



The League of Women Voters of
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You are Invited: Regional Meetings in February and March Coming to You



All League members are invited to attend a Regional Meeting coming soon to their area of the state. [Click here](#) to review the schedule, determine your location, and RSVP by February 15. Talk about the latest on redistricting reform and learn how your

League can get involved in The Accountability Project. These meetings are also a great chance to get to know League members from your area and share best practices. Join us!

Redistricting Report Reveals Lack of Transparency and More Business as Usual

LWV Ohio and its partners with the Ohio Campaign for Accountable Redistricting have released "[The Ohio Redistricting Transparency Report: The Elephant in the Room.](#)"



It describes how power was used in the political backrooms to manipulate districts to benefit political insiders -- not the voters. For next steps in advocating for reform, visit drawthelineohio.org.

Take Action: Stop SuperPACs in their Tracks

This past week marked the second anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (FEC)*, which has had a dramatic impact on political campaigns with the birth of SuperPACs. The ruling allows unrestricted political donations by corporations, unions and

interest groups to SuperPACS, as long as they are independent from a candidate's campaign.



One way to push reform is to [sign the petition](#) urging the President to appoint new FEC commissioners. Five of the six current commissioners are serving although their terms have expired and three of the commissioners refuse to enforce the law around campaign finance reform. Take action today!

All-Member Call in February to Discuss *Citizens United v. FEC*



Join us on Tuesday, February 7 from noon to 1pm to discuss the impact of the Supreme Court decision on campaign finance law, *Citizens United v. FEC*. [Professor Daniel Tokaji](#) of Moritz College of Law will provide background on the decision and possible ways to address it. To participate, dial 1-800-740-1260 and enter access code 4691505#.

Carrie Davis to Lead LWV Ohio/Ed Fund



The League of Women Voters of Ohio/Education Fund welcomes Carrie Davis as Executive Director. Carrie brings to the League her leadership and experience in advocating for voting rights and good government in the courtroom, the Statehouse, and in local communities.

Prior to joining the League, Carrie served as staff counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, where election law was a focus of her work. As a community activist, Carrie has experience training advocates and working with volunteers on policy issues. Carrie begins on February 13th. Please join us in welcoming Carrie to the League.

Mark Your Calendar: **Statehouse Day and**

Council Meeting on April 10, 2012



All members are invited to join us in Columbus for Statehouse Day and the LWV Ohio Council meeting on Tuesday, April 10. More details coming soon!

Support Us in *Making Democracy Work!*

Momentum is growing for redistricting reform. A repeal of restrictive voting practices is on the November ballot. Opportunities continue to emerge for educating and advocating at the State level on important League issues. Please make a donation today to bolster our efforts in 2012 -- we are your voice at the Statehouse. [Donate Here!](#)

