



**Welcome back to the League of Women Voters of New Jersey's
Advocacy Newsletter!**

In this edition you'll find updates on our advocacy campaigns and **some urgent, time-sensitive advocacy requests** including the [Bans Off Our Bodies Day of Action](#) on 5/14 and a [petition to stop LNG by rail](#) that will be sent 5/16!

Bans Off Our Bodies

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The League of Women Voters of New Jersey will be participating in the **Bans Off Our Bodies Day of Action** that is **scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022 in Princeton, NJ**. We will join together with other groups across the state to take action in response to the leaked Supreme Court draft opinion that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

Our ability to participate in our democracy is dependent on our autonomy over our own bodies. The League of Women Voters will continue to stand with our allies to stand up for safe, legal abortion. Join us in the movement for reproductive freedom. [Register with our friends at Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey to learn more and attend the rally.](#)

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey is participating in the Princeton rally, but local Leagues should feel free to attend and support rallies near them.

[Learn More & Sign Up!](#)

Same Day Voter Registration Rally

NJ Voters Deserve Democracy in a Day!



RALLY & LOBBY DAY FOR SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION MAY 26, 2022

*Join advocates, activists, and leaders from across the state in Trenton on May 26th to urge lawmakers to pass **Same-Day Voter Registration (A1966/S247)**. While many states across the country roll back our rights, New Jersey can fight back by expanding access to the ballot!*

New Jersey voters deserve democracy in a day! While many states across the country roll back our rights, New Jersey can fight back by expanding access to the ballot. Advocates, activists, and leaders from across the state will rally in Trenton on May 26th to urge lawmakers to pass Same-Day Voter Registration (A1966/S247). **We have a goal of having 50 League members attend the rally! Please carpool with your other local League members and plan on attending.**

[Join us and make your voice heard!](#)

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2022

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Locations: NJ State House (125 W State St, Trenton, NJ 08608); Historic Trenton Masonic Temple (100 Barrack St, Trenton, NJ 08608)

Overview of May 26th Activities:

Volunteer Check-In & Lobby Briefing — 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Activities will begin at the Trenton Historic Masonic Temple (100 Barrack St, Trenton, NJ 08608). Volunteers who want to lobby legislators will be provided materials and training before their legislative visits. A light breakfast will be served.

Rally for Same-Day Voter Registration — 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Activists and leaders will gather on the State House steps for a Rally for same-day voter registration. Lawmakers and advocates will share their support and demand that legislative leadership move on this legislation. Voters who have been affected by New Jersey's voter registration deadline will share their stories.

Lobby Day — 12:00PM

Volunteers will enter the State House halls to meet legislators ahead of the afternoon voting sessions.

Volunteers who plan to participate in lobbying activities are encouraged to attend one of the virtual lobby training sessions ahead of the May 26th Rally & Lobby Day:

May 16th at 12:00pm - 1:00pm: <https://bit.ly/sdrlobbytraining1>

May 19th at 6:00pm - 7:00pm: <https://bit.ly/sdrlobbytraining2>

Join Us!

Stop LNG By Rail Petition

URGENT: Please sign the petition before 5/16!

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a federal rule on July 24, 2020 that lifted the long-standing ban on LNG transport by rail (Docket PHMSA-2018-0025 (HM-264)). The federal rule authorized the bulk transportation of LNG by rail tank car for carriers nationwide.

Transportation of LNG in rail cars is a reckless decision that exposes millions of people and vulnerable resources to the potentially catastrophic effects of a release of LNG. The Special Permit for the Gibbstown LNG export terminal proposed up to 100-car unit trains twice a day through many communities of color and low-income populations already overburdened with environmental injustices.

Protect NJ residents from unsafe trains carrying highly explosive “liquefied natural gas” through our Environmental Justice communities. The Pipeline and Hazardous

Materials Safety Administration should be protecting us instead. [Please sign this petition](#). This petition is hosted by "Stop LNG By Rail Permits" and you will be added to their list unless you opt-out when signing.

[Sign the Petition!](#)

LWVNJ Public Policy Committee Updates

Social Justice Committee

WEBINAR: THE INFORMED VOTER AND FAIR HOUSING

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 AT 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Guest Speakers



JAMES WILLIAMS
Director of Racial Justice
Policy of the Fair Share
Housing Center



STACI BERGER
President & CEO of the
Housing and Community
Development Network of
New Jersey



PETER KASABACH
Executive Director of New
Jersey Future

Register: bit.ly/fairhousingwebinar



Join us for an informative discussion on the need for fair housing and the wealth inequality gap.

