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# League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Day on the Hill

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LWVMA Annual State House Lobby Day, Wednesday, March 4, 2009

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**The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts presents its Annual Lobbying Day on Wednesday, March 4, at the Massachusetts State House. The Theme of the Event is "Aiming for Transparency: Restoring the Public's Trust."**

For almost 90 years the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has been lobbying on Beacon Hill, promoting effective and socially responsible laws and public policy. Every year the League sponsors A Day on the Hill - an event where League leaders from across the state gather to lobby their legislators on a variety of legislative priorities.

The theme of this year's lobbying event is "Aiming for Transparency: Restoring the Public's Trust." Day on the Hill 2009 kicks off at 10:00 a.m. on March 4 with a panel discussion in Gardner Auditorium at the State House. The panelists are Executive Director of The Public Policy Institute, Judith Meredith; Norfolk District Attorney, William Keating; Executive Director of MassPIRG, Janet Domenitz; and Executive Director of Common Cause, Pam Wilmot. The panel discussion will focus on the conditions that obscure our citizens' ability to identify processes in State government regarding the creation and passage of legislation, the development of regulation, and our ability to access public documents in Massachusetts.

Governor Deval Patrick has just introduced a new bill to tighten up lobbying and ethics laws in Massachusetts, stating, "No one can legislate morality, but we can assure ourselves and the public that the consequences for breaching the public trust will be serious, swift and certain."

Following the panel discussion, League Specialists will provide updates on current legislative efforts within the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts. Many State legislators will also be available for discussion at this time, giving people the opportunity to discuss topics of interest with their locally-elected representatives.

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