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2019-2020 LWV-RMA Board

OFFICERS

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Lynn McMartin
1st Vice President – Program
Karen Rosenblum
2nd Vice President – Administration
Marianne Feeney
Secretary
Becki Lawson
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Mary Anne Stone
Past President
Mary Crutchfield

DIRECTORS

Penny Adams
Doris Bey
Jeanne D’Ascoli
Valarie Fillgrove
Donna Granski
Barbara Greenleaf
Suzy Szasz Palmer
Gail Schweickert
Mary Julia Street
Alice Tousignant
Natalie Testa

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year is different than any of us could have imagined. In the foreground of our lives are the COVID-19 health emergency and the tediousness of staying at home, and on the horizon are important elections in November.



We don't know what life will look like in November, or how elections will take place. Our traditional ways of connecting with voters at registration tables and holding candidate forums may not be feasible. We will need to find new ways to educate voters about their rights and about how to stay informed about candidates and issues.

I know our members will be up to the challenges the year will bring. In this issue is a list of 2020 accomplishments. It is amazing to think that we accomplished all this before mid-March when the government shutdowns began, and we were forced to cancel events. We have begun transitioning to virtual meetings, and our committees are gearing up for action.

The Annual Meeting will be a virtual meeting on the Zoom platform, a first for RMA, and one that prompted changes to the Bylaws. At the Annual Meeting, we will vote on a slate of nominees for the Board of Directors and next year's Nominating Committee. The Budget and Program Plan for 2020-2021 are also on the agenda for the membership's approval. All of these documents are printed in this issue of The Leaguer.

Looking forward to "seeing" everyone at the Annual Meeting!

Lynn McMartin



100th Anniversary cake

INVITATION TO ANNUAL MEETING

The League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metropolitan Area, Inc.

Invitation

ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 3, 2020

12:00 NOON

VIRTUAL MEETING

All members are invited to join the meeting and vote on Board candidates, Budget, and Program Plan for the upcoming year. There is also a vote on Bylaw changes. RSVP to communications@lwv-rva.org to receive the meeting link.



The meeting will be on the Zoom platform. You can sign on to the meeting from anywhere you have an internet or cellular connection. For information and training, type "Zoom" in your search bar.

Input from members is crucial, as we begin planning for the year ahead. New members are encouraged to participate - this will be a great opportunity to interact with other members and to meet the Board of Directors, including incoming members of the new board.

If you have questions or comments, prior to the meeting, please don't hesitate to contact Lynn McMartin at president@lwv-rva.org.

CALENDAR

Date	Event	Time	Location
May			
2	Setting the Table: a Virtual Morning Coffee	10:00 – 11:30 am	Zoom Videoconferencing: Contact Karen Rosenblum.
11	LWV-RMA Communications Committee Meeting	11:30 am-2:00 pm	Zoom Videoconferencing: Contact Anna Mason.
19	LWV-RMA Board Meeting	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Zoom Videoconferencing: Contact Lynn McMartin.
June			
3	LWV-RMA Annual Meeting	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Zoom Videoconferencing: Details will be emailed to all members.
6	Virtual LWV VA Council Meeting	5:00 pm	Register on Eventbrite: https://bit.ly/2VZLKdw
25-27	Virtual LWV US National Convention		Registration will open in early May.

Virginia’s 2020 Election Calendar

The pandemic has caused disruption to many aspects of voting this year. Virginia’s election calendar has seen frequent changes over the last month. Please visit the [VA Dept. of Elections](http://www.elections.virginia.gov) (ELECT) website for the most up-to-date information on when to vote in your jurisdiction.

Due to COVID-19, ELECT strongly encourages “Vote by Mail” in the upcoming May and June elections. Voters may choose reason “2A My disability or illness” on the application for an absentee ballot. You can [apply online](#) for an absentee ballot. *Do so as soon as possible* so you can get your ballot in time to return it by mail by Election Day.



