



Suffolk County Voter

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Join, Support, Study, Take Action

We make democracy work

League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that seeks to improve government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy.

With more than 850 state and local Leagues and 150,000 members and supporters, LWV is the original grassroots citizen network, working at the national, state and local levels, and directed by the consensus of its members nationwide.

LWV makes a difference in the lives of citizens because of the energy and passion of its members.

The League of Women Voters of Suffolk County, in concert with our five local leagues (Brookhaven, Hamptons, Huntington, Shelter Island, and Smithtown) continued a remarkable roster of services to the citizens of our county in 2011.

Our members worked year round to register voters— at community events and schools, and through our new efforts at new citizen naturalization ceremonies in Central Islip. We educated Suffolk and local voters through hosting candidate debates and educational meetings.

LWVSC has been prominent at public and committee meetings of the Suffolk County Legislature, spoken out on issues which we have studied (including health, environment, and housing), and affiliated with Touro Law Center's Public Advocacy Center. It was our strong relationship with Touro which resulted in a partnership hosting and moderating a Suffolk County Executive debate in November.

The League has taken an active role in redistricting on the county level, and a League member is serving on the independent Suffolk County redistricting commission.

The League in 2012

As we look forward to another year of service to the residents of Suffolk County, the following issues and opportunities loom large:

- We look forward to our County Executive Steve Bellone's first year in office, which we hope will be enhanced by bipartisan cooperation with and from the Suffolk County Legislature on issues of importance to our citizens.
- County budget issues must be resolved for the entire year, keeping in mind the needs of our citizens. We particularly are concerned about the future of our county health centers.
- The Suffolk County Redistricting Commission must be supported in its technical needs and must complete its work on a timely and non-partisan basis.
- We look forward to working with diverse community and civic groups in 2012 to "make democracy work" through education and advocacy.

2012 Directory of Public Officials

The 2012 Directory of Public Officials, which contains updated information on National, State, County, Town, and Village elected officials, and in-depth information on Suffolk County departments and the budget, will be available in late February, 2012.

Your support - both administrative and financial - is needed and welcome. PLEASE consider a tax-deductible donation to the League's Educational Foundation which helps underwrite the booklet's production. We also invite suggestions on content, and of course need assistance updating the content and listings. *contact: lisawscott@gmail.com*