

# LEAGUE LINES

A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley  
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## Calendar of Events

*Due to COVID19, the League is using the Zoom app to connect with members. Links to each Zoom meeting will be emailed to members the day before the meeting.*

Jan 23	Ranked Choice Voting Awareness day	4:30PM	Register <a href="#">Here</a>
Jan 25	Program Planning Meeting	2 PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg
Jan 28	Community Project Communications Committee Meeting	1PM	Zoom Virtual Mtg
Feb 1	First Tuesday Talk Time	Noon	Zoom Virtual Mtg



## President's Message January 2022

Hello League Members!

Happy New Year! Even though we are still dealing with COVID-19 variants, I'm hoping that you are healthy and safe. We still can't plan on in-person meetings and feel safe, so we will continue to invite you to meetings via Zoom. I hope you can attend. You can always contact me with questions about Zoom, or with comments.

Your board of directors is working a number of projects for 2022 – Program Planning and election year 2022. A new endeavor is a community communications project. This month we will meet to discuss Program Planning for the 2022-2023 that will serve to advise state and national Leagues of what we are in favor of studying.

**Program Planning is an important League function** that happens nationwide every year in January. Because of League interaction and coordination, all levels of the League are able to speak with one unified voice giving us greater impact across the nation and here at home. At our local planning meeting set for **Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 2PM**, we will discuss the [our League's local positions](#) and [local studies that LWVUV](#) has done in the past.

Once a study is completed, a position can be agreed upon and used at legislative sessions to advocate for League issues, i.e., voting rights, healthcare, etc.

At our meeting, we will also quickly review [statewide studies](#) and [current state League positions](#). Please add Jan. 25 at 2PM to your calendar for this meeting even if you are not familiar with this League process. It is interesting and necessary for the League to function at its most effective level. This is our chance to let the state and national Leagues know what we support and believe we should advocate for. You will receive a Zoom invitation several times via email closer to Jan. 25.

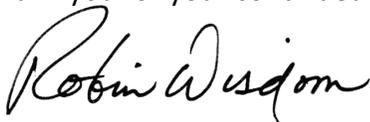
*If you're curious*, take a look at the online list of studies done by Leagues across the nation called the [Clearinghouse website](#).

I emailed you on Dec. 16 about our **new community project**. Your board of directors is concerned about the future of our democracy and have recruited a communications committee to determine how we can best proceed locally. We have had some great conversations, and we are narrowing down what exactly the project will be. The committee will meet **on January 28 at 1PM** and again in early February. We encourage you to join the committee to learn, guide, support, and advocate. Only volunteer for what you are interested in but attend these virtual meetings to be informed. Let me know if I can add your name to the committee list.

This is a big year for **Voter Service**. The Oregon primary is on May 17, 2022. A voter service committee, headed by Jenny Carloni, is now planning candidate interviews for the three county commissioner positions. These interviews will be held virtually and will be available on YouTube.

We have many opportunities, all of which keep us moving and vital both personally and in the community. I hope you take advantage of these exercises for democracy!

Thank you for your continued support.



Robin Wisdom, LWV Umpqua Valley, president

## As Easy As One - Two - Three!

1-2-3! That's one way to read the date of January 23, so that day is an opportunity to raise awareness of a better way to vote called Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). Communities across the nation have been using RCV to elect their leaders. In November of 2021, 32 cities across seven states (UT, DE, MA, ME, MI, MN, and NM) successfully used RCV on Election Day.

When three or more candidates are competing, the voter can rank them in order of preference. Choose 1, 2, 3, and so on. RCV allows voters to rank their true preferences without fear of splitting their vote, or 'wasting' the vote on an unelectable contender. Campaigns have an incentive for more positive approaches because candidates know it's to their advantage to appeal to a wide range of voters. Satisfaction is more common in the community election process because they elect representatives that have support from a broad group of voters.



With RCV, one election suffices. No need for both a primary and general election, or parties can use RCV for their primaries. Vote counting produces an 'instant runoff' and a winner with majority support. This saves time and money.

Many folks are excited about the benefits of Ranked Choice Voting. You can learn more about it online anytime from national groups like [FairVote](#) or [Rank-the-Vote](#) or many statewide organizations. On Sunday, **(January 23, 2022, 5:00PM Pacific)** they will be hosting an RCV Celebration (registration required at: <https://bit.ly/rcvday2022>). Celebrities and movement leaders will be there to welcome all supporters, volunteers and donors to the national celebration!