ANNUAL MEETING

Nominations

At the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee of LWV-RMA will propose the following slate to serve for 2020-2021:

2nd Vice President	Carol Stephens
Treasurer	Ashley Tankesley
5 directors for 2-year term	Jeanne D’Ascoli Marianne Feeney Valarie Fillgrove Jane Newell Natalie Testa
Nominating Committee – 3 off-board members	Nancy Conkright Anna Mason Evelyn Glazier, Chair

Submitted by 2020 Nominating Committee:
Board Members: Jeanne D’Ascoli, Donna Granski
Off-Board Anna Mason, Lorraine Waddill, Evelyn Glazier (Chair)

Nominees’ Bios

To read brief bios of the nominees for Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee, please visit the Members section of the LWV-RMA Google Drive. Contact Lynn McMartin for the link.

Memorabilia display at the Centennial Tea



Advocacy Program Planning meeting



Centennial Tea Party



Lunch after visit to "Determined"
at VA Museum of History and Culture



Changes to Bylaws

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting governmental restrictions on meetings, together with stay-at-home orders, have necessitated a different way of doing business. After reviewing guidance from the LWV-US and from BoardSource, an expert resource for non-profits, the Board of Directors voted to propose changes to the Bylaws that will expand our options for meeting, including virtual meetings. The proposed amendments are shown in the excerpts below highlighted in yellow. These will be voted on by LWV-RMA membership at the Annual Meeting. A complete copy of the Bylaws is available on our website at <https://www.lwv-rva.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/lwv-rma-bylaws-2019.pdf>.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS, TERMS, AND DUTIES

Section 2. Duties of Officers.

A. The President or Co-Presidents:

(6) May poll the board concerning issues that arise between board meetings, including vote by email, and may call virtual meetings if appropriate due to health, safety, or other like concerns.

Section 6. Meetings. There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the board annually, including with board approval, virtual meetings if appropriate due to health, safety, or other like concerns. The president may call special meetings of the board and shall call a special meeting within ten (10) days upon the written request of five (5) members of the board.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least two (2) meetings of the membership each year, one (1) of which shall be the annual meeting. Time and place of in-person meetings shall be determined by the board of directors, and virtual meetings may be approved by the board of directors if appropriate due to health, safety, or other like concerns.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall should be held between in May 15 and or June 15, the exact date to be determined by the board of directors. The meeting shall:

- A. Adopt a program for the ensuing year;
- B. Elect officers and directors and three (3) members of the nominating committee;
- C. Adopt a budget;
- D. Transact such other business as may come before the meeting;
- E. Permit no proxy voting.

Section 3. Quorum. At least twenty (20) voting members shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting.

Section 4. Participation. All in-person meetings are open to the general public. Nonmember participation is inappropriate at decision-making meetings.



Parade on International Women's Day,
Celebrating Virginia's passage of ERA

Budget

League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metropolitan Area, Inc.		
PROPOSED BUDGET - July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		
GENERAL FUND BUDGET		
INCOME	2020-2021	
	Proposed	Proposed Section Total
CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS & GRANTS		\$7,000
LOCAL ANNUAL MEETING		\$1,050
35 attendees @ \$30/person	\$1,050	
MEMBERSHIP DUES		\$4,770
69 Individual memberships @ \$55	\$3,795	
11 Household memberships @ \$85	\$935	
2 Student memberships @ \$20	\$40	
TRANSFERS FROM EDUCATION FUND		\$6,496
for LWVUS PMP	\$1,368	
for Voter Education Projects	\$4,000	
for other Education projects	\$1,128	
SPECIAL EVENTS (1)		\$1,500
WARES SALES & MISCELLANEOUS		\$250
TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME		\$21,066

