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California League of Women Voters Celebrates 100 Years of Women Voting

The Fight for Voting Rights is Far from Over

Sacramento – Today marks the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote in California. California was the sixth state to grant women the right to vote by special election, nine years prior to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution that was ratified in 1920. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters of California celebrates this Suffrage Centennial by reflecting on the many historic achievements and looking ahead to the work League members will do this year to engage more citizens in the electoral process.

"As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in California, we must not forget October 1911 was only the beginning of our struggle to realize the power of the vote, not just for women, but for everyone in our state," said League President Jennifer A. Waggoner.

President Waggoner also noted that the fight for voting rights is far from over. "Every year, we must fight against proposed laws that would make it harder to vote. We have taken positions on nine voting rights bills in California in the past year, alone! On this anniversary, when we can see the potential in ourselves, and in our communities, to realize the true power of the vote - now is the time for us all to strive to educate and inform, protect and provide resources, and forecast the future needs of our society."

President Waggoner will be joining Members of the LWV Sacramento, the California Secretary of State's Office, American Association of University Women and other organizations as part of a day long [Women's Centennial Celebration](#) at the California State Capitol in Sacramento.

[View League President, Jennifer A. Waggoner's video message](#) celebrating this important day in history and join the League of Women Voters to help make democracy work.

Celebrate the Suffrage Centennial by joining the Facebook group, [California: 100 Years of Women Voting](#).

Be part of our democracy, and be an active part of the League. [JOIN THE LEAGUE](#).

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership is open to men and women of all ages.

With 850 affiliates across the country, the League is one of the nation's most trusted organizations.