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1 October 2016

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## **Great News !!**

Thank you to all members who attended our September Kick-Off Meeting on Sept 24th. Your Board of Directors had been preparing to amend the LWVBC bylaws to apply for our own 501 (c) 3 tax status from the IRS. The motion passed unanimously. We have already e-filed the paperwork with the IRS and will keep you posted on our progress. We are hoping our application will be processed quickly. Thank you to Louisa Young who led the application process and to Lois Linsky who has been a champion of this effort! This change in our tax status offers advantages to you the members, our organization, our treasurer and current and future donors to LWVBC. Please contact me if you have questions.



Ruth Stemler, President,  
LWVBC

This is an outstanding season for Voter Service under the leadership of Susan Saunders. Thank you, Susan. Jeannine Pow continues to innovate in the area of Voter Registration Drives and has reached hundreds of people in our community to teach them about LWVBC and our mission. Liz Nick continues to steadily lead the Forums in the community adding new innovations this year with the Latino Perspectiva. Diana Haskell has come on board to assist with VOTE 411.org. Please visit our online voters' guide for all the election information you need. Just enter your address to build your ballot and much more! This electronic version of our voters' guide is the future of the League as we reach out to the community!

I hope you are taking advantage of the many educational or educational/advocacy opportunities scheduled by LWVBC this Summer and Fall. It's been a most ambitious schedule and the opportunities continue. So grab a friend and attend. Thanks to Peggy Leech for her leadership!

In this 2016 election season I believe the civil, reasoned approach of the League of Women Voters is needed more than ever. We should all be proud of LWV! Thanks for your support.

Ruth

## **VOTE 411.org**

Election Information You Need



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## In Remembrance

By Liz Black

*Ellie Van Winkle*

We are saddened to learn of two deaths recently within our community. Ellie Van Winkle, a long-time member, died 1 Sep, 2016. Ellie was a very active and helpful member of the League's Criminal Justice Committee in the 70s. Joan McConkey recalls that the committee organized a day long symposium on the Boulder Criminal Justice system on a Saturday at Fairview High School with judges, DA, sheriff, public defenders, and others participating. The event was very well attended and received by both Leaguers and community members. While in recent decades Ellie devoted much time and passion to teaching young people to be amateur radio operators, she faithfully paid annual dues to retain her membership in the League. What a great example illustrating that people who support the league can choose a level of involvement that best fits their personal circumstances and desires.

*Debbie Jin*

We offer our condolences to Shirley Jin whose daughter Debbie Jin passed away 15 Sep after a courageous battle with cancer. Her family was with her at the end. Coworkers at JILA, individuals from the world-wide scientific community, and family and friends whose lives intersected with Debbie's over the course of 47 years will not soon forget the incredible scientist, outstanding mentor, valued friend, and loving spouse and mother that she was.

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## Mark Your Calendars

*1 October 2016:*

### **Perspectiva 2016 Candidate Forum**

US Sen. & US Reps., Districts 2 & 4

2:00 – 4:00 pm, YWCA of Boulder County, Boulder

*6 October 2016*

### **Minimum Wage (Amendment 70) Information Session**

6:00-7:15 pm, Louisville Public Library, 951 Spruce Street, Louisville

*8 October 2016:*

### **Perspectiva 2016 Candidate Forum**

CO Legis., Boulder County Commissioners  
CO District Attorney

2:00 – 4:00 pm, Barrio E' Centro, Longmont

*10 October 2016:*

### **Community Conversation:**

#### **Ballot Issues 2016**

2:30-4:00pm, Frasier Meadows Manor, 350 Ponca Pl, Boulder

*12 October 2016:*

### **Community Conversation:**

#### **Ballot Issues 2016**

6:00-7:30pm, Longmont Library, 409 4th Av, Longmont

*13 October 2016:*

### **State Legislative Candidate Forum**

7-8:30 pm, Via Hoover Family Conference Center, 2855 N 63rd St. Boulder

*15 October 2016:*

### **Minimum Wage (Amendment 70) Information Session**

10-11:30 am, Longmont Public Library, 409 Fourth Ave, Longmont

*24 October 2016:*

### **Voter Service & Polling Centers open.**

Open from 24 October through Election Day, 8 Nov 2016.

*8 November 2016:*

### **GENERAL ELECTION**

Last day to Vote is November 3

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## **Grocery Card Fundraiser**

From Louisa Young

LWVBC has been working with the major grocery stores in Boulder County for a few years. Some people are regular users, but there are many who have not taken advantage of this opportunity to generate money for the League.

