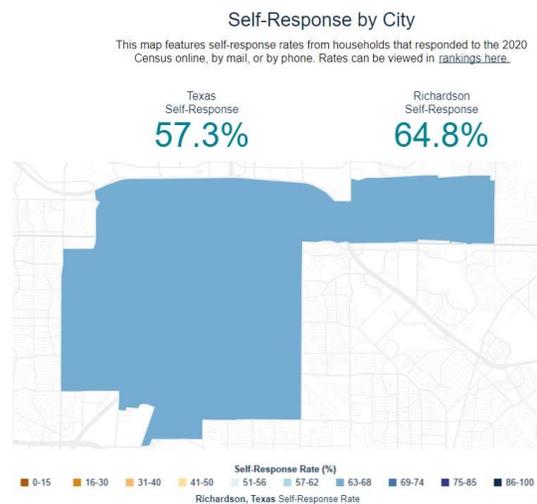
Before the Coronavirus hit, the self-response phase of the 2020 United States Federal Census was to be from March 12 – July 31. **The revised schedule has been extended to October 31, 2020.**

- Texas is the third largest recipient of federal funding allocated using Census data.
- Texas stands to lose more federal funding from an undercount in 2020 than any other state.
- The Census Bureau estimates that for every 1% undercount, **Texas could lose \$3 billion per year in federal reimbursement for Medicaid-related programs alone.**
- **A 1% undercount in 2020, is estimated to cost \$1,161 per person per year in Texas**

Self-response rates to the 2020 US Federal Census as of July 23, 2020



Texas ranks 38<sup>th</sup> with a self-response rate of 57.3%



The self-response in the City of Richardson is currently 64.8%.



# Membership Form

**Our mission:**

- Empowering voters. Defending democracy.

**Our vision:**

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

**LWV History**

Established in 1920, LWV is one of the nation’s most respected grassroots organizations. We explore issues from many points of view and take action on issues affecting our families and communities.

**LWV-Richardson History**

Since its inception in 1961, LWV-Richardson has sponsored countless candidate forums, organized voter registration drives, published Guides to Elected Officials, taken action on issues of local importance, hosted public programs, developed nonpartisan Voters Guides, and provided a website that has become a valued source of information for Richardson voters. LWV-Richardson is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

**Join LWV-Richardson in**

- Hosting forums prior to such elections as:
  - Richardson City Council
  - Richardson ISD Board of Trustees
  - State Board of Education
  - Texas House of Representatives
  - Texas Senate;
- Publishing information in our:
  - VOTERS GUIDES
  - Guide to Elected Officials
  - LWV-Richardson website;
- Conducting voter registration events:
  - at public events
  - at area schools and colleges
  - with community partners;
- Studying and advocating for issues affecting the citizens of Richardson and surrounding areas;
- Planning programs to educate the voting public on issues of importance to the community;
- Helping families enroll in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

**The League is nonpartisan. We do not support or oppose candidates or political parties.**

LWV-Richardson phone: 972-470-0584 email: [league@lwvrichardson.org](mailto:league@lwvrichardson.org) website: [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org)

Mail this form and check payable to “League of Women Voters of Richardson” for tax deductible membership dues to: League of Women Voters of Richardson, 300 North Coit Road, Suite 125, Richardson, TX 75080

Name \_\_\_\_\_ If transfer, previous League \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (primary) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Alternate) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> \$54.00 one member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$81.00 two members same household Additional Member _____	<input type="checkbox"/> free one-year student membership School _____
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