

Welcome to the League of Women Voters of Portland

The League of Women Voters of Portland is a nonpartisan political organization that promotes informed and active participation in government. Membership is open to all, men and women, who are interested in learning how the government operates and have a desire to make a difference.

Ballot Measure and Candidate Forums



Portland Commissioner Position 1 -- Tuesday, October 2, 7:00 pm

Local Ballot Measures -- Thursday, October 4, 7:00 pm

Portland Mayor -- Monday, October 8, 1:00 pm

All forums will be held at: Multnomah County Building Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland.

The candidate forums will focus on equity and opportunity for Portland residents. Barbara Dudley, Adjunct Professor, Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University, and Portland League member, will moderate both forums.

The local ballot measure forum will include Pro and Con speakers for the following three measures:

- Multnomah County Measure 26-143: Form Library District with permanent rate to fund library services
- City of Portland Measure 26-144: Portland Public School District Bonds to Improve Schools
- City of Portland Measure 26-146: Restore School Arts, Music Education; Fund Arts through Limited Tax

The forums will be taped and will be played back on public access television. The replay schedule will be available here after the forums. Play back schedule and link for on-demand viewing of the Portland City Commissioner Position 1 forum from Tuesday, October 2 will be here soon.

Voter Registration

In order to vote in the November election in Oregon, you must be registered by October 16th. Find out about registering to vote here.

October General Meeting



Can Government Entities Work Together? Problem Solving in the 21st Century

Time: Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm

Place: Multnomah County Building Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland

The League of Women Voters will examine the expanding role of Government in meeting the needs of citizens.

- How and why has the Government role in people's lives grown,
- How do Government entities work together,
- What issues affect the success or failure of Governments working together,
- What is the future of Government and problem solving in the 21st Century.

The panel will consist of Professor Phillip J. Cooper, Professor of Public Administration in the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University; Professor Erin Ryan, Associate Professor of Law at the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College and Rich Muza, Remedial Project Manager, Superfund Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Ballot Measure Forum



On September 18, speakers representing supporters and opponents of two state ballot measures made their cases to a live audience.

The measures discussed were:

- **Measure 79** which amends Oregon constitution to prohibit real estate transfer taxes
- **Measure 84** which phases out inheritance taxes and taxes on intra-family property transfers

The forum was taped by MetroEast Community Media. View streaming from your computer:

View the forum on Measure 79.
View the forum on Measure 84.

View on local access cable TV:

MetroEast Community Media (East Multnomah County on Comcast and Frontier)
Wednesday 10/3/2012, 11:00AM C22, F33
Monday 10/8/2012, 5:30PM, C22, F33

Thursday 10/18/2012, 4:00PM, C22, F33
Saturday, 10/20/2012, 6:00PM, C11, F22
Thursday, 10/25/2012, 8:00PM, C21, F32
Saturday, 11/3/2012, 10:00AM, C21, F32

Portland Community Media (Portland)

Thursday, 10/4/2012, 10:00PM, Channel 30
Monday, 10/15/2012, 9:30PM, Channel 30
Friday, 10/19/2012, 9:30PM, Channel 30

Membership Renewals

It's membership renewal time! Pay your dues online here.

September General Meeting



The Constitution and the Citizen: The Essential Relationship

On September 11, Steve Kanter, Professor of Law at the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College, and Martha Walters, Oregon Supreme Court Associate Justice, discussed the US and Oregon constitutions.

Some reading suggestions on the US and Oregon Constitutions

If you missed the meeting, you may watch the program on-demand from your computer here.

