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Message from the President



Now that it's October, our League work is in full swing! Leagues across Colorado are educating and registering voters and holding candidate forums and issue events. We invite you to check out our website www.lwvcolorado.org to learn what LWVCO is working on, learn where a League is in your area, become a member, and participate in events to contribute to our democracy. Local Leagues are doing great work!

By the time you read this letter we will have completed our Making Democracy Work (formerly League Day) conference. For the first time in our history ([READ MORE](#))

Making Democracy Work! Day



PRESENTATIONS at MDW DAY

People-Powered Fair Maps by Maggie Bush, Director, Programs & Outreach, LWWUS

[Powerpoint presentation](#)
[Video](#)

Amendment CC by KC Becker, Speaker, Colorado House of Representatives

[Powerpoint presentation](#)
[Video](#)

Vision 2020 by Caitlin Schneider, Manager of Public Engagement, Colorado Fiscal

Institute
[Powerpoint presentation](#)
[Video](#)

2020 Census by Adam Bickford, Data Analyst & Outreach, Colorado State Office of Demography
[Powerpoint presentation](#)
[Video](#)

Get Out The Vote by Maggie Bush, Director, Programs & Outreach, LWVUS
[Powerpoint presentation](#)
[Video](#)

#SheIsMe Campaign by Maggie Bush, Director, Programs & Outreach, LWVUS
[Powerpoint presentation](#)

The Importance of Measurement in Proving Your Impact by Ruth Stemler, President, LWVCO
[Powerpoint presentation](#)

Ballot Issues by Gerry Cummins, LWVCO
[Powerpoint presentation](#)

World Cafe Exercises by Jean McGuire and Ruth Stemler
[Responses](#)

Background: The Colorado Constitution contains a provision known as TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) that limits the amount of money the state can spend or raise each year. This provision limits the amount of annual revenue to state population growth, inflation and any sales tax approved by the voters. In this fiscal year 2019-20, the limit is about \$4.6 billion (change from the previous year of \$4.5 billion).

This proposal would allow the state to temporarily keep the current revenue in years when the revenue exceeds the limit. It would allow the state to spend on public schools, higher education, transportation, and other public services. The revenue would be returned to the taxpayers as has happened in 9 of the last 10 years.

This proposal affects all money the state collects above the revenue limit beginning with the current fiscal year. Legislative assemblies authorized in law that state government would collect \$200 million above the limit for this budget year. In the 2019-20 budget year it would be about \$1.2 billion.

services designated by legislation to receive this critical funding. This proposal preserves the citizens' right to vote on any new tax increases. Because voter approval is required on any new tax, the proposal does not interfere with the legislative process.

Proposition DD will not increase or decrease any other state revenue. It will only eliminate any future revenue that would be generated by new taxes or other programs in future years rather than education and transportation.

Proposition DD: Legalization and Taxation of Sports Betting

be funded including water storage and supply, conservation and land use, agriculture, environment and recreation. The Colorado Water Conservation Board will be the primary administrator of the funds raised.

Colorado City, Colorado Springs, and Fort Collins are the only cities in Colorado that have a sports betting license. Colorado City and Fort Collins have a license that expires in 2020. Colorado City and Fort Collins are the only cities in Colorado that have a license that expires in 2020. Colorado City and Fort Collins are the only cities in Colorado that have a license that expires in 2020.

The water projects to be funded by this law increase are completely anticipated, and there is a blank check to the legislature. Water projects often include new dams and diversions on our rivers which are environmentally sensitive and extremely difficult to manage.

This proposal seeks to raise taxes on Colorado's sports betting industry. The revenue would be used to fund water projects. The revenue would be used to fund water projects. The revenue would be used to fund water projects.

2019 BALLOT ISSUES NOW AVAILABLE!



Our Ballot Issues Guide 2019 is now

available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)!

