



# Suffolk County Voter

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## League of Women Voters Seeks to Increase Voter Turnout for the Presidential Primary League Volunteers Calling Suffolk County Voters

Every election year Leagues across the country work hard to educate and serve voters, typically through voter registration activities, candidate and issue debates and forums and online and printed voters' guides. This year, the League of Women Voters of Brookhaven, with the assistance of other Suffolk County Leagues, will be doing even more by spearheading a voter engagement campaign to reach registered voters directly about the April 19 presidential primary election and to encourage their participation.

Working with volunteers, including those from partner organizations, college groups, and other Leagues, the Brookhaven League is reaching out to thousands of infrequent voters! Voter contact calls routinely prove to be successful in turning out occasional voters who need the reminders and encouragement to make it to the polls on Election Day.

Showing new voters the ropes and providing them with the information they need is a key way to engage them and ensure their future participation in our political process. Getting an individual to the polls once is a critical first step – turning a person into a habitual voter and civic participator is the ultimate goal. The good news is that once a new voter has turned out, s/he is more likely to vote in the future!

Primary elections are a key part of the process to select the next President. They provide a crucial opportunity for voters to take control and influence the process by selecting their top candidate to represent a political party in the general election. The League is excited to help engage voters across our community to turn out on Election Day and strengthen democracy through increased civic participation.

**Get Out The Vote (GOTV)** is the prime focus for many Leagues in 2016. We continue our voter registration efforts as we welcome new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse in Central Islip every Tuesday. We'll be holding public information meetings, on election year issues and candidate forums for the public before primaries and the general election. But in Suffolk County we have a significant challenge in getting registered voters to the polls.

The LWV of the US has selected three Leagues from the entire US to work on a pilot project to test driving voter engagement through targeted calls. We congratulate the Brookhaven League on their selection and passion, and hope that all Suffolk Leagues will help them with volunteers and time. We'll hear more about this pilot project at our LWVSC annual convention in early May.

## LWVSC Engages with other Groups in Civic Activism and GOTV

The Suffolk County League is working with like-minded organizations in a variety of ways in 2016.

- Family Residences and Essential Enterprises- benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. It is the mission of FREE to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. LWVSC is presenting on the importance of voting and helping with voter registration at their annual Advocacy conference in late March.
- LWVSC was a co-sponsor, planner, and participant in Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare's annual Advocacy Day conference on March 11. Almost 300 undergrad and graduate students were told that the LWV's 2016 Directory of Public Officials was the most important tool in their conference folders! And we are strengthening student awareness of League and will work on further projects with the School of Social Welfare.
- LWVSC has been partnering with LICET (Long Island Civic Engagement Table) which seeks solutions for ways to increase civic engagement through education and grassroots organizing, since there are ethnic and racial gaps in the proportion of frequent voters compared to percent of population /percent of eligible registered voters. We are learning from their efforts in communities of color over the past few years, and attend their convenings with other civically engaged organizations.