



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]
OF RICHARDSON**

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Calendar	
Date	Event
May 1	Last day early voting for May 5 Local Election
May 5	Local Election date
May 9	LWV-R Annual Meeting
May 11	Last day to apply by mail (received; not postmarked) for May 22 Primary Runoff Election
May 14 - 18	In-person Early Voting in Primary Runoff
May 22	Last day to receive ballot by mail
May 22	Primary Runoff Election

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From the President By Jean Richards

The mission of the League of Women Voters of Richardson is to:

- encourage informed and active participation in government,
- work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and
- influence public policy through education and advocacy.

As I begin the last month of my term as President of LWV-R, I am proud of the work this organization continues to do on behalf of the residents of Richardson and the RISD. Our members, and particularly our board of directors, put in hundreds of hours of work each year in pursuit of our mission. We have been careful stewards of our donors' money, and have accomplished much with a small but dedicated group of individual volunteers. My thanks to all of you for the work you do.

Interest in elections and voting has increased dramatically since the November 2016 election. Views of our website are higher than they have ever been. As we approach the November 2018 election, let's continue to work to provide the members of our community with reliable, nonpartisan information about elections, candidates, and issues.

I hope to see all of our members at our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 9th. Details and a map are on the next page. The Annual Meeting is where all members gather to conduct the important business of the League. We enact changes to our Bylaws, vote on changes to our local positions, decide which local topics we will study over the next year, elect new officers and directors, approve the next year's budget, and discuss what "I wish the League would..." do over the coming year. Please plan to attend.

Members of the
League of Women Voters of Richardson



are invited to attend our

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

6 pm Dinner, 7-9 pm Meeting

Taco Joint

100 South Central Expressway
Richardson 75080

Located in: Richardson Heights Shopping Center



Dinner is open to members, spouses, family members, guests, and prospective members.
Each attendee will be responsible for purchasing his or her own meal.

LWV- R Board Meeting Summary By Susan Majors

The League of Women Voters of Richardson Board met on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. At that meeting the Board:

- Considered steps for becoming a single 501(c)(3) organization, including changes to local policies and bylaws, should the measure pass at the LWV-Texas Convention.
- Prepared for the Annual Meeting by approving the proposed Budget and results from the Local Program Planning process, and by hearing nominations for the 2018-2019 Board.
- Appointed Susan Majors and Evan Thomas to be delegates to the LWV-Texas Convention.
- Thanked Keith Burgess for his efforts in establishing LWV-R's CD ladder and in purchasing the first in a series of CD's.
- Noted that LWVUS and LWV-TX will waive Student PMP through January 31, 2021, giving all levels of the organization an excellent opportunity to add new young members.
- Heard a report from Ellen Steger on voter service for local elections on May 5, and Primary runoffs on May 22.
- Learned that Keith Burgess has set up a Facebook page for LWV-R.
- Viewed with interest Jean Richards's presentation of statistics, accompanied by a graph, on past and recent use of LWV-R's website, showing how access numbers have increased significantly over time.



At the League of Women Voters of Texas 2018 State Convention in Kerrville, held April 27-29, 2018, delegates voted to consolidate operations of the current LWV-Texas and the LWV-Texas Education Fund, moving members and local Leagues to a new 501(c)(3) corporation. The LWV-Richardson board has voted to join the LWV-Texas application to the IRS for a 501(c)(3) exemption.

Many thanks to LWV-R members Susan Majors and Evan Thomas for serving as our delegates to the State Convention.

May 5, 2018 Local Elections

The first Saturday in May is the date on which local governmental entities typically hold elections.

- The **Richardson ISD Board of Trustees** was scheduled to hold an election for Places 1 and 2. Both incumbents filed for re-election. Because no candidates filed to run against either of them, the election has been cancelled.
- This is not an election year for the **Richardson City Council**. City Council elections are held in May of odd-numbered years. Council members serve consecutive 2-year terms and will all face re-election in 2019.
- This is not an election year for the **Plano ISD Board of Trustees**. PISD trustees serve overlapping 4-year terms and will have another election in 2019.
- **Dallas County Community College Board of Trustees** will be holding an election for District 7. The Dallas County portions of the City of Richardson are represented by District 1. The incumbent for District 1 is not opposed, so there will not be an election for that place.
- Many other municipalities in **Dallas County** (including Garland) will be holding elections on this date. Click here to see a [sample ballot](#) listing all contested races in Dallas County.
- The **Collin County** Elections Department has published sample ballots on their [website](#), and it appears that there are no county-wide elections that will be voted on by Collin County residents of the City of Richardson.