PROGRAM EXPENSES		
VOTER SERVICE		\$6,500
Committee	\$100	
Voter Education Projects (1)	\$4,000	
Intern	\$2,400	
PROGRAM PLANNING/ADVOCACY MTG		\$350
LOCAL/STATE/NATIONAL ISSUES PROGRAMS(2)		\$600
CONVENTIONS/COUNCIL		\$1,600
National Council	\$0	
State Convention	\$1,600	
SPECIAL EVENTS (3)		\$1,500
LOCAL ANNUAL MEETING		\$1,150
Annual Report	\$100	
Meeting expenses (from fees)	\$1,050	
MISCELLANEOUS (4)		\$465
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES		\$12,165

OPERATING EXPENSES		
<i>The Leaguer</i> newsletter production		\$50
Website		\$72
Fundraising		\$100
Membership		\$4,604
Membership Materials and Events	\$500	
Membership Fees - LWVUS		
80 full-PMP members @ \$32 (5)	\$2,560	
11 half-PMP members @ \$16 (6)	\$176	

OPERATING EXPENSES		Proposed	Proposed Section Total
	Membership Fees - LWV-VA		
	80 full-PMP members @ \$16 (5)	\$1,280	
	11 half-PMP members @ \$8 (6)	\$88	
	Board related expenses (7)		\$420
	President's expenses		\$50
	Secretary's expenses		\$50
	Treasurer's expenses		\$50
	Administrative expenses (8)		\$3,320
	Liability Insurance	\$265	
	SCC non-profit registration fee	\$25	
	VADACS non-profit registration fee	\$30	
	Directors & Officers Insurance	\$1,000	
	Accountant - set up financial records	\$1,000	
	Attorney - advise on local Ed Fund	\$1,000	
	Office Expenses		\$185
	Postage	\$50	
	PO Box rental fee	\$85	
	Printing/Copying expense	\$50	
	Telephone expenses	\$0	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES			\$8,901
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES (from above)			\$12,165
TOAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET EXPENSES			\$21,066

EDUCATION FUND BUDGET			
AVAILABLE FUNDS			
BALANCES AVAILABLE			\$9,792
	Health Care Project balance	\$3,876	
	Other Ed Fund balance	\$5,866	
EDUCATION FUND INCOME			\$3,056
	Presbyterian Foundation (Anonymous donor)	\$56	
	Donations - Individual & Corporate	\$3,000	
TOTAL AVAILABLE EDUCATION FUNDS			\$12,848
EDUCATION FUND EXPENSES			
	Health Care Projects		\$3,876
	Transfer to General Fund for Voter Education Projects		\$4,000
	Transfer to General Fund for LWVUS PMP		\$1,368
	Transfer to General Fund for Other Education Projects		\$1,128
RESERVES	Future Education Expenses		\$2,476
TOTAL EDUCATION FUND BUDGET EXPENSES			\$12,848

Footnotes:

- (1) Includes Vote 411, billboards, media, etc.
- (2) includes Housing Forum, Educated Voter series
- (3) Special Events include Black History and Back to League
- (4) Miscellaneous expense includes honoraria, donations, wares expenses
- (5) Includes PMP for individuals and first household members
- (6) Includes PMP for second household members; no PMP for students
- (7) Includes board retreat
- (8) Includes one-time expense of accounting and legal advice plus annual insurance costs



The Annual Meeting has been a prime time to renew memberships for the coming fiscal year. This time, we'll do that virtually too! Please take a moment soon to renew online using PayPal (<https://www.lwv-rva.org/join-lwv-rva-form/>), or print the form on page 14 and mail it with your check.

Did you know that joining LWV-RMA also gives you membership in the national and state Leagues? Over 85% of your dues goes to support those two organizations. We are proud of what the local League has accomplished on a slim budget. Any extra that you can contribute in these challenging times will help us do more!

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING - MAY 14, 2019

Westwood Club, 6200 West Club Road, Richmond, VA

Call to Order and Welcome

Attendance: 23 members were in attendance. A quorum was established.