### **Buy Your \$10 Card from the League**

Here is the way it works: you buy a card for King Soopers or Safeway that is preloaded with \$10. You pay \$10 for that card. The next time you shop at the store, you can take it to the Customer Service counter or tell the checker that you want to reload before he or she starts scanning your purchases and you load more money onto it using cash, check or a credit card. You can actually do it yourself with a credit card at the card reader in the checkout lane.



### **Receive Your Card's Benefits or Rewards**

If your credit card is linked to an airline, you get the miles it generates on your credit card. Then when it's time to pay for your groceries, you use the gift card. You have not lost any money in the deal, but the League gets a percent of your payment automatically because the card is linked to the League.

### **It's Painless and Free**

If you buy your medications at the grocery pharmacy, use the gift card. It also works when you buy gasoline at the affiliated grocery store.

### **It Helps Our Bottom Line**

We have members who buy \$400+ worth of groceries per month. If they purchase their groceries with their LWVBC King Soopers or Safeway card, at \$400 x 12 months @ 5% these members generate an additional \$240 to the league each year. This money is vital to our mission!! Our goal is to get at least 50 members purchasing with these cards every month, all year long. Will you help us reach our goal??



### **Get Your Card Now**

To get one of these cards, please contact Lois Linsky, Ruth Stemler, Louisa Young or Lynne Wegley.

The Jeffco League makes around \$10,000 through this program! We could, too, but it is underutilized in the Boulder County League. Let's change that!!!



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## League Members in Action



### **Taking Action: Voter Registration Drives**

In 2008, 6 million Americans didn't vote because they missed a registration deadline or didn't know how to register. In 2016, the League of Women Voters of Boulder County (LWVBC) has been working diligently to make sure every eligible voter has the opportunity to register and vote in the General Election.

It has never been easier to register to vote or, if you've moved since the last election, to update your voter records:

- ✓ Online: If you have a valid CO Driver's License or CO State ID go to [www.GoVoteColorado.com](http://www.GoVoteColorado.com)
- ✓ By text: If you have a valid CO Driver's License or CO State ID text the word "Colorado" or "CO" to "2Vote" (28683) on your smartphone and then open the link to the Sec. of State online voter registration and election information site
- ✓ In-person: At any of three Boulder County Clerk & Recorder offices, open 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Boulder: 1750 33rd Street ;  
Longmont: 529 Coffman Street; or  
Lafayette: 1376 Miners Drive

Please share this information with anyone who has not yet registered to vote or who needs to update their voter records with their new mailing address.



*Elizabeth Crow ready to register voters at the LWVBC Voter Registration Tent, 11 September 2016 Pridefest, Boulder.*



*Jeanine Pow and Peggy Leech, our two-person crew, at the LWVBC Voter Registration Table, Louisville.*



*Ruth Stemler and Susan Saunders with a prospective voter and future voters in Longmont.*

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## **Taking Action: Immigrant Rights Study Coming Soon**

A few years ago, the membership adopted a local study of the rights of undocumented immigrants. We are pretty familiar with what rights they don't have, but what rights do they have? The study was readopted, and now a sub-team of the Social Policy Team has been gathering information, and there will be a Community Conversation where the rest of you will have an opportunity to learn. Our sub-team members are:

Louisa Young, Sub-team chair  
Liz Black                      Jan Buchanan  
Mickey Greenberg        Louisa Matthias



## **Taking Action: Perspectiva 2016**

For the first time ever the Latino Task Force of Boulder County (LTFBC) and the League of Women Voters of Boulder County are co-sponsoring a series of candidate forums this election season on Sept 17th (Sister Carmen's Center Lafayette), Oct 1st (Boulder YWCA), and Oct 8th (Barrio É Longmont). It is important to ask the candidates questions from the Latino perspective on issues such as immigration, affordable housing, health care, driver's licenses for non-citizens and much more.

At the first forum on Sept 17th 26 people attended. The candidates for our state legislature K.C. Becker, Steve Fenberg, Mike Foote, Matt Gray and Edie Hooton accepted the invitation to attend the forum and answer the community's questions. The forum was livestreamed on Facebook (another first for LWVBC). We were lucky to have young people join us from CIRC and Northern Colorado Dreamers.

Thanks to Manuela Sifuentes and LTFBC for your collaboration! Liz Nick skillfully guided the forum and Debby Vink helped with timekeeping. Check out our website for details on the Oct 1 and 8th forums. Please plan to join us!!

