

Spring Virtual Gala



Tuesday, April 20, 2021



A Salute to NYC's Essential Workers

New York City has never shut down for our essential workers



We witness all kinds of heroic pandemic workers. Thousands of healthcare workers continue to meet unimaginable challenges. Thousands of other workers also risk their own health, and the health of their families, by showing up to work each and every day of the pandemic to keep New York City open. The list of businesses that were deemed essential for our daily living is long: hospitals, medical equipment suppliers and pharmacies, telecommunications, utilities, and construction. The list includes workers in supermarkets, bodegas and restaurants that have been able to remain open. It includes people who drive our buses and subways, deliver our food, collect our garbage, and the people who keep us safe: firefighters, police and building security. Then there are the people who teach our children, and care for our elders. The list goes on. For New York City's essential workers, New York City never shut down. They kept our city open. They kept us fed. They kept us alive.

In our **New** New York, we hope their heroism and courage will never be forgotten.



Dear Friends,

Tonight, we celebrate the “New” New York. This past year, fraught with challenges none of us could imagine, taught us the importance of activism and civic engagement. From our homes, the League mobilized on many fronts to engage New Yorkers. We understood that we needed to extend our reach, so we activated our volunteer network to create our Telephone Information Service. From the safety of their homes, trained volunteers responded to callers during the 2020 election cycle. Voters with limited technology were looking for answers about how to complete the absentee ballot application and where their poll sites were located. They also called seeking reassurance that their ballot would be counted or their absentee ballot would arrive on time. The League assisted hundreds of New Yorkers and then testified at Board of Election hearings to share the frustrations so many people faced.

We extended our reach into the virtual world also, enlisting over a dozen college students as “Outreach” interns. They used their social media networks to educate and inform their communities about important election information. We expanded the LWVNYC social media channels to reach even more New Yorkers with up-to-date information about the 2020 Census, elections, and pending legislation. The League shifted to virtual meetings and events, which allowed us even more reach into neighborhoods across the city. Attendance and membership increased. Our committees effectively advocated for new legislation to reform our elections and improve the lives of all New Yorkers.

This momentum carries us now into the most consequential election New York City has faced in a long time. We will interact with New Yorkers in all the ways we have learned during this past year and the past 100 years. Voter registration remains a crucial part of our mission, but the focus of our energy has shifted to voter engagement and outreach. We strive to improve voter turnout by advocating for laws that make voting more accessible. We work to educate New Yorkers on the compelling reasons why voting is so important. We partner with organizations representing the broad and diverse demographics that have always defined New York. Our mission remains the same, our methods have evolved with the times. Thanks to your generous support, we will strive to represent New York and affirm and celebrate our role in the “New” New York.



Diane Burrows and Lesley Sigall
Co-Presidents



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley Sigall".

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We are so proud to have Maria Torres-Springer as our Honorary Chair



“The pandemic has really exposed entrenched inequalities. But it has laid bare the interdependence and interconnectedness, and really shown us we are only as safe as the least protected among us.”

Maria Torres-Springer

As the Ford Foundation’s Vice President of US Programs, Maria Torres-Springer has worked to create powerful partnerships among communities, business, and the agencies she has led in pursuit of expanded economic opportunity and justice for all New Yorkers.

She has a demonstrated record of building relationships between community, government, and private businesses to support economic development projects throughout New York City.

Ms. Torres-Springer’s experience, drive and commitment will be invaluable as we recover and build a new, and stronger New York.

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"The New New York" April 20, 2021

Honorary Chair



Maria Torres-Springer
*Vice President of US Programs
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Liz Cho
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**The Honorable
Letitia James**
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**Katherine Greene
and Friends**



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Program

6:30 – 7:00 pm Virtual Cocktail Party

7:00 – 8:00 pm Welcome

Emcee – Liz Cho

Co-Presidents – Diane Burrows and Lesley Sigall

Honorary Chair – Maria Torres-Springer

Noted Speaker

The Honorable Letitia James

Attorney General of the State of New York

Honoree Presentation: **Deborah Borda**, President and CEO, New York Philharmonic

Entertainment:

Katherine Greene, Violist,
and Members of the New York Philharmonic

Honoree Presentation: **Leecia Eve**, Vice President Public Policy, Verizon;
Member of New York Forward Advisory Board

Entertainment:

Jenn Collela, Broadway Star

Honoree Presentation: **Julia Iyasere, MD**, Executive Director,
Dalio Center for Health Justice, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

Time to Donate!