Jennifer Carloni, LWV Umpqua Valley, Board Member  
Barbara Klein, LWV Rogue Valley, Action Chair

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## LWV Program Planning 2022

Calling all League Members! Please plan on meeting virtually on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 2PM**. A zoom invitation will be sent out several times starting on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **2022 and Beyond**

As we look to the future, our programmatic work is more important now than ever. Local and state Leagues and the LWVUS have made progress in the **Campaign for Making Democracy Work**® but our work is not finished. The League continues to be up to the challenge to advance these priorities.

These are the questions we are being asked to answer by the national League:

1. Do you support the proposed program focus, continuing the Campaign for Making Democracy Work® (which includes Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Redistricting, and Money in Politics)? (Yes/No).
2. Would you like to recommend another program item, in addition to or instead of the Campaign for Making Democracy Work®? (Yes/No) *Please provide a statement (300 words or less) describing the scope of your recommendation, including a description of the issue area, its importance in advancing the League’s mission as well as resources needed to carry out the recommendation.*
3. Which areas of the 2020-2022 national program priorities (Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Money in Politics, Redistricting) within the Campaign for Making Democracy Work® has your League worked on during the current biennium? Select all that apply.
4. Which LWVUS Positions does your League use to act at the state and local level? Please *check all that apply.* (For more detail on LWVUS positions, see Resources section.)

Additional information on the **Campaign for Making Democracy Work®** is available at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org).

Expanding Voter Access

<https://www.lwv.org/voting-rights/expanding-voter-access>

Fighting Voter Suppression

<https://www.lwv.org/voting-rights/fighting-voter-suppression>

Money in Politics

<https://www.lwv.org/voting-rights/money-politics>

Redistricting

<https://www.lwv.org/voting-rights/redistricting>

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## **Legislative Days 2022**

Legislative Session is the period of time in which the Legislative Assembly is convened for purpose of lawmaking. Regular sessions convene each January and may last 160 days in odd-numbered years and 35 days in even-numbered years. This year a short session will run from Feb. 1 to Mar. 7, 2022.

### **How to Submit Written Testimony on a Bill**

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Pages/How-to-Testify.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/How-to-Testify.aspx) How to testify remotely.

Find Bills or Votes [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Pages/Find-a-Bill.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/Find-a-Bill.aspx)