## **Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017**

By Susan Saunders, Strategic Planning Task Force & Ruth Stemler, President

The following Report briefly summarizes the action steps and goals of the LWVBC Strategic Plan as LWVBC enters the second of five years. Your Board of Directors and several Issue Team Leaders met on July 16th, 2016 to determine how we can create a path to the future for our organization in Making Democracy Work for All! in Boulder County. Our guiding values are to achieve relevance; appreciate differing viewpoints, diversity, open-mindedness and respect for individuals; empower the grassroots; and to be open and effective. Our primary goals are to achieve greater community engagement in LWVBC and greater LWVBC engagement in the community. Members will see this in the broader number of, and new locations for, education and advocacy events which encourage the mingling of non-league individuals and members. We are working towards outcomes that result in more educated citizens and informed voters in Boulder County, greater civic engagement and better government and policies. Please contact a Board member if you are interested in reviewing the entire plan with specifics, measurements and timelines, and/or you are willing to volunteer to assist in these Initiatives. We have an ambitious plan to achieve and talented members and board members to accomplish it!

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*STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 – 2017*  
*League of Women Voters of Boulder County*  
*ACTION STEPS/GOALS, Brief Summary – 9.14.2016*

*Education, Action and Advocacy - Jeannette Hillery, Linda Hultman, Susan Saunders*

**Year One**

1. Develop Communication plan between Issue Teams and BOD
2. Identify speakers from Issue Teams, ready to present at Community Conversations
3. Action VP to hold Issue Team Leaders meetings at least 2X/year
4. Issue Team leaders monthly reports for BOD
5. Encourage Issue Teams to hold regular meetings so that we can publish and encourage community participation
6. Create Issue Team Leaders' manual

**Year Two**

1. Reinvigorate Schools Team to include St Vrain School District
2. Create an Issue Team Leader Manual
3. Work with Events VP to provide at least 2 topics for Community Conversations and/or Drinks & Dialogue events
4. Increase involvement between legislators and the public
5. Work with Events VP to reach hundreds in the community with educational forums on 69, 101 and others

*Fund Development - Louisa Young, Lois Linsky, Lurbin Moore*

**Year One**

1. Mail ballot issues pamphlet with solicitation letter in the Fall
2. Update website to allow donations to view prominently
3. Develop an annual fundraising event
4. Promote grocery card usage
5. Investigate 5% day at Wholefoods and others
6. Preprinted envelopes for donations at ALL events
7. Apply for grants
8. Direct approach to members for large donations

**Year Two**

1. Establish 501 C(3) status for LWVBC
2. Suggest funding strategies for administrative position
3. Increase number of grant proposals submitted by one per year
4. Increase total funds raised through various methods (grocery cards, bulbs, dues, etc.)

*Governance and Leadership - Peggy Leech, Ruth Stemler, Shiquita Yarbrough*

**Year One**

1. Review board structure
2. Revise job descriptions
3. Review nominating committee role
4. Establish practices for Issue Team – BOD communication
5. Begin study on administrative assistant
6. Establish understudy/mentoring process for BOD positions



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## *Strategic Planning: Governance and Leadership (continued)*

### *Year Two*

1. Complete study and a decision to hire an administrative assistant
2. Review nominating committee process to target recruitment of specific skills
3. Establish a speakers' bureau to educate, engage voters and promote our mission
4. Develop and implement awards process – community and members
5. Investigate a volunteer program (non-members)

### *Membership - Liz Black, Sarah Levison*

Did not focus on during Year One, but membership increased by 16%!

### *Year Two*

1. Contact each member once per year to increase membership involvement
2. Create a "New Member Welcome" program to establish a relationship with each member
3. Highlight value and benefits of membership to increase membership
4. Establish a new group category of allied non-profit organizations
5. Begin a partnership with existing youth advisory groups in Boulder County cities
6. Be part of three Drinks & Dialogue events with the Events Team

## *Outreach, Marketing, Partnerships - Rionda Osman*

### *Year One*

1. PR/marketing professional for the BOD
2. 2 members of Latino community as members and then members of BOD
3. College internship
4. Increased internet presence
5. Show Up at community events with name badges, cards, elevator speech
6. Develop a coordinated database that can be used to inform the community what LWVBC is doing (Vertical Response)
7. Training on social mobilization for BOD and Team leaders
8. Encourage each Issue Team to write one Op Ed letter for the paper this year
9. Investigate drinks and dialogue

### *Year Two*

1. Coordinate communications for issue teams and event planners more efficiently
2. Increase media presence – Facebook, Instagram, website, MeetUp.
3. Increase radio coverage and training in radio
4. Conduct a needs assessment of various software packages to manage membership lists, mailing lists, email lists, fund drives, etc. and recommend a purchase

## *Voter Services - Susan Saunders*

### *Year One*

1. VRDs simplify, more on-line, Chromebooks and different audiences and partners
2. Ballot issue presentations – improve scheduling practices
3. Identify ballot issues worth an educational forum and execute
4. Visit city clerks and county clerks, which areas of county to focus on?