Entertainment:

Elizabeth Stanley, Broadway Star

8:00 pm **Co-Presidents – Closing and Thank You**

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8:15 pm **Good Night**

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Please Welcome Our Noted Speaker The Honorable Letitia James



“I come from a long line of very strong, tough women. We stick to our principles and stand up for what we believe in, which is fundamental fairness, which is my raison d'etre.”

Letitia James

Letitia “Tish” James is the 67th Attorney General for the State of New York. An experienced attorney and public servant with an impressive record of accomplishments, she is the first woman of color to hold statewide office in New York and the first woman to be elected Attorney General. In fact, her distinguished career is made up of many such “firsts.”

In 2013, Ms. James was elected Public Advocate for the City of New York, becoming the first woman of color to hold citywide office. Ms. James served as a watchdog over New York City government agencies and as an advocate for the City’s most vulnerable communities, transforming the office into a formidable engine for change. She was reelected to a second term in 2017.

Ms. James has fought for families, gender equality and human rights. She has taken on the gun industry and predatory lenders, uncovered corruption and expanded recycling. Throughout her exceptional career, Letitia James has had a positive influence on virtually every sphere of city life.

New York City Stars Shine Tonight



Liz Cho is co-anchor of WABC-TV's *Eyewitness News First* at 4pm and *Eyewitness News at 6pm*.

Since joining the Eyewitness News team in 2003, Liz has anchored coverage of such history-making events as the Royal Wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton, the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, Republican and Democratic National Conventions, and various major news events in the Tri-State area.

Liz came to Channel 7 from ABC News, where she was an anchor for *World News Now* and was a correspondent for the network, covering stories for *Good Morning America*, *World News Tonight* and *Nightline*. She also anchored coverage of the early weeks of the Iraq War for *Good Morning America*.

Prior to that, Liz was a Chicago-based correspondent for ABC News. She traveled the country covering such national stories as President Clinton's impeachment hearings, the Columbine High School shootings, and devastating tornadoes in the Midwest. Liz also worked as a reporter at WPLG-TV in Miami and as an assignment editor at New England Cable News in Newton, Massachusetts.

Liz attended Boston University, majoring in journalism and history. She and her family live in Manhattan.



Violist **Katherine Greene**, a native New Yorker, holds a master's degree in performance from The Juilliard School, where she studied with William Lincer (former Principal Viola of the New York Philharmonic). Over the years Ms. Greene has held various positions, including that of Assistant Principal Violist of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, a position she held for three years until she joined the New York Philharmonic in 1990.

Ms. Greene's professional background includes several seasons with the New York City and Santa Fe Opera companies, and she regularly participates in studio recordings for film and television scores. As an active recitalist, chamber musician, and teacher she has been a member of the Rosewood Chamber Ensemble, which won the Artists International Competition, and has recorded for Challenge Records International (CRI) and the Musical Heritage Society with the Soviet Emigre Orchestra and the Orchestra of the 20th Century.

While serving on the faculty of the Westchester Conservatory of Music, Ms. Greene developed a successful chamber music program for adult amateurs. She specializes in orchestral coaching and performance psychology, and her students have won positions in various orchestras, music festivals, and conservatories. She is the executive director of Fabbri Chamber Concerts, a popular series held in a Renaissance library in the Fabbri Mansion on East 95th St. that often features New York Philharmonic musicians in solo profile in this warm and intimate venue.

Katherine Greene produced *Strings in Swingtime*, an album of American string quartet music with her colleagues from the Orchestra, recently released on the Bridge Records label.



