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# The Lexington Voter Summer 2019

The League of Women Voters of Lexington

## IMPORTANT! Aug. 25 New Member Social

**WHAT:** LWV New Member Social—short introduction to nonpartisan League goals and overview of our voter registration and engagement. We are looking for women and men with a little (or lots) of time to volunteer—educating and registering voters, working on candidate forums for local, state, and federal elections, providing community forums on a variety of topics from fake news to opioids.

Highlight—Kelly O’Connell Brengelman portraying Madeline McDowell Breckinridge, KY Suffragist, presented by the KY Humanities Council’s *Chautauqua Series*

Additional Treat—Delicious Sorella’s Gelato in a variety of flavors (FREE!)

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 25th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Unitarian Universalist Church Fellowship Hall at 3564 Clays Mill Rd. (close to Man O War intersection)

**WHY:** Check out the League of Women (and Men) Voters. You will love our work. Help us kick off the 100th anniversary in 2020 of passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote. Come make new friends and do important work!



## KY League to Sponsor Two Candidate Forums for Governor

The Kentucky League of Women Voters (LWV) will host two debates between Republican Matt Bevin and Democrat Andy Beshear in the race for governor.

**LEXINGTON:** Forum will be co-sponsored with the University of Kentucky Student Government Association and Gray Television and its nine stations covering Kentucky. WKYT's Bill Bryant and WAVE's Shannon Cogan will moderate. The debate will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Singletary Center for the Arts, and will air live on WKYT at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time.

**LOUISVILLE:** Forum will be co-sponsored with WLKY, with news anchor Vicki Dortch as moderator. The debate will be held Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Cralle Theater on the Bellarmine University campus in Louisville, and will be aired live on WLKY at 800 p.m. Eastern time.

Kentucky League policy requires that general election candidates be invited to participate if they qualify to be on the ballot and have five percent or more recognition on nonpartisan state-wide polls. Should other candidates meet that requirement, they would be invited to participate.

**THE GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5.**

## Lexington League Granted IRS 501© (3) Status

The Lexington LWV has received official notification that it is exempt from federal income tax as of June 29, 2019. Donors can deduct contributions they make and the League is qualified to receive tax deductible bequests or gifts. Our organization is classified as a public charity.

What that means for us is we no longer have to specify fund use as being General Fund (taxable) or Education Fund (nontaxable). Previously, it was often difficult to decide which activities and other expenses should be paid for by which fund. Allowing all expenses to qualify as nontaxable makes it easier to function as an organization. It will significantly facilitate good recordkeeping, reporting and disclosure. We expect the KYLWV to follow this application process soon, making us more efficient at the state level.

This successful application was the result of much hard work on the part of **Tammy Fagley, Jennifer Jackson, Cindy Heine, and Toni Reiss**, working under a tight deadline. Congratulations, all! Job well done!



## LWVUS Vocal in Opposition to President's Attacks on Members of Congress

The following is the July 18 statement from LWVUS President Chris Carson and CEO Virginia Kase:

"The racist rhetoric and attacks on Rep. Ilhan Omar and other female members of Congress are deplorable, they dishonor the office of the President, and frankly, they are un-American.

"The escalating hate and xenophobic tweets are a distraction from the real problems facing our democracy, designed to further divide the American people.

"We must not let these racist outcries distract us from the important work of building a more inclusive democracy.

"Our great country is made stronger by the diversity of the people living in the United States. There is more that unites us than divides us.

"These attacks are wrong, and we must call them what they are: blatantly xenophobic."

## Special Event of Importance

A public conversation about immigration, identity, and how we define community.

**ON COMMON GROUND**  
a Lexington Community Radio event

presented by  
Blue Grass Community Foundation

ON COMMON GROUND  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
The Kentucky Theater  
Free and open to all  
(\$10 Suggested Donation to LCR)

¡SOBRE UN SUELO EN COMÚN!  
Martes 17 de Septiembre de 2019  
Teatro de Kentucky  
Gratis y Abierto a Todos  
(\$10 Donación sugerida a LCR)

RESERVE YOUR SEAT | RESERVA TU ASIENTO

With special guest **Jose Antonio Vargas**, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker and a leading voice for the human rights of immigrants. His memoir, *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen*, was published by Harper-Collins in fall of 2018.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Kentucky Theatre

Reserve your tickets now at <https://lexingtoncommunityradio.z2systems.com/np/>

## The Lexington League will be sponsoring other candidate forums:

**Sept. 29 School Board (at Central Branch of Lexington Public Library)**

**Oct. 1 Lt. Governor (at the UK Student Center)**

**More information to come but mark your calendars now.**

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## Calendar

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**NOTE:** Board meetings are open to all MEMBERS; programs are open to the public.

- Tues. Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.      LWV Board Meeting at Lexington Village Library, 2185 Versailles Rd
- Sun. Aug. 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.      New Member Social at Fellowship Hall of Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd.
- Tues. Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m.      LWV Board Meeting (location to be decided)

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