



Dear Friends,

In less than 2 weeks, the League of Women Voters of Illinois will be holding a special event which I hope you will attend. I know that you have received several notices about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/POWER THE VOTE event, to be held virtually on September 24<sup>th</sup>, and many of you have already signed up, but LWVGG President Sue Swaringen was kind enough to allow me to write this note to let you know why this event is so important.

We were supposed to have had a HUGE gala luncheon this year to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Out of necessity, we “pivoted” and created a fun, inspiring, informative 1-hour event featuring speakers Valerie Jarrett and Juliana Stratton, Illinois Lt. Governor, among others. We hope it will be attended by most of our members from all over Illinois. This is LWVIL’s only fundraising event this year and tickets are only \$25, so please consider purchasing a ticket and, if you are inclined, making an additional donation. If every League member in the state purchased a ticket and brought in a couple of friends, the entire budget for LWVIL would be met for the year, so your help is very important.

I’d just like to give you an idea of the kind of benefit we all receive from our state league. Every time you get a Time For Action notice, asking you to contact a legislator or file a witness slip, that’s because LWVIL is paying attention to current legislation. The Illinois Voter Guide, which provides candidate information for the whole state, would not exist without LWVIL. Resources provided to local leagues to complete state studies, like the new one on Criminal Justice, come from the work of LWVIL. LWVIL also provides tremendous guidance to us in the areas of Voter Services and the Fair Tax Amendment. We interact with LWVIL in many other ways, but the bottom line is that LWVGG couldn’t be a vibrant local league without the support of a strong LWVIL.

So please sign up if you haven’t already, and bring in a friend or two. If you have misplaced your information, you can access it at <https://www.lwvil.org>. If you’re not available at the time of the program, it will be available for viewing by ticket holders for a couple of days after the event.

We **ARE** the League of Women Voters of Illinois—let’s show our support.

Many thanks--

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