Jenn Colella recently starred in the Tony Award-winning smash hit musical *Come From Away* as 'Beverley/Annette and others,' in a performance that garnered her both 2017 Outer Critics Circle and Drama Desk Awards and a 2017 Tony Award nomination for Best Featured Actress in a Musical. She also earned the Craig Noel, Helen Hayes and Dora Awards for pre-Broadway productions of *Come From Away*. She was previously seen on Broadway in *If/Then*, *Chaplin*, *High Fidelity* and *Urban Cowboy* (Outer Critics Circle Award nomination), Off-Broadway in *Beebo Brinker Chronicles*, *Lucky Guy*, *Slut* and *Closer Than Ever*. Jenn's select regional credits include *Come From Away* (La Jolla Playhouse, Ford's Theatre, Toronto), *Peter Pan* (Sacramento Music Circus & PCLO) and *Side Show* (Kennedy Center). TV credits include "Feed the Beast," "Elementary," "All My Children," "Rescue Me," "The Good Wife," "The Code," "Madam Secretary," and "Evil." She has been seen on film in *Uncertainty* with Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Jenn Colella is an MFA Acting graduate of UC Irvine.



Elizabeth Stanley received 2020 Tony, Grammy, Drama Desk, and Outer Critics Circle Award nominations for her performance as Mary Jane in the new Broadway musical *Jagged Little Pill* (inspired by the music of Alanis Morissette, a book by Diablo Cody, and directed by Diane Paulus). This past year, she has appeared in many virtual pandemic performances, most notably performing "The Miller's Son" in *Take Me to the World: a Sondheim 90th Birthday Celebration* (YouTube). Ms. Stanley has dazzled Broadway audiences as Claire De Loone in the revival of *On the Town* (Drama Desk Nomination), Dyanne in *Million Dollar Quartet*, Allison in *Cry-Baby*, and April in the Tony Award-winning revival of *Company*. She appeared Off-Broadway as Gussie in the revival of *Merrily We Roll Along* at New York City Center Encores! (PS Classics cast recording), The Nurse in *Hello, Again* (Transport Theatre Group, Drama League Award), Signature Theatre's production of *F**king A*, and *Of Thee I Sing* (Master Voices, Carnegie Hall). She starred as Francesca in the First National Tour of Jason Robert Brown's *The Bridges of Madison County* and as Kira in the First National Tour of *Xanadu*. Television guest appearances include "Younger," "Blue Bloods," "NOS482," "FBI," "The Get Down," "The Affair," "Black Box," "Made in Jersey," "Fringe," "The Chappelle Show," and "PBS Great Performances - *Company*." She has appeared on stages throughout the country including: Sundance Theatre Festival, Sacramento Music Circus, Pittsburgh CLO, Barrington Stage Co., Philadelphia Theatre Co., Rep. of St. Louis, O'Neill, La Jolla Playhouse, Pioneer Theatre Co., Cincinnati Playhouse. Graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. IG: [@el.stans](#)





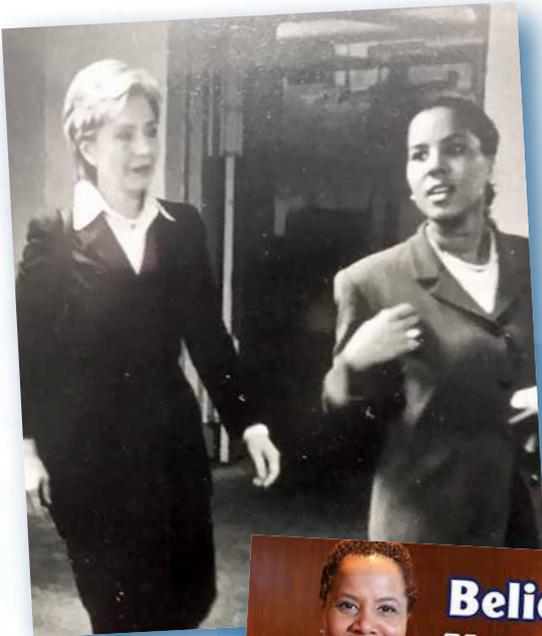
**Honoree: Deborah Borda
President and CEO, New York Philharmonic**