The LWVNJ Social Justice Committee focuses its efforts on dismantling racism within our electoral system. The Social Justice Webinar Series, *The Informed Voter* is designed to educate voters on issues they should consider when going to the polls.

Hear from experts in the field during this panel discussion on June 13th.

[Register!](#)

Natural Resources Committee

The Natural Resources Committee testified against the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission's application for a power plant in the Ironbound neighborhood of Newark. **"This month, over 130 doctors, medical professionals, and others sent a letter to Governor Murphy opposing the plant and citing serious health inequities that include a staggering high rate of childhood asthma. The constant assault on the health and welfare of Newark's residents from trucks, planes, power plants, and more is unacceptable."** [Read the rest of the testimony here.](#)

Education Committee

The Education Committee released a [White Paper on Civic Education](#). This white paper is a resource for local Leagues to use when interacting with the public in schools or voter outreach activities and when representing the League to other civic organizations.

Women and Family Issues

The Women and Family Issues Committee sent a letter to Governor Murphy expressing concern over the movement to push back the implementation of the new Sex Education Curriculum Standards. **"We believe that every student in New Jersey deserves to receive an education in a safe environment, free from discrimination, harassment and abuse."** [Read the rest of the letter to Governor Murphy here.](#)

ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations Annette!

A longtime member and Vice President of LWV Southern Monmouth, Annette Scott, received a [citation from the New Jersey State Legislature](#) and an [award from the Central Jersey Club on Founder's Day](#) for her work assisting formerly incarcerated citizens with registering to vote and navigating elections.

What began as a partnership with the NJReentry Corporation in Neptune City, the *Reenter-Register-Vote* initiative, has grown under Annette's leadership across eight counties and has registered an estimated 5,000 citizens.

Congratulations on receiving two awards and thank you for your commitment to empowering voters!



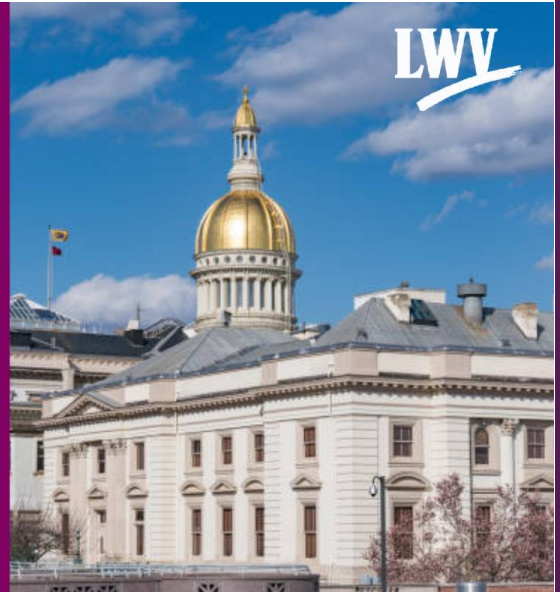
**Congratulations
Annette Scott!**

GET INVOLVED

Lobby Corps Advocacy Calls

Join the LWVNJ Lobby Corps

As a Lobby Corps member, you can use your voice to advocate for legislative and policy changes that will protect and defend democracy in New Jersey.



Join the LWVNJ Lobby Corps on the **second Thursday of every month at 6pm** as we dive into the details of public policy issues and legislation the League is following. You'll receive briefings from LWVNJ staff and Program Committee leaders and gain insight into our strategy for advocating on these issues.

[Join the LWVNJ Lobby Corps](#)

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Join a Committee

The League is recruiting members to join the statewide Communications and DEI Committees. If you are interested in joining these committees, please email amann@lwnj.org.

Making Democracy Work Awards

Making Democracy Work

Awards Ceremony & Cocktail Reception

See You At The Boathouse!

Monday, May 23, 2022

5:30PM - 8:30PM

The Boathouse at Mercer Lake

334 South Post Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550

RSVP by May 12th

Did you buy your tickets for the 2022 Making Democracy Work Awards yet? Come celebrate with us May 23rd at the Boathouse! **RSVP by Thursday, May 12th.**

[Purchase Tickets!](#)

Help Us Continue to Advance this Work

We can't do this work without your help. [Please make a donation today](#) so that we can continue to push New Jersey forward.



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