## Redistricting Douglas County, by Joe Yetter

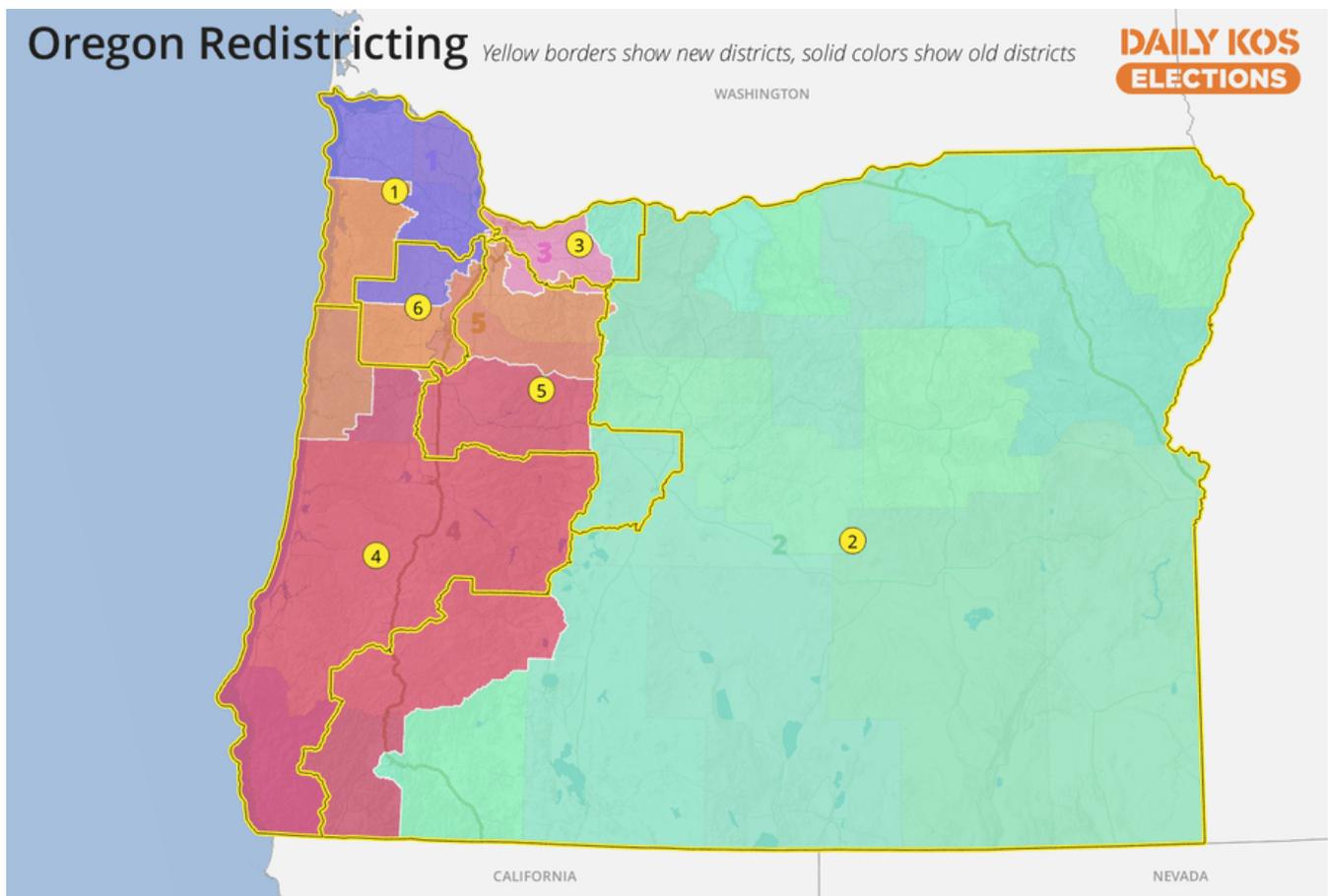
Population growth in Oregon, followed by redistricting after the 2020 census, means that we in Douglas County may get new representation and new precincts. Many who live in the south and eastern parts of Douglas County will see the biggest changes: they/we are now in Oregon's CD2, rather than CD4, and will see that they are in Oregon Senate and House districts that may be oriented southward. Thus, many of those who were in Rep. Peter DeFazio's CD4 are now in Rep. Cliff Bentz's CD2; those who were in State Senator Dallas Heard's district are now in Senator Art Robinson's.



Here is the Oregon State Redistricting site: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting> and here is a jump to the maps page: <https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/home/group.html?id=89bea2100c244acbaae6a3db397dca3b#overview>

These changes require counties to redraw precinct lines, too. Douglas County Clerk Dan Loomis and Chief Deputy Clerk Andrew Taylor have a target date of 24 January for completing this complex re-draw. Voters will receive new voter registration cards. People who wish to become Precinct Committee Persons may file after lines are drawn. Major parties will assist in filing. the filing form is at <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL105D.pdf>. But don't file before precinct lines are drawn!

For additional information: Oregon Secretary of State <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/default.aspx>, or Douglas County Elections <https://douglascounty-oregon.us/178/Elections>



**Voter Service**, by Jenny Carloni

**You know the League’s main mission is ensuring that voters are able to cast an informed vote.** We are already engaged in preparations for the May 17 Primary Election. Our League will be submitting candidate information to [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org), the online site where a voter can find out more about who and what will be on their ballot.

We plan to produce YouTube videos in which voters can hear from the candidates running for the three Douglas County Commissioner seats.

And we want voters to be aware of County Measure 10-185 that would “Expand the Idaho State border to include Douglas County” and the consequences of its passage or failure.

Other Leagues around the state will be doing similar work and some will be posing questions to candidates running in **state and federal races**. Do you have specific questions for any of **those candidates**? If so, please send them to us and we will pass them along.

The state League, LWVOR, will be producing both online and paper versions of their Voters’ Guide, in English and Spanish. Braille, large-print, and audio versions will be available as well.

**How can you help with the League’s Voter Service work?** Make sure the voter registration of every eligible voter you know is up to date. A change of address, name, or age may warrant an update, which can be done online. Send us questions you want your potential legislators to answer. After April 11, steer folks to [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) for relevant voting information. Volunteer to distribute Voters’ Guides. Join our Voter Service committee to help us get more done! New district lines were drawn based on 2020 census data.

