



## LWV Anchorage Presidents Report– 2022-2023

### It has been a busy year!

#### Summary Data:

27 Election related activities  
22 Non-election related activities  
89 volunteers assisted with election related activities  
92 volunteers assisted with non-election related activities  
518 volunteer hours totaled for election related activities  
52 voters were registered

The LWV of Anchorage **Answered Election Calls** for:

- the Municipal election in April
- the municipal Special Election on June 21, 2022
- the Special Statewide Primary Election June 11, 2022 for the U.S. Representative seat to fill the remainder of the term for late U.S. Representative Don Young.

Additionally LWV volunteers:

- **conducted Municipality Election Center Tours** prior to the Muni April 5<sup>th</sup> Election
- **monitored the ballot box** at the Loussac Library Vote Center for the Municipal April 5<sup>th</sup> Election.
- worked as an **Observer Liaison** at Election Central

We partnered with several organizations to host/co-host or participate in the following community activities:

- A **Ballot Box Bash** on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fairview Recreation Center, a “Get Out the Vote” event.
- The **Ghoul Out the Vote Day** on Saturday, October 29 at the Midtown Mall.
- The **ABC Bette Davis African American Summit** on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- An educational event hosted by Common Ground on “**Open Primary Election and Ranked Choice voting General Election**” on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Speakers were Gail Fenuamiai, Director of Alaska Division of Elections and Jason Grenn, Executive Director, Alaskans for Better Elections
- A Ranked Choice Voting information table at the **Anchorage Association for Education of Young Children Annual Conference** where 300 participants attended on October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Two **ranked choice voting seminars** to 50 participants from the “thread Network”.

LWV Anchorage member Heather Flynn **organized a four week course on Municipal government**, which was offered to OLE! Members in March/April. Joyce Anderson gave a presentation of the LWV Anchorage contribution to the Municipality on various levels

The LWV of Anchorage President **testified at the Anchorage Assembly** on August 23<sup>rd</sup> in opposition to changing the Municipal Clerk's position from an appointed position to an elected position. Ultimately, the hearing on the ordinance was postponed indefinitely.

The assembly unanimously approved a resolution recognizing August 26, 2022 as **Women's Equality Day and Celebrating the Ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment**. One section recognized the League of Women Voters; *"WHEREAS women have continue to organize to exercise their rights and from the nation American Woman Suffrage Association came the League of Women Voters that is still impacting election turnout and facilitating voter education; and..."*

A LWV Anchorage member (Joyce Anderson) joined a **state lawsuit** filed in the Third Judicial District at Anchorage on August 23, 2022, addressing the State's failure to provide a ballot curing process for mail-in and absentee ballots.

Keri Clark contributed over 165 volunteer hours to develop the **Ballot Review** for the Municipality of Anchorage for the 2023 election. Approximately 121,000 Ballot Reviews were printed and mailed to Anchorage households and posted online on the League's web page and Facebook page. Electronic copies were also sent to the Anchorage Federation of Community Councils as well as all TV and radio stations. Thanks to Carol Dickason, Patty Ginsburg and Pat Redmond, for all their assistance.

## **Youth Vote Activities**

### **Non-election related activities**

Youth Vote members made presentations to:

- Deeper Learning National Conference in San Diego, CA, and
- LWVUS Caucus in Denver, CO ("Youth Created Messaging to Save The World")
- LWVAK Board (report on Convention)
- Anchorage Youth Development Coalition (meaningful youth engagement)
- Anchorage School District Student Advisory Board (youth vote recruitment)
- Anchorage School District Social Studies Department Chairs (participation in Youth Vote 2022)

Developed EndbullyingAK.org – dedicated to bullying prevention in partnership with Spirit of Youth AYDC Youth Matter Grant Project – I Am Youth Vote. Now working on a series of civil discourse PSAs Improved AnchorageYouthVote.org and continue to add content as we complete work.

Selected Grantees for Spirit of Youth Advocacy Grant

Selected Grantees for the Empowering Youth Voice to End Bullying Grants

Provided End Bullying Training Presentations to grantees

Accepted as a speaker for the 2023 World Anti-Bullying Forum held in Oct. 2023 in North Carolina

Working with Alaska Teen Media institute on news/media literacy projects

### **Election related activities**

Youth Voter Toolkit and guides for the Municipal Election (22 and 23) and the 2022 General Election  
Voting information on YouthLINK

Recorded candidate questions for "Debate for the State" on Alaska's News Source

Recorded Candidate Forums: House & Senate as well as Gubernatorial and Constitutional Convention

Mock Election that engaged roughly 2,500 ASD students

Ghoul Out the Vote participation and classroom voter registration and Chugiak and Eagle River High Schools

School Board Candidates Forum participation in 2022 and 2023 in partnership with the Alaska Center Ed Fund