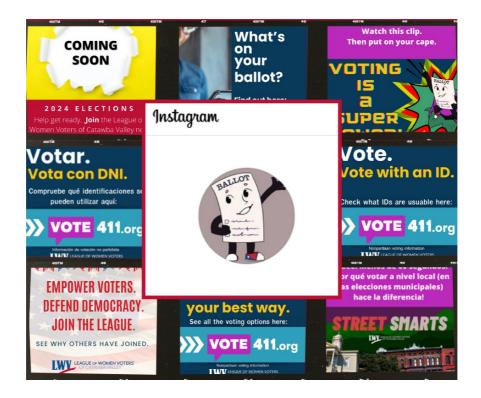


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## **See How Social We Are?**

**The League has a plethora** of new social media posts that will roll out over the next few weeks. It's the thick of election season now, so it's imperative that as many people see as many League messages on VOTE411, voter ID, and casting ballots as possible.

#### Here's how you can help:

- View the League's pages on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter/X</u>, <u>YouTube</u>, & <u>Instagram</u>.
- Scroll through to see what's going on.
- "Like" [] the posts that you... well, the ones that you like.
- **Repost/share** them to further increase their reach!

# That's right: Instagram!

The League's new Instagram account is now live!
Our buddy, Ballot, is already there, waiting for follows and

posts to spread the word on a new platform to even more voters.

## View and Take Action on the Proposed NC District Maps



**As anticipated,** the North Carolina General Assembly released multiple maps on October 19th to accompany pending bills to draw post-Census electoral districts. As expected, the proposed redistrictings are controversial, with two options for Congressional districts and one map each for the NC House and Senate districts.

LWVCV has added the proposed maps to the <u>Fair Districts page</u> on the League website. Additional information is available on gerrymandering and redistricting, as well as tips on how to contact your elected representatives to share your thoughts about the proposed district maps.

## Celebrating FCIVR Project Success

**The League's information table** at the Exodus "Everything Free" day on September 30th was the final event in the series of projects supported by the Former & Currently Incarcerated Persons Voter Registration Grant from the LWV Education Fund.

**Looking through** the final report on the FCIVR projects, a few concrete achievements stick out:

- 2 voting rights clinics co-hosted with Exodus
- 3 voter information tables at Exodus events
- 21 League volunteers involved
- 64 volunteer hours worked
- 95 attendees reached
- 19 voters registered

**Through this year's work**, LWVCV has established a close working relationship with Exodus Homes which will likely lead to new opportunities for voter registration and education.

**Heartfelt thanks** go to every League member who contributed to the success of the FCIVR project at all stages.



# Notes from the President by Tiffany Canaday

Hi everyone! I hope you all are well.

Just a reminder: early voting for municipal elections began October 19 and runs until November 4. To check your voter registration status, prepare for voting, review information about your precinct, and research candidates' stances on issues of importance, please visit <a href="VOTE411.org">VOTE411.org</a>. If you have a VOTE411 magnet, please display it on your car and if you volunteered to host a VOTE411 sign, place it in a highly visible location.

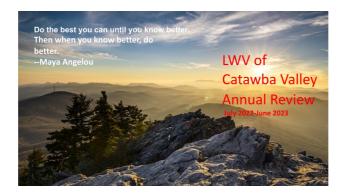
**Election Day is November 7, 2023.** Whether you vote early or on Election Day, please be sure to vote and encourage others to do so.

**Thank you as always** for your ongoing effort to inform voters and defend democracy.

**In League,** Tiffany

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### Now Showing: 2022-2023 Year-in-Review Slideshow

**The League Annual Review slideshow** for the July 2022-June 2023 business year is now available on the LWVCV website. It has been given pride of place on the "Who We Are" page as the topmost item. The content is based on the reports given at the Annual meeting in June, 2023.

**Take a look** at all the League accomplished through the work of our members!



### **Go, VOTE411!**

With early voting well underway in North Carolina, here's another friendly reminder:

Keep spreading the word about <u>VOTE411</u> to your fellow voters!

# Continued Adventures in Informing Voters



# Exodus "Everything Free" Event

The League joined up again with Exodus Homes on September 30

at Ridgeview Recreation Center to promote VOTE411 and answer questions about voting. (This was also the last activity in the Former & Currently Incarcerated Persons Voter Education Grant-supported project.)

# Newton Candidate Forums

LWVCV hosted information tables at two candidate forums at the Catawba County Library: one for Newton City Council candidates on October 7 and another for Newton mayoral candidates on October 14. It was a good opportunity to introduce candidates and voters alike to VOTE411 and the League.



Thanks for reading our newsletter. Please forward this edition to any friends who might like to know more about the League. They or anyone may **join the LWVCV** by tapping this link.

More details on these events are available on the League Calendar. The new version of the calendar also allows you to add events to your personal calendar.

Early Voting Thursday, October 19 - Saturday, November 4, 2023

**Election Day** Tuesday, November 7, 2023

**LWVCV November Business Meeting** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Meeting link and additional materials will be made available to members prior to the meeting.

**Productive Conversations without Confrontation** Thursday, November 16, 2023 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

This webinar offers strategies for productive, civil conversations especially when discussing misinformation. Sponsored by News Literacy Project in partnership with LWVUS & National Institute for Civil Discourse.

Register for the event here.

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