Throughout her career Deborah Borda has extended the artistic, commercial, and technological boundaries of what an orchestra can be in the 21st century through creative leadership, commitment to innovation, and progressive vision. She became President and CEO of the New York Philharmonic in 2017, returning to the Orchestra's leadership after serving in that role in the 1990s. The first woman in recent history to manage a major American symphony orchestra, she has held top posts at the Los Angeles Philharmonic, The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Upon returning to the Philharmonic, Ms. Borda established a sustainable financial plan to support the organization's commitment to serving as New York's orchestra. Together with Music Director Jaap van Zweden she innovated community engagement, including creating the low-cost "Phil the Hall"; redoubled the commitment to educational projects; and conceived Project 19, the single largest women-only commissioning initiative in history. The Philharmonic quickly adapted to the landscape altered by the COVID-19 pandemic, creating a free portal to hundreds of hours of digital performances and then launching NY Phil Bandwagon, which presents small groups of Philharmonic musicians in free, "pull-up" concerts across New York City, an initiative that has been emulated across the country.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic's success during Deborah Borda's 17-year tenure was chosen for case studies by Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School. She designed a business, education, and curatorial plan credited with restoring the orchestra to robust artistic and financial health, reinvigorated plans to build and launch Walt Disney Concert Hall, oversaw the addition of a new shell for the Hollywood Bowl, and reconceived and diversified programming. She spearheaded the appointment of music director Gustavo Dudamel, with whom she invested in groundbreaking educational initiatives. These include YOLA (Youth Orchestra Los Angeles), a flagship program that provides free after-school instrumental instruction to children in underserved communities, and the national Take a Stand initiative, which promotes the El Sistema philosophy of social change through music.

Ms. Borda was the first arts executive to join Harvard Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership as a Hauser Leader-in-Residence. In 2020 she was given a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Women in Classical Music Symposium, and was invited to join Oxford University's Humanities Cultural Programme Advisory Council. Other recent honors include being named a "Woman of Influence" by the New York Business Journal (2019) and election to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (2018). She is the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Music degree from the Curtis Institute of Music and serves as Chair of the Avery Fisher Artist Program. She is in demand internationally as a consultant and lecturer, and her accomplishments in the field of orchestral music have been cited in numerous reviews and articles, both nationally and internationally. A former professional violist, Deborah Borda graduated from Bennington College and continued her studies at London's Royal College of Music.



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Brothers and Sisters,

I stand before you as a proud daughter of New York and even more proud as the daughter of two extraordinary public servants, former New York State Assembly Deputy Speaker Arthur O. Eve and women's rights activist and educator Constance B. Eve.

I am asking for your support to be the next New York State Attorney General.

I am running as the most qualified and prepared candidate to be the Attorney General we need at this most critical time in the history of our state and nation. I have more courtroom experience I graduated from Harvard Law School.

Whether as a law clerk to the Honorable Fritz W. Alexander II – the first African American to serve a full term on our state's highest court – counsel to U.S. Senators Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton or as the chief economic development advisor to Governor Andrew Cuomo, overseeing 11 agencies in state government, I have dedicated my entire legal career to championing the rights of women, fighting for the disenfranchised, protecting the vulnerable, and advancing economic and educational opportunities for all.

Right now, New Yorkers face a pivotal moment, with relentless attacks from the Trump Administration trying to undermine so many of the rights that we hold dear and roll back the progress that we – and our parents and grandparents – fought so hard to achieve. Now, more than ever, New Yorkers need a steady hand, strong voice and fierce advocate to defend, protect and empower them.

As Attorney General, I will work tirelessly to improve our criminal justice system, fight housing and employment discrimination, protect our environment, fight corruption in government and protect us against the assault on our civil and human rights by the current occupant of the White House.

And I will build upon the extraordinary legacy of my father – who authored the law establishing the EOP and HEOP programs, through which more than 100,000 young people in our communities have been able to attend college – by fighting every day to provide real educational and economic opportunities for all of our children so that they can reach their God-given potential.

As Attorney General, I would be honored to be your voice to ensure our communities and New York become stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

Leecia Eve

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Honoree: Leecia Eve
Vice President of Public Policy, Verizon
Member NY Forward Advisory Board

As Vice President of Public Policy at Verizon, Leecia Eve is focused on driving Verizon's deployment of 5G in the New York metro region. She previously served as Vice President for State Government Affairs, overseeing public policy, government and external affairs, regulatory affairs and philanthropy in the Tri-State area.

Before joining Verizon in July 2013, Leecia Eve served as the Deputy Secretary for Economic Development for New York, and, as such, was the State's chief economic advisor. As Deputy Secretary, Ms. Eve focused on leveraging State resources to attract new investment in strategic industries and critical infrastructure through public-private partnerships, bring new businesses to New York and help New York's businesses strengthen and expand, while marketing the Empire State as a state that is once again "Open for Business." She previously served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Empire State Development, the primary economic development agency of the State of New York.

