

Dear LWVHC Members and Friends:

I hope this letter finds you and your families and friends healthy and safe. Although the COVID-19 virus has affected us all, it has not stopped us. And that includes us, League of Women Voters Henderson County. Here's what's been happening:

A number of teams and committees have met to continue their work and take care of business via Zoom, and we've been using this time to revise and refresh items on the website. We've also participated in several LWVUS and Fair Districts informative webinars and conference calls on subjects from expanding voter access this fall to coalition building to developing technology skills. LWVNC is holding its spring Council Meeting on Friday & Saturday, April 17th and 18th. Please check out the agenda and register [here](#) for any of the workshops including ERA, VOTE411 & Voter Protection, Redistricting, and the Environment. It's a great opportunity to learn what's happening at the state level and to meet leaguers across NC.

The Board held its first ever virtual Board Meeting on Thursday, and it was heartening to spend time together catching up on LWVUS/LWVNC/LWVHC planning for upcoming advocacy and elections. At the meeting, we decided to postpone all of the scheduled May programs along with the programs already postponed for April. We want these programs (Affordable Housing; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Spotlight on the Courts, and Nursing Home Regulations) to take priority in our planning/scheduling for next year and hope we can count on those of you who were working on these programs this spring taking on the same role next year.

While many across the country, NC, and Henderson County are suffering as a result of the coronavirus, many of us are fortunate to be safe and healthy at home. In the next Update, we plan on sharing some ways that you can participate actively from home in our work of "Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy." In

the meantime, take a tour of our website at lwvhcnc.org (some new and some “under construction” pages)---and if there’s a team or committee or issue that calls your name, please be in touch!

Please be well and stay safe.

In League,
Rachel