President Mary Crutchfield called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. Suzy Szasz Palmer volunteered to serve as Parliamentarian. Becki Lawson agreed to record the minutes, and three members agreed to serve as readers of the minutes: Alison Beall, Gail Schweickert, and Suzy Szasz Palmer.

Mary asked for additions to the Agenda. Virginia Cowles requested time to speak for the Transportation Committee.

Minutes from the May 2018 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted (see Annual Report).

The Treasurer's Report of May 14, 2019 was distributed at the meeting. Evelyn Glazier summarized the report on behalf of Treasurer Mary Anne Stone. She noted the distinction between the Operating Fund and the Education Fund, and thanked those who had made contributions to the latter.

Proposed Budget for 2019-20 – Marianne Feeney (see Annual Report)

Marianne announced that the LWV-RMA is now a state-registered entity eligible to solicit tax-deductible donations. A new Fundraising Committee has been established to coordinate activities to bring in income from grants and contributions. Marianne summarized the main points of the budget. The budget was approved as proposed.

A **Change to the Bylaws** was proposed to correct the name of the organization to its legal name, League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metropolitan Area, Inc., removing the word "Virginia". The motion to amend the Bylaws was approved.

Proposed Advocacy Program for 2019-20 – Marianne Feeney on behalf of Karen Rosenblum (see Annual Report)

The Board has approved the advocacy program that was proposed at the Advocacy Program Planning meeting on January 19. Three new items were proposed for study: election security (Jane Newell, coordinator), housing (Alice Tousignant), and sexual harassment (Alison Beall). These topics were approved at the state level and will be discussed at Annual Convention later this month.

The First Vice-President's Report was approved as distributed.

Membership and Engagement: Jeanne D'Ascoli welcomed all members in attendance and especially thanked those who took part in the Hot Topics and Educated Voter programs that were hosted by the Committee this year.

She challenged everyone to reach out to former members and to other friends, with the goal of having each member bring one new person into the League.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Gail Schweickert

Gail presented the slate of nominees for 2019-2020 and asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. The slate was approved.

<i>Role</i>	<i>Nominee</i>
President	Lynn McMartin
1 st Vice President	Karen Rosenblum
Secretary	Becki Lawson
Directors (2019 – 2021)	Penny Adams Doris Bey Donna Granski Barbara Greenleaf Alice Tousignant
Director (2019-2020)	Gail Schweickert
Nominating Committee	Evelyn Glazier, Chair Anna Mason Lorraine Waddill

Report on New Website: Anna Mason and Suzy Szasz Palmer demonstrated the new LWV-RMA website, which is scheduled for official launch on July 1. It retains the wealth of information from our old website but has an updated look and new features, for example, a simpler way to join or donate to the League. We recognized Anna and Suzy's work with a round of applause.

President's Remarks: Mary Crutchfield recognized all of the current term's Board members and Directors and thanked them for their service. She expressed gratitude to Lynn Crowder for her years as Board Secretary. She thanked Linda Mateyka for organizing the venue and dinner for tonight's Annual Meeting. As retiring President, Mary thanked the many long-term members who provided help and support during her tenure.

Mary introduced incoming President Lynn McMartin, who has served admirably as chair of the Communications Committee. She also pointed out the back sheet of the Annual Report, where members may offer suggestions to the Board on any matter of interest or concern.

Incoming President's Remarks: Lynn McMartin thanked the group for their support. She hopes to focus on inclusiveness and diversity in the coming year, and to convey the importance of the League and its commitment to democracy as the next election season approaches. She also encouraged members' input on programs such as Hot Topics.

Adjournment: Mary Crutchfield adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becki Lawson, Secretary Pro Tempore

Read and approved by Gail Schweickert, Suzy Szasz Palmer, and Alison Beall, 21 May 2019

ADVOCACY PROGRAM

2020-2021 LWV-RMA Advocacy Program*

Purpose:

The League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metropolitan Area (LWV-RMA) promotes political responsibility through informed and active citizen participation in government and acts on selected governmental issues.