Among her prior roles, Ms. Eve served as Senate Counsel and Homeland Security Advisor to then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and as Counsel to then-Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr., when he served as the ranking member of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. She also served as Vice President for Policy of the No Limits Foundation, a not-for-profit organization based in Washington, DC that promoted economic issues at home and abroad and advocated for transforming American foreign policy around the world, including advancing the rights of women.

Ms. Eve began her legal career as Law Clerk to New York State Court of Appeals Judge Fritz W. Alexander II. She has practiced at the law firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, DC and was elected partner of the law firm of Hodgson Russ in Buffalo, New York. She is a graduate of Smith College (AB), the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (MPA) and the Harvard Law School (JD).

Ms. Eve serves as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Board of Trustees of Hackensack Meridian Health, Board of Directors of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Board of Trustees of the Citizens Budget Commission.





Honoree: Julia Iyasere, MD
Executive Director, The Dalio Center for
Health Justice, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

As Executive Director of the Dalio Center for Health Justice at NewYork-Presbyterian, Julia Iyasere, MD leads the Center's efforts to address longstanding health disparities due to race, socio-economic differences, limited access to care, and other complex factors that impact the wellbeing of our communities disproportionately. Established in 2020, the Dalio Center for Health Justice works collaboratively with representatives from NYP, Weill Cornell Medicine, and Columbia Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons to be a leader in the understanding and improving of health equity, and to drive action that results in measurable improvements in health outcomes for all.

A native of Southern California, Dr. Iyasere moved to the East Coast to attend Yale University where she graduated with a B.S. in Molecular Biology with a focus in Neuroscience. She joined the Columbia community at Columbia Vagelos College of Physician and Surgeons (VP&S), eventually choosing to pursue a dual degree with Columbia Business School and graduating with an M.D./M.B.A in 2008. After completing her residency in Internal Medicine at Columbia, Dr. Iyasere stayed for a year as Chief Resident before joining the Division of General Medicine at Columbia in 2012. She completed a part-time fellowship in Medical Simulation at the Mary and Michael Jaharis Simulation Center at Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons during her first year with the Division.

Dr. Iyasere brings more than a decade of experience in medicine to her new role in the Center. She was previously the Associate Chief Medical Officer for Service Lines and the Co-Director of the Care Team Office. She was also Director of the Leadership Education and Development for Physicians (LEAD) Academy, Associate Designated Institutional Official for Graduate Medical Education at NYPH, and the Associate Program Director of the Columbia Internal Medicine Residency Training Program. An Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, Dr. Iyasere continues to provide medical care for hospitalized patients.

2020: An Election Year Like No Other

The need was great. The barriers were daunting. However, the pandemic played to the League's great strengths: commitment, ingenuity and resilience – and we never missed a beat.

As the City emerged from the worst of the closures, we developed health protocols and trained over 750 volunteers to register a record number of New Yorkers, virtually and in person.

Our social media team focused on communities with historically low voter turnout rates and posted voting information in four languages. Over 75 trained volunteers worked remotely, answering over 1,200 calls with questions about inaccurate ballots, early voting sites, and absentee ballots.

We took an aggressive and creative approach to ensuring an accurate census count for NYC, winning a grant from the Manhattan Borough President to send 4,000 postcards.

We fought for longer hours at early voting sites and won the battle for "curing" of absentee ballots when there was a discrepancy – instead of tossing the ballot.



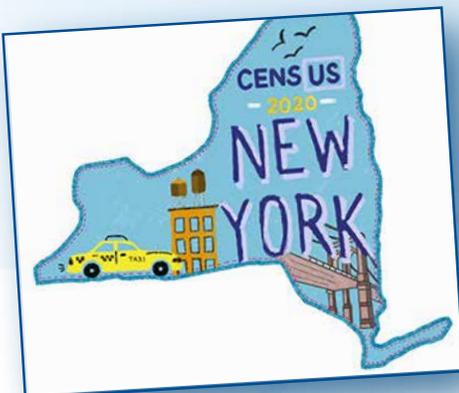
The League testified three times before the Charter Revision Commission for Ranked Choice Voting



We registered thousands of voters throughout the pandemic



Interns joined the League's outreach team and created our Get-out-the-Vote social media campaign in four languages



Census Committee produced a social media campaign in multiple languages that won the National Award for "StoryTelling" at the 2020 National LWV Convention for the "Census Language Project"

2021: Building the New New York

Record-breaking vaccines delivering shots into arms. An historic presidential transition. The challenge of business closures and barriers to equal access to remote learning. New York City may be turning the corner, but the needs are still great.