### *Year Two*

1. More VRDs especially coordinated with other organizations and for targeted populations
2. VOTE 411 expand advertising, improve preparations of voter guide, input, etc.
3. Conduct targeted candidate forums such as Perspectiva, for Latino audiences
4. Ballot issue presentations – improve scheduling practices

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## **Circles Poverty Simulation**

From Jessica Austin, Program Coordinator, Boulder County Circles Campaign

While many people consider Boulder County home to prosperous and even affluent communities, the fact is poverty affects more than one in 10 people who live here. The actual numbers are surprising -- 14% of individuals, and 11% of families with children live below the poverty line in Boulder County.

If you have not experienced poverty yourself, it may be hard to imagine what a life in poverty means. The Boulder County Circles Campaign is holding a Poverty Simulation the evening of Oct. 19 to help the general public understand what people in poverty deal with every day.

We want to invite you to attend this important event.

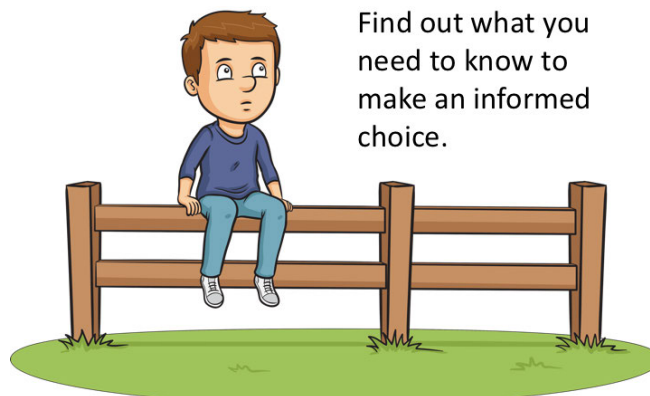
This is a very dynamic, hands-on experience. Participants are given a budget to work with and must make the hard choices required of families with limited resources. What bills do you decide to pay this month, what do you do when a child or parent gets sick, how can you afford healthy food for your family? You can watch this YouTube video of a similar event for more information on the process.

This a chance for you to learn more about the people in our community. Please join us.

Circles Poverty Simulation  
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
Vinelifa Church, 7845 Lookout Rd., Longmont, CO  
RSVP by Oct. 17 to  
[circlesinfo@bouldercounty.org](mailto:circlesinfo@bouldercounty.org) or 303-441-1503

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need to know to  
make an informed  
choice.

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## *LWVCO: Positions on Ballot Issues 2016*

### **LWV COLORADO'S POSITIONS ON BALLOT ISSUES 2016**

By Nancy Crow, LWVCO President Elect | September 2016

#### **AMENDMENT T—NO EXCEPTION TO INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE PROHIBITION**

**SUPPORT:** LWVCO bases its support of Amendment T on the LWVCO Constitution position: The constitution and proposed amendments should guarantee the rights of individuals.

#### **RATIONALE:**

- The state Constitution currently prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude except for people who have been convicted of crimes and whose punishment involves "work" that is involuntary - in other words, chain gangs.
- We support removing this exception so that our state Constitution would prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude without exception.
- The measure specifically notes that employment of prisoners that is paid (albeit very little) is not the objective of the measure.

#### **AMENDMENT U— EXEMPT CERTAIN POSSESSORY INTERESTS FROM PROPERTY TAXES**

**SUPPORT:** LWVCO bases its support of Amendment U on the LWVCO Local Government position: Support of measures to improve the coordination, effectiveness, efficiency, and economical operation of local government units.

