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ELECTIONS

The League of Women Voters is a **nonpartisan, grassroots** organization working to **protect and expand voting rights** and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy.

We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education and litigation at the local, state and national levels.

700+ Local Leagues





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Voting is a fundamental principle, and all Americans deserve the equal opportunity to make their voices heard in our democracy. We are dedicated to using advocacy, litigation, and resources like VOTE411 to include more voters, expand and protect voter access, and ensure that elections remain fair and accessible.

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Our vote is our power. Through our votes, elections make our voices heard. The League protects and empowers millions of voters every year to ensure that our elections are fair, accessible, and representative of all Americans.

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TAKE ACTION

DONATE

Climate Change

As citizens of the world we must protect our planet from the physical, economic and public health effects of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity.





Climate Interest Group



1500+ League members across the U.S.

Educate on climate issues

Speak with one voice



CIG Teams

Local Action

Climate Action Plans
Building Electrification

Mitigation

Food, Soils, and Agriculture
Renewable Energy
Transportation

Climate Links

Oceans
Water
Forests and Wildfires

Intersects all Issues

Climate and Health
Climate Justice

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Federal Legislation*





Climate Action Plans

Specific Actions

Move away from fossil fuels

Electrify Buildings

Electrify Vehicles

Reduce Vehicle Use



*Electrify
Everything*

Important Processes

Set goals, measure, hold accountable

Specific actions and budget

Integrate actions with public priorities

Transparency





Food, Soils, and Agriculture

Worldwide food system emits 37% of GHG emissions.

- Reduce food loss, food waste
- Healthy soils, climate smart agricultural practices can capture and sequester carbon

FSA team focus

- Data-driven, science-based policies and actions
- Support farmers
- Protect agricultural lands from development
- Ensure food security for all
- Support food literacy





Food Waste

In U.S.

- 31% of the food that is produced for consumption ends up in a landfill or combustion facility.
- 20% of methane gas emissions in the U.S. come from landfills.





Renewable Energy

Identify, evaluate, and disseminate information to advance the understanding of renewable energy sources and technologies for LWV members, leaders, and supporters.



Status of Renewable Energy in the U.S.

January, 2021

Dr. Martin Keller, Director
National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)





Transportation

Transportation is the largest contributor of anthropogenic GHG in U.S.

- 28% total US emissions
- As high as 40-43% in some regions

Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)

- 13 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states
- Carbon pricing for transportation





Mitigate Climate Change

- Long-term sink for carbon dioxide
- Offshore wind energy generation
- Marine and coastal ecosystems

Climate Change-Driven Problems

- Sea level rise
- Ecological harm
- Economic harm
- Environmental injustice
- National security
- Storms





Freshwater in the continental U.S. combining science, societal norms, history, and policy

- Complex systems of treaties, regulations, and markets
- Lakes and reservoirs
- Wetlands and swamps
- Water conveyance
- Drinking water
- Groundwater
- Desalination
- Conservation





Forests and Wildfire

- Wildfire insurance
- Blackouts
- Fire readiness, landscaping, home hardening
- Vegetation thinning/controlled burning
- Improving grassland and forest health
- Zoning in wildfire urban interface (WUI)
- Encourage microgrids and home-generated renewable energy





Health

EXTREME WEATHER - Hurricanes, flooding, wildfire, heat

- Displaced populations
- Loss of homes, loss of security
- Water scarcity, water-borne illness
- Mental health

FLOODING AND SEA LEVEL RISE

- Water contamination
- Mold – asthma, heart disease, strokes
- Insect-borne diseases – West Nile Virus, Dengue, Malaria

EXTREME HEAT - longer and hotter heat waves

- Heat related death
- Increased ozone – worsened asthma

DROUGHT

- Dust storms – respiratory problems
- Crop failures, food and economic crises
- Air quality – increased pollen, dust, allergies, asthma
- Wildfires – smoke, toxins





Climate Justice

Adverse impacts of a warming climate are not felt equitably among all.

Disadvantaged communities are often...

- housed in low-lying areas vulnerable to sea level rise and flooding,
- those without air conditioning struggling with high temperatures,
- those more at risk from air pollution.

Our Climate Justice team is working to assure these disparities are considered in climate policy as it is developed.





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Climate Change – It's Complicated

Many issues ... and most are inter-related

Many unknowns ... how far and how fast?

Local Leagues cannot know about all background or even all issues

The need for action is urgent



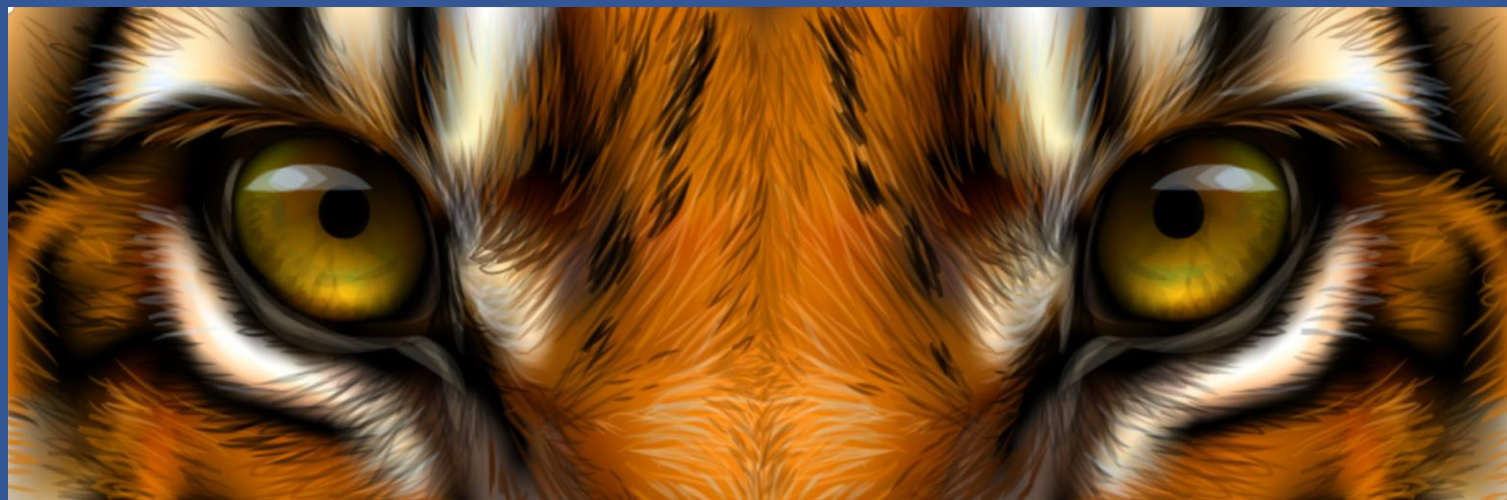


Speaking with One Voice

Climate Interest Group Provides

- Information on key issues
- Webinars
- Speakers
- Website
- Opportunity to participate

Tiger Teams





League Sponsored Event



14-25 MARCH 2022
 **CSW66**
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

CLIMATE CHANGE • ENVIRONMENT
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
GENDER EQUALITY AT THE CENTRE OF SOLUTIONS



Climate Change Threats to Democratic Elections: Preparing for the Worst

23 March 2022 from 11:00am to 12:30pm Pacific Time





Calls to Action

We **Can** Make a Difference

Your most powerful tool is your vote. VOTE CLIMATE!

LBNL can do more to publicize work on climate –
especially solutions

Individual actions are not enough – we all need to
ADVOCATE

Join with others, join the League