Primary Election Runoff in Texas May 22, 2018

To win a place on a political party's November General Election ballot, a candidate must win a majority (more than 50%) of votes cast in that political party's Primary Election. If no candidate for a particular race wins by a majority, the top two vote-getters in that race will run against each other in the Primary Runoff election.



The 2018 Primary Election Runoff will be May 22, 2018.

- If you voted in either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party Primary Election, you may vote in that same political party's Primary Runoff Election on May 22, 2018.
- If you did **NOT** vote in either the Democratic Party Primary or the Republican Party Primary, you may vote in **EITHER** party's Primary Runoff Election on May 22, 2018.

Whether or not you voted in the March 6 Primary or whether or not you vote in the May 22 Primary Election Runoff, you may:

- vote in the November 6, 2018, General Election.
- vote for any candidate on the November 6th ballot, regardless of who you voted for in the Primary.

Statewide races that will be included in the March 6, 2018, Primary Election Runoff:

Democratic Party

- Governor: Runoff between Lupe Valdez and Andrew White
- US Representative District 3: Runoff between Lorie Burch and Sam Johnson (Collin County only)
- US Representative District 32: Runoff between Colin Allred and Lillian Salerno
- State Board of Education: Runoff between Suzanne Smith and Laura Malone-Miller

Republican Party

- Texas House District 107: Runoff between Deanna Maria Metzger and Joe Ruzicka

Dallas County

Sample ballots for Dallas County are available for the [Democratic Primary](#) and [Republican Primary](#).

Collin County

Sample ballots for Collin County are available on the [Collin County Elections Department website](#).

To view the sample ballot containing only those races and propositions you will vote on, you need your precinct number. You can find your precinct number [here](#).



By **Martha Dorris** (CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)

New federal rules governing the impact that use of a public benefit can have on individual immigrants and their US citizen family members (the so-called “public charge” policy) are expected to be published in the Federal Register soon.

The proposed change has two major negative impacts:

1. It could deny Permanent Residence status to immigrants who use almost any kind of public benefit, including Healthcare (CHIP, Children’s Medicaid) and a huge number of other programs.
2. Lawful use of benefits by a green-card applicant’s spouse or children—including US citizens—could also be used to deny the spouse/parent a green card.

These changes will force low-income Texas families that include non-citizens—including those with U.S. citizen children – to make choices between the basic resources their families need to thrive and their family’s future ability to stay together in the United States. It is estimated that as many as one out of every four Texas kids has at least one parent who isn’t a U.S. citizen, meaning this rule change has huge implications for close to 2 million Texas children and their families.

For a more in-depth summary of changes to the “Public Charge” and to follow this issue, you may obtain information from Anne Dunkelburg (email: dunkelburg@cphp.org) at the Center for Public Policy Priorities, who tracks issues relating to CHIP. When this rule is published, the public comment period may be as short as 30 days. Please consider following this policy change and voicing your concern after the final version is published.

Fidel Garcia, one of the specialists from the Community Council of Greater Dallas, and I were with the attendees at Liberty Jr. High School on March 26 for a PTA meeting and open house from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. We provided information to several families. We also attended a morning meeting at Dobie Primary School on March 28 with about 65 parents, four of whom received advice and information. At the application help session at St. Barnabas (St. B) on April 21 we didn’t have any families come, but we had a new volunteer who will be quite helpful in the future. We are invited to an event at Berkner High School on May 4 from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. The next help session at St. B. is May 19 from 9 am to noon. If you would like to attend any of these events to meet our families or to help with making copies, handing out information, or visiting with the children, you are always welcome. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.