

Anchorage – 2020-2021

The Anchorage League has had an active year despite, or perhaps because of the pandemic. We have held numerous virtual events, produced a successful Youth Vote project, and continue to gain members and cultivate new leadership on our board. Here are highlights from the past fiscal year:

Virtual Events

Justice without Politics

- Retired Supreme Court Justice Bud Carpeneti and Susan DiPietro/AK Judicial Council

Dr. Beverly Beeton

- 2 presentations on “Alaska Women and the Vote in the 1910s and 1920s” (7/1/20 & 7/23/20)

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

Women’s Voting Rights – The March Goes On (8/26/20)

- Created in partnership with these Co-sponsors: Women’s Power League of Alaska, The Alaska Center, Alaska Common Ground, and ACLU of Alaska

Co-Sponsored presentations with Alaska Common Ground

- Alaska’s Fiscal Future (2/11/20)
- Ballot Measure #1 – Oil Tax (10/6/20)
- Ballot Measure # 2 – Better Elections (10/14/20)
- Healing our Divide: What are Our Values? (4/13/21)
- Consumption & Solid Waste: Climate Action Plan Sector Series (4/29/21)

Letters

- LTE Re: Systemic racism shared from LWVAK
- LTE Re: Special Election for Interim Mayor
- LTE Re: Lack of ballot information for general election ADN: 10/12/20
- Letter to Sen. Showers & Elections re: SB 39 – spoke to Anchorage’s VBM
- LTE Re: support of HR 1 – Voting Rights Act: ADN 4/15//21

Youth Engagement Activities

Youth Vote: YV has done too much to cover in this report. It has grown far beyond what we had envisioned when Mark Begich asked us to take it over from Spirit of Youth in the early 2000s. Here are some highlights:

- Produced a 30-minute recorded Candidates Forum that was viewed by ASD students, online, and on four KTUU stations state-wide in which all major candidates for US House and Senate participated.
- Conducted a mock election for 2,500 ASD students online. Results can be found at www.anchorageyouthvote.org
- Created 2 new PSAs: “Why the Census Matters” and “The ERA & VRAA”
- Multiple presentations including LWVUS and the International Bullying Prevention Association in partnership with Facebook.
- For a complete listing of 2020-2021 activities, please use this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y_1dEItau7Gd-4rynpyq1QaHeV_B-ydn/view?usp=sharing

Democracy and Civic Action Week

- Sponsored two \$250, essay prizes for High School and College Students.

Support for Social Studies Teachers

- Voter services committee worked with Youth Vote to create general election and municipal election information geared toward high school students.

Ballot Review

April 6 Anchorage Municipal Election.

- Mailed to all residences in the Muni.
- Held a public Zoom meeting giving an overview of production and content.
- No voter registration done.
- Voting stories published.

Membership

Increased by more than 15% this year!

501©(3) Status

Submitted an application to convert to a 501©(3) more than a year ago – no response from IRS so far.