The League of Women Voters of Colorado has taken the following positions:

- Proposition CC -- SUPPORT
- Proposition DD -- NO POSITION

For more on the positions LWVCO takes, check out our [2019-2021 LWVCO Positions For Action](#).

Looking back, and finding surprises



Monday, August 26 marks the ninety-ninth anniversary of the passing of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. It reads: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." When I think about this right that I take for granted, it has not been in place that long.

I am a third-generation woman voter. Although I never knew my

grandmother, she worked for suffrage and was one of the first women to vote in her rural county. [\(READ MORE\)](#)

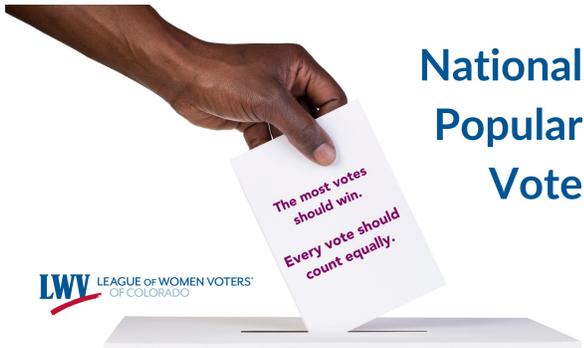
'Every Word We Utter' moves forward



The bronze monument "Every Word We Utter", by Loveland artist Jane DeDecker, is moving closer to becoming a reality. Inspired by the suffragettes who worked tirelessly to gain the right of women to vote, DeDecker designed a 20 foot tall sculpture, "Every Word We Utter," to be placed in Washington, D.C. by August 18, 2020, the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote.

The monument honors six women who over the years fought for women's rights and equal rights: Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriot Stanton Blatch, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul, and Ida B. Wells. "It's based on ripples," said DeDecker. [\(READ MORE\)](#)

National Popular Vote: Town Halls



National Popular Vote

Several Colorado Leagues will be holding Town Hall Meetings to promote National Popular Vote!

The full schedule for the meetings is as follows:

League of Women Voters of Pikes Peak Region - Colorado Springs – October 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
East Library Community Room: 5550 N. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918
[\(READ MORE\)](#)

Local League Highlight



The Montrose League was fortunate and honored to host Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold for what was an obviously much-appreciated town hall meeting. By way of note, Ms. Griswold is Colorado's 39th Secretary of State, the youngest Secretary of State in the United States and the first Democratic woman to be elected to the position. [\(READ MORE\)](#)

Resources

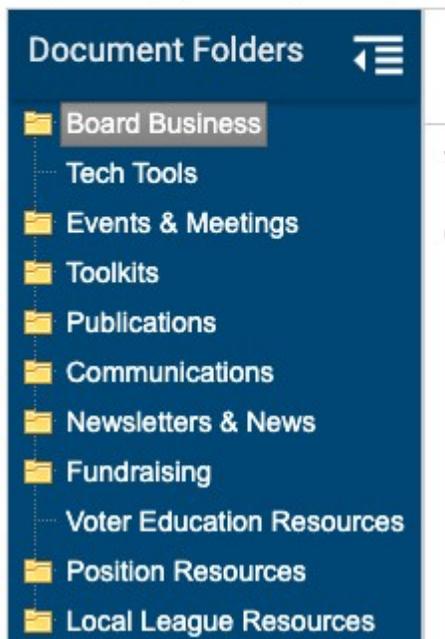
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select from the categories contained within.
Click on the desired category, and the files
will appear to the right.

If you have difficulty, or have questions,
please don't hesitate to contact LWVCO
staff at info@lwvcolorado.org.

IMPORTANT DATES: Stay tuned for more info!

All are welcome.

- **Legislative Action Committee Training: Sat., Dec. 7, 2019 (Denver or via video conference)**
- **Womxn's March: Sat., Jan. 18th, 2020 (Denver and various locations statewide)**
- **Legislative Conference: Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 (Denver Public Library Central Branch)**

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