**RATIONALE:** The tax collected is less than the cost of collecting it.

**AMENDEMENT 69—COLORADO CARE** (see the extended discussion below)

#### **AMENDMENT 70—STATE MINIMUM WAGE**

**SUPPORT:** LWVCO bases its support of Amendment 70 on the LWVUS positions on:

- Meeting Basic Human Needs: Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.
- Equality of Opportunity: Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice, and the health and safety of all Americans

#### **RATIONALE:**

- Minimum wage is one tool that can be used on the way to achieving equal opportunity, self-sufficiency, the reduction of poverty, and a living wage.
- Additional League positions address having adequate food, shelter, transportation, and health care as well as childcare and education. A minimum wage provides more access to these basic needs.
- Passage of the minimum wage proposal will be one significant step in achieving the ultimate goal that is to achieve a living wage or income sufficient to meet basic needs.

#### **AMENDMENT 71—REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

No Position Taken

**RATIONALE:** Though LWVCO supports part of this amendment, we have reservations about the geographical distribution requirement. The LWVCO has opposed such requirements in the past.

#### **AMENDMENT 72 – NEW CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO TAXES**

**SUPPORT:** LWVCO bases its support of Amendment 72 on the following LWV Colorado Health Care Position: Additional state monies should be generated to fund health care from "sins" taxes (alcohol, tobacco, luxury items) and income tax increases.

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### AMENDMENT 72 – NEW CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO TAXES (continued)

#### RATIONALE:

- Most of the money would go toward programs to help people stop smoking, research on tobacco-use-related diseases and campaigns to discourage kids from taking up smoking.
- Other money would fund programs for veterans' health, programs that pay off the student loans of doctors who work in rural areas and programs that expand access to health care for kids and adults.
- Research on consumer behavior suggests as many as 35,000 kids could be kept from starting as smokers by the proposed tax increase.
- The campaign is supported by dozens of health organizations and hospitals, including the American Lung Association and Children's Hospital Colorado.
- Colorado would become the 16th state with tobacco taxes of more than \$2 per pack.

### PROPOSITION 106 – MEDICAL AID IN DYING

NO POSITION TAKEN – RATIONALE: Neither the LWVUS nor the LWVCO has a position on which to address this proposition.

### PROPOSITION 107 – Presidential Primary Election

SUPPORT: LWVCO bases its support on the LWVUS positions:

- CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE: Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.
- VOTING RIGHTS: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed.

#### RATIONALE:

- Colorado previously held presidential primaries in 1992, 1996, and 2000. This measure would restore a presidential primary in Colorado beginning in 2020.
- Because a presidential primary would be publicly financed, all eligible voters should be able to vote in these elections.
- Colorado is in the minority of states that limit participation in the presidential nomination to only those registered with a major political party. Thirty-five percent of Colorado voters are independent of party affiliation.
- A presidential primary would involve more voters, increase participation and could encourage candidates who are responsive to the viewpoints of more Coloradans.

### PROPOSITION 108 – PRIMARY ELECTION

SUPPORT: LWVCO bases its support of Proposition 108 the LWVUS positions:

- CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE: Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.
- VOTING RIGHTS: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed.

#### RATIONALE:

- Because taxpayers fund primary elections, all eligible voters should be able to vote in those elections.
- Currently the 35% of Colorado voters who are independent of a political party must join a party if they want to participate in the selection of general election candidates.
- Colorado is in the minority of states that limit participation in primary elections to only those affiliated with a major political party.
- Involving more voters can increase participation and result in the election of candidates who are more responsive to the viewpoints of more Coloradans.
- All voters should be allowed to vote in state and local primary elections.

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### LWV COLORADO SUPPORTS AMENDMENT 69, STATEWIDE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

By Nancy Crow, LWVCO President Elect

The LWVCO has taken the position of SUPPORT for Amendment 69 - Statewide Healthcare System that will be on the ballot in the fall elections of 2016. A brief description:

#### **COLORADOCARE:**

- It uses an option of the Affordable Care Act that allows Colorado to obtain waivers to create its own health care program
- It provides comprehensive coverage for all residents of Colorado
- It uses a member-owned cooperative business model; e.g., example Rural Electric Association
- It will provide primary coverage for all except those that have coverage under federal health care programs, i.e., Medicare and Veteran Administration Health. These individuals will use ColoradoCare as secondary coverage
- It claims it will cost less than the current system.

The LWVCO Board based its support of Amendment 69 on the LWVUS Position on Health Care.

**BASIC LEVEL OF QUALITY CARE:** LWVUS Position: Every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes the prevention of disease, health promotion and education, primary care including prenatal and reproductive health, acute care, long-term care and mental health care. Dental, vision, and hearing care also are important but lower in priority. The League believes that under any system of health care, consumer/patients should be permitted to purchase services or insurance coverage beyond the basic level.

