



Calendar of Events

The League sponsors meetings and events for the public as well as League members.

Date	Time	Place	Description
Friday, July 13, 2007- Saturday, July 28, 2007			Early Voting for the Metropolitan General Election of Nashville-Davidson County.. This election will be for Mayor, Vice Mayor, 5 At-Large Council Members, and 35 District Council Members. Please click here for full details and a listing of early voting sites
Friday, July 13, 2007	4:40pm - 7:00pm	724 Second Avenue South	WOMEN'S GET OUT THE VOTE RECEPTION. Event is free to all women - please take advantage of early voting at Howard School and also enjoy a live band and refreshments. Please RSVP to nwpc@nashvillewpc.com or 615-664-3382. For more information, visit http://nashvillewpc.com
Thursday, August 02, 2007		Please click here to locate your polling location	Metropolitan General Election of Nashville-Davidson County. General election that will elect a Mayor, Vice Mayor, 5 At-Large Council Members and 35 District Council Members.

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Do you know **Where to Vote?** [Please click here](#) to locate your polling location

IMMIGRATION STUDY AND ACTION IS TIMELY

In light of the recent failure of the U.S. Senate to reach agreement on immigration reform, the LWVUS study of immigration takes on even greater importance. With interest in immigration so high—both nationally and locally—the national League has stepped up the timetable for its immigration study. The study is aimed at helping communities understand the implications of immigration at the local, state, and federal levels. In this two-year study, League members will explore reasons for immigration, current federal immigration policy, the impact of immigration on American society and economy as well as global interdependence.

Consensus questions and leaders' guides will be available for local Leagues in September 2007, with a view toward achieving local consensus by January 2008 and LWVUS Board action on a position in March or April 2008. Check out the national League's web site at www.lwv.org; follow the link on the home page where you can access copies of *National Voter* articles and 8 excellent background papers. Locally, we will be planning this summer and holding study sessions and meetings to determine member consensus in the fall. Members who are interested in working on this timely study, please contact Karen Weeks at KarenHWeeks@comcast.net or 373-3551.

LEAGUE ACHIEVES TWO MORE GOALS IN FINAL DAYS OF LEGISLATURE

In the final days, the General Assembly adopted two goals long supported by the League. The first is a permanent across-the-board reduction in the state sales tax on food from 6% to 5.5%, a revenue loss of \$40 million that was more than offset by the \$220 million anticipated from the 42 cent increase in the cigarette tax. This modest but positive step provides a foundation on which to build for further reductions.

Equally important are the major changes in the state funding formula for schools. When the \$500 million in new funding to schools is fully phased in over two years, the state will have a formula based in part on the needs of students in K-12, specifically the additional needs of at-risk students (those eligible for free and reduced priced lunch) and English language learners. The state will also fund 75% of Basic Education Program instructional salaries (as compared to the current 65%) that will be gradually raised to approximate the real cost of hiring teachers. Metro schools will receive over \$13 million in additional funds next year and more than \$20 million when the plan is fully implemented. The plan addresses imbalances that had negatively impacted urban school systems and many others.

For a fuller discussion of legislative action in other League priority areas—early childhood education, environmental legislation and elections—see the May-June *Voter*.

Poll Observers Needed: If you have a few hours on Election Day, August 2, please consider being a LWV Poll Observer. Poll observers visit one or more polling sites to observe for about an hour a site and then fill out a survey. If you are interested, please call Marian Ott at 356-1752 or email her at marian.ott@comcast.net.

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