Non-Partisan Policy:

The LWV-RMA shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

National and State Program:

The LWV-RMA supports the principles and advocacy positions of the League of Women Voters of Virginia and the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Local Program:

The LWV-RMA supports:

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| Open Government | <p><u>Open representative government.</u> Open citizen participation and representation in governmental boards and commissions.</p> <p><u>Fiscal policy and citizen participation.</u> Open and active inclusion of citizen input in the development, adoption, and implementation of the budgets of all metropolitan area local governments.</p> |
| Regional Government | <p><u>Regional cooperation.</u> Regional cooperation in the provision of government services to meet the needs of the citizens of the metropolitan area.</p> <p><u>Regional transportation.</u> An efficient, multimodal, economical regionally planned, financed, and managed balanced transportation system.</p> <p><u>Regional land use planning.</u> Comprehensive, cooperative, and enforced land use planning in the metropolitan area that preserves permanent open space and develops pleasing roadways.</p> |
| Local Services | <p><u>Public education.</u> Equality of public education for all, including gifted and handicapped students, which includes cooperation among school divisions provision of up-to-date information community involvement in school policies, programs, and budget processes.</p> <p><u>Child care.</u> Child care programs that meet the social, mental, and physical needs of young children.</p> <p><u>Health care.</u> A health care system that provides access for all residents and controls health care costs.</p> <p><u>Housing.</u> Availability of sound, affordable housing without discrimination.</p> |

* The LWV-RMA's local advocacy program positions were reviewed in 2016. Former positions have been archived. Updated positions are shown here for all areas except two. The entire Local Government Structure position was removed and archived because the specific recommendations for Richmond's government were enacted. The entire Juvenile Justice position was removed and archived because it was outdated. Future advocacy on juvenile justice issues can be undertaken using the LWV Virginia's Juvenile Justice position.

2020 Advocacy Program Planning Report

Held on January 25th, at the Tuckahoe Area Library, this meeting celebrated 2019 accomplishments, reviewed LWVUS and LWV-RMA Positions, and planned the 2020-2021 Advocacy Program.

Following a review of RMA accomplishments and committee updates, members reviewed LWVUS Positions. As in the last biennium, the LWVUS has urged all Leagues to focus their legislative priorities on the Campaign to Make Democracy Work™. For the 2020-2022 term, they recommend focusing on redistricting, the 2020 census, election administrative reforms, voter protection, and money in politics.

On the question of retaining all present LWVUS positions, a motion was made and approved to retain all current positions. On the question of whether we support the LWVUS' continuation of the Making Democracy Work Campaign, a motion was made and approved to support the Making Democracy Work Campaign. There were no recommendations of additions to the LWVUS program items, but it was suggested that RMA advise LWVUS that the League consider the issue of a fair, livable wage, with unanimous agreement by members at the meeting.

All recommendations were forwarded to the LWV-RMA Board, which concurred and sent them forward to LWVUS.

On the question of whether RMA supported via "concurrence" the LWVUS position on Voter Representation/Electoral Systems, a motion was made to concur with the position, with the rationale that many state leagues had studied and adopted it. Discussion centered on the positions' lack of clarity and the conviction that membership would have benefitted from more extensive advance preparation. There was agreement that that improvement was needed within our own league in the area of communications, so that in the future it would be clear what was expected prior to any meeting requiring votes. The motion to concur was defeated, but it was recommended to convey to the Board that members were not as much objecting to the concurrence position as to the process.

As the meeting's second agenda item, members voted unanimously to retain all LWV-RMA positions for the upcoming year. That recommendation was approved by the LWV-RMA Board. No motion was made to restudy, retire, or add a position. Jane Newell advised that the state, unlike LWVUS, does not have a position on "money in politics" and it is not included in her election study. Members voted to explore the possibility of forming a new committee on this.