ColoradoCare: Provides the comprehensive care to meet the League position. Includes oral, vision and hearing for children. If revenues permit these will be added for all. Mental health and substance abuse treatment are included in the comprehensive care.

#### **FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION:**

LWVUS Position: The League favors a national health insurance plan financed through general taxes in place of individual insurance premiums. As the United States moves toward a national health insurance plan, an employer-based system of health care reform that provides universal access is acceptable to the League. The League supports administration of the US health care system, either by the combination of the private or public sectors or by a combination of federal, state and/or regional governmental agencies.

The League is opposed to a strictly private-based model of financing the health care system. The league is also opposed to the administration of the health care system solely by the private sector or the states.

ColoradoCare: It is a publicly formed insurance pool in which the State Department of Revenue collects the premiums. It is a public partnership, a cooperative, without using a private market-based model.

#### **TAXES:**

LWVUS Position: The League supports increased taxes to finance a basic level of health care for all U.S. residents provided health care reforms contain effective cost control strategies.

ColoradoCare: Premium payments are considered taxes. ColoradoCare is exempt from TABOR.

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### ***COST CONTROLS:***

LWVUS Position: The League believes that efficient and economical delivery of care can be enhanced by such cost control methods as proposed.

ColoradoCare: Meets two cost control methods mentioned in the position --the reduction of administrative costs, regional planning for the allocation of personnel, facilities, and equipment

### ***EQUITY ISSUES:***

LWVUS Position: The League believes that health care services could be more equitably distributed.

ColoradoCare: Meets one equity issue mentioned in the position - allocating medical resources to underserved areas

### **RATIONALE FOR THE LWVCO SUPPORTING AMENDMENT 69:**

- For years the state LWVCO LAC has followed legislation put forth by Sen. Irene Aguilar, M.D., one of the political architects of this amendment, and has found her a trustworthy advocate for universal health care.
- In early December 2015 Sen. Aguilar met with the board and answered questions.
- Two economic analyses considered by the LWVCO Board found the plan economically feasible.
- It allows for a separate method of adjusting premiums that would not be subject to TABOR requirements.
- Authors chose to propose a constitutional amendment so as it would not be subject to changes by the Colorado General Assembly.
- The amendment contains principles but not rules.
- No one can provide future economic certainty. We can, however, look to the past and see that without reform many will go without adequate health insurance and that costs will continue to escalate.



# LWVBC BULLETIN BOARD

*October 2016*



Colorado  
Secretary of State  
Wayne W. Williams



## **Colorado Voter Registration Clicks Explode After Facebook Notice**

The number of voter registration transactions in Colorado and across the nation soared when social media giant Facebook posted a registration reminder on its news feed.

The reminders went out in groups beginning at 1 a.m. Eastern time last Friday, 23 September 2016, which means some Coloradans who were checking their Facebook accounts at 11 p.m. Thursday started seeing the notices.

"Are you registered to vote? Register now to make sure you have a voice in the election," the notice read. Facebook users 18 and older who received the notice then could share that they were registered or click on a link to register .

The result? Statewide, there were 2,996 voter registration submissions in Colorado on Thursday. During the same time period Friday, after the Facebook notice, submissions soared to 13,889. A submission could be a new registration or an updated registration.

Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams said it's important for clerks to have updated address information because the post office doesn't forward ballots.

"Facebook's efforts add to what we are doing already in Colorado to encourage voter registration," he said.

Here's a look at the difference in voter registration transactions in some counties from Thursday to Friday: Arapahoe, 362 to 1,647; Jefferson, 300 to 1,361; El Paso, 310 to 1,589; and Mesa, 76 to 581. (Contact the [Secretary of State's Office](#) for a detailed tally.)

Colorado has the [highest percentage of voter registration](#) in the country at 87 percent of the eligible population, according to the Pew Center on the States. To register to vote or update your vote registration in Colorado, text ["CO" to "2Vote"](#) or go to [www.GoVoteColorado.com](http://www.GoVoteColorado.com).

October 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
November 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

## LWVBC Fall Calendar

- 1 October: Perspectiva 2016 Candidate Forum, Boulder
- 6 October: Minimum Wage Information Session, Louisville
- 8 October: Perspectiva 2016 Candidate Forum, Longmont
- 10 October: Ballot Issues 2016, Boulder
- 12 October: Ballot Issues 2016, Boulder
- 13 October: State Legislative Candidate Forum, Boulder
- 15 October: Minimum Wage Information Session, Longmont
- 24 October: Voter Service & Polling Centers Open
- 8 November: GENERAL ELECTION

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