**For links to maps of all the NEW Oregon House and Senate District Boundaries, GO TO:**  
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/Pages/details.aspx>

**Parts of Douglas County are in HD1, HD2, HD4, and HD9 – Links to specific maps here:**

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/adoptedmaps/HD1.pdf>

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/adoptedmaps/HD2.pdf>

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/adoptedmaps/HD4.pdf>

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/adoptedmaps/HD9.pdf>

**Parts of Douglas County are in SD1, SD2, and SD5 – Links to specific maps here:**

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/adoptedmaps/SD1.pdf>

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/adoptedmaps/SD2.pdf>

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/adoptedmaps/SD5.pdf>

## There's only one ballot measure so far:

### **CERTIFIED BALLOT TITLE FOR COUNTY MEASURE 10-185 FOR MAY 2022 ELECTION BALLOT**

**Caption:** Expand the Idaho State border to include Douglas County.

**Question:** Shall county resources be used to incorporate Douglas County within Idaho State's border and thereafter be subject to Idaho's laws.

**Summary:** A "yes" vote amends a Douglas County ordinance to allow the Board of Commissioners to expend financial resources and/or to authorize county officers, employees, and agents to persuade Oregon and Idaho state officials as well as federal officials to incorporate Douglas County within the borders of the State of Idaho and thereafter be subject to the laws of Idaho, not the laws of Oregon.

If approved the ballot measure requires an amendment to Douglas County Code 2.04.040 K to read as follows (amendment in italic bold):

K. To appropriate and expend county funds to advocate, oppose, and provide information on Federal and State, ***and State of Idaho***, legislation, regulations, and administrative rules that affect the county and to authorize county officers, employees, and agents to communicate on matters of concern to the county with members, officers, employees, and agents of the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the Oregon Senate, the Oregon House of Representatives, and Federal and State agencies, ***and Idaho Senate, Idaho House of Representatives, and Idaho State agencies***.

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## CHILDCARE INTERVIEW COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

The state League committee updating the [1985 Childcare study](#) (position adopted in 1989) has asked each local League to check out child care options in their vicinities and report back to them.

They have asked that a few volunteers from our League interview principals from a few childcare providers in our area.

If possible, we need to interview one school age before and/or after care program and one program that accepts infants or toddlers or is a preschool program. The state committee welcomes information from as many providers as we are willing to interview. We are compiling a list right now.

The deadline to report back is March 15, 2022.

Please assist our local League childcare study updaters, Julee Wright and Beverly Paulson. If you can make phone calls, you can help out. Let us know, and we will email you a list of interview questions – it's all ready to go!

## BOARD MEMBERS 2021 – 2022

- President – [Robin Wisdom](#)
- Vice-President – Joe Yetter
- Secretary – Julee Wright
- Treasurer – Sherry Couron
- Member at Large & Garden Tour Committee Chair – Nancy Farris
- Member at Large – Lisa Sabol
- Member at Large & Newsletter Editor – Dori Jacob
- Member at Large – Jenny Carloni
- Member at Large – Beverly Paulson
- Nominating Committee – Dori Jacob, Jenny Carloni, Ann Fasig, Beverly Paulson
- Webmaster & Zoom Host – [Robin Wisdom](#)

Join the board! Know what's going on! You Are an Important Part! Serving on your League's Board is a great way to serve your community. [Find out what's going on](#) and participate with great people.

There are openings on the board. If you are interested in serving your community in some capacity large or small, please [email](#) or call us at [541] [672] [6982].

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## CONTACT US!

There are a variety of ways to contact your LWVUV board of directors and see what's going on in your local League and around the state. Let us know what's on your mind. We are always happy to hear from you.

Official email: [info@lwwuv.org](mailto:info@lwwuv.org)

Website: <https://lwwuv.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVUV>

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3bfyx60>

Flickr: [https://www.flickr.com/groups/lwv\\_umpqua\\_valley/](https://www.flickr.com/groups/lwv_umpqua_valley/)

Please visit these links and “like” or “follow” us. The more people that follow us, the more “cred” we get in the online world.

And you can always call us -- President Robin Wisdom's number - 541-672-6982 (home), 541-784-8672 (cell).

Thank you!  
Robin Wisdom