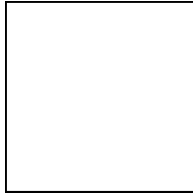


## Our Past

For almost 90 years, **women** and **men** of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts have fought to promote the rights of all Americans, to be informed, to be heard, to vote.



## Our Present

- VOTE 2008 Campaign
- Empowering Voters Project: ensure voting is easy and accessible to all voters
  - Voters' Bill of Rights
  - Voters' Bill of Responsibilities
  - Election Day Registration
- Municipal Finance
- Affordable Housing
- Immigration
- Healthcare
- Natural Resources
- Opposition to Casino Gambling
- Online Student Essay Contest
- Directory of Civic Engagement for Youth

Visit [www.lwvma.org](http://www.lwvma.org) for more information.

## Our Future

*YOU can join us ~*

- *Encourage informed and active participation in government*
- *Increase understanding of major public policy issues*
- *Influence public policy through education and advocacy*



## *The Tea Party may be over....*



**What started over 200 years ago with the Boston Tea Party is continuing today**

## **The League of Women Voters and Democracy Need YOU!**

- Determined to work to preserve democracy.
- Open to everyone.
- Strictly non-partisan, does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.
- Studies and holds positions on public policy issues. Lobbies local, state and national government for legislative changes.
- Encourages informed and active participation in government

*....but we're still  
fighting!*



## League Websites

### League of Women Voters MA

[www.lwvma.org](http://www.lwvma.org)

Information on issues the League is studying, opportunities for advocacy, important League events and projects. Contact information for local Leagues in Massachusetts.

### League of Women Voters US

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Information about national issues, bills and votes in Congress. Contact information for people and agencies in Washington.

### Voting Information

[www.votinginfo.info](http://www.votinginfo.info)

Award-winning Massachusetts website answers questions about absentee voting and voter registration, polling places, and much more.



*“Everybody counts in applying democracy.”*

-Carrie Chapman Catt  
Founder, League of Women Voters

## Membership Benefits

- Gain knowledge and experience through study and discussion
- Contribute valuable service to the community through League projects
- Discover new interests, develop new skills and learn about critical issues
- Meet others who share your interests, develop professional contacts and lasting friendships

## Volunteer Activities

### Voters Service/ Citizen Education

Work within the community:

- Encourage all citizens to register and vote
- Host candidates debates and forums
- Publish voter guides
- Recruit young poll workers
- Act as independent moderators

### Studies

League members study public policy issues in a deliberate and defined process to come to consensus and form a position on what government action we should encourage.

### Advocacy and Action

Monitor local, state and federal government operations and advocate for legislation year round. Our agenda includes a broad spectrum of issues, we often collaborate with other groups to promote action.

## Please Join Us

Membership is open to women and men. There are over 55 local Leagues across Massachusetts representing more than 120 cities and towns. Joining at any level automatically confers membership at every level: local, state and national. Membership enables you to support the League, receive publications and provides the opportunity to be involved in the local, state, and national organization.

- ONE-YEAR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
- ONE-YEAR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP  
for two or more members who share an address
- ONE-YEAR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP
- I am unable to join the League at this time but enclosed is a **CONTRIBUTION** of \$\_\_\_\_\_\*
- Please send me information about membership fund assistance

NAME/NAMES

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

EMAIL

TELEPHONE (DAY/EVENING)

- Check - Payable to the League of Women Voters

**Please mail to:**

**Questions? Contact us at**

*\*Membership dues and contributions to the League of Women Voters are not tax deductible.*