The final segment of the meeting was devoted to determination of our advocacy action in the upcoming year. The group reviewed LWV-RMA accomplishments, the foci of the Making Democracy Work campaign, and this historic legislative moment in Virginia. Penny Adams reviewed Voter Services activities, noting that many organizations are involved in registering voters. With Inspire Virginia no longer working with high schools, there is a niche that RMA can fill. Lucile Miller and Anna Mason have been working with Meadowbrook High School students on high school voter education. They have developed a presentation that eventually can be utilized by others in order to reach more young people. They plan on copyrighting the presentation.

Discussion proceeded about establishing an advocacy focus or foci for the upcoming year. Suggested foci included redistricting, the census, community building, gun control/safety, and voter education. The top four were the census, redistricting, voter education, and community building. Attendees recorded their level of interest in each.

The final segment of the meeting focused on advocacy and lobbying. Mary Crutchfield gave an overview of lobbying at the General Assembly, providing helpful hints and information about contacting legislators. Donna Granski discussed the efforts to ratify the ERA, stressing the importance of partnering and bringing together diverse groups.

--- Karen Rosenblum, 1st VP - Program

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2020

Here is some good news about what we did in the first three months of 2020:

- Educated the public on **Ranked Choice Voting** – capacity crowd for a co-sponsored program.
- Developed and beta-tested a **high school civics education program**.
- Received a **second grant for New Voter Education**.
- Planned our Advocacy Action for the year: **redistricting, the census, and voter education**.
- Organized an advocacy team in support of the **Virginia Redistricting Amendment** – sending emails, post cards, and calling our representatives.
- Commemorated **Black History Month** with a viewing of “Determined: The 400-Year Struggle for Black Equality” at the Museum of History and Culture.
- Advocated with local Boards of Supervisors for expanding **pedestrian safety infrastructure** for bus riders.
- Celebrated our **Centennial Anniversary** – a tea with lots of history.
- Breakfasted with **new-and-newish members** – 25 people for breakfast!
- Staffed our **phone bank at Channel 12** to answer questions about the primary election.
- And applauded an **historic General Assembly session!** After decades of advocacy by Leagues across Virginia, the General Assembly passed many League priorities, including Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (#38!), passing the Redistricting Reform Amendment that will appear on the November 2020 ballot, multiple new laws to protect Virginia voters, and expanding Gun Violence Prevention legislation.

CONTACTS

How can YOU get involved? Our Richmond area league is active all over the democracy space. Send an email to communications@lwv-rva.org and we’ll connect you with the Board officer or Committee chair whose portfolio matches your interests.

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Contact</i>
President	Lynn McMartin
1 st VP, Program	Karen Rosenblum
2 nd VP, Administration	Marianne Feeney
Secretary	Becki Lawson
Treasurer	Mary Anne Stone
Past President	Mary Crutchfield
Black History Month	Mabel Wells
Communications	Anna Mason


<i>Topic</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Election Modernization	Jane Newell
Housing	Alice Tousignant
Membership and Engagement	Jeanne D’Ascoli
Transportation	Virginia Cowles
Vote411	Evelyn Glazier
Voter Services	Valarie Fillgrove Penny Adams
Women’s Issues	Donna Granski

JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Please join or rejoin the League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metropolitan Area.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 – June 30. Membership in the LWV-RMA also confers membership in the League of Women Voters of Virginia and in the League of Women Voters of the United States. Membership is open to all U.S. citizens of voting age.

To join or renew online and pay with PayPal, visit the League of Women Voters of the Richmond Metropolitan Area’s website at <http://www.lwv-rva.org>, or print and complete the form below and send with your check by postal mail.



<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> One member	\$55
<input type="checkbox"/> Two members in one household	\$85
<input type="checkbox"/> Student member	\$20

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of household member, if applicable: _____

I want to support LWV-RMA with a contribution of \$_____

Interests:

<input type="checkbox"/> Voter Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Equal Rights Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/> Poll Observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Election Modernization	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation		



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We work to encourage informed and active participation in government and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

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