Our work to help build the *New New York* is just beginning. The League of Women Voters believes that civic engagement is essential for the health of a community and critical for New York City's recovery to be equitable for all.

Become active for your community. Volunteer. Donate. Join the League of Women Voters and add your voice.

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Watch the Mayoral Primary debates hosted by the League and WABC-TV



Join a Voter Registration Training and help register New Yorkers



Understand Ranked Choice Voting



Call the League with your election questions



Join our monthly "At Home with the League" programs to become informed on key topics

Advocating for Change in the New New York

Join our advocacy committees to help build a New New York. Visit www.lwvnyc.org

Board of Elections

Kate Doran, Elections Specialist, attends the weekly meetings of the Commissioners of the NYC Board of Elections. Kate prepares and delivers testimony to the NYC Council and the NYS legislature on election/voter related matters. She works with the State League's Elections Specialist in Albany and with a NYC coalition of nonprofit, good government groups to improve election administration and push for reforms in accordance with LWV positions.

We envision fair elections.



Census and Redistricting Committee

Redistricting is the process of drawing new congressional and state legislative district boundaries following the completion of the decennial United States census.

Our goal is to work with our partners to develop and disseminate education to help the residents of NYC understand why fair maps are so important to getting their voices heard, and how to advocate for their communities' interests.

We envision fair representation.

Committee for Criminal Justice Reform

We will continue to advocate for legislation that supports proper reform in the criminal justice system that has long fostered systemic oppression and racism at the expense of communities of color.

We envision a New York that no longer allows the criminal justice system to engage in discriminatory practices that continue to put the most vulnerable

members of our communities at risk. We want to bring all community members together to continue in this fight for proper reform.

Education Committee

The Education Committee will continue to promote youth civic action and civic education while advocating for greater equity and access to funding for broadband and devices, and mental health services in New York's public schools.

We hope that the New New York will create supportive environments for all students and prepare them to be informed and engaged citizens ready for higher education and 21st Century jobs.

Committee for Gender Justice

The Gender Justice Committee aspires for New York City to be a place where gender, gender identity and expression and/or sexual orientation do not limit equality of opportunity, pay equity, success, and reproductive rights – and where safety from discrimination or violence are ensured.

We continuously strive to make New York City more gender-just by advocating for education, policies and legislation which support these aspirations while considering the intersectional impacts. The Future of New York City is more Gender Just!



Committee for Housing Justice

This committee is newly formed.

New York Youth Civics Initiative

NYCI was started by a small group of NYC public high school students who saw that students were taking to the streets but didn't know how to "take the next step" to get engaged in a sustained way. We now connect students to youth-led groups that are on the frontlines of the youth activist movement.

We believe in the power of young people and hope to encourage enduring engagement.

Program Committee

2021 is beginning on a positive note: a vaccine for COVID-19, forward thinking legislation from our federal government, and a sense of renewal throughout the country. The Program Committee is developing new speaker programs that will explore these new trends. The committee is also reaching out to our sister Leagues and to local civic organizations to develop joint programs that will introduce new topics impacting our communities and present our programs to larger, more diverse audiences.

Voting Reform Committee

Over the last few years, New York has risen to the challenge of democracy, with new ways to vote early and absentee, more accessible ballot design, friendlier voter registration processes, and the advent of ranked choice voting in New York City.

As we look to the future, our Voting Reform Committee is actively advocating for New York to become a national leader by expanding voter access and ensuring safe, secure, well-run elections.

Voter Services Committee

The Voter Services committee is expanding our partnerships and outreach to broaden civic awareness on Ranked Choice Voting and other election issues to all New Yorkers, especially those in underserved communities.

We envision that a more informed populace will be engaged in the election process, choosing election officials who will be more responsive and responsible to the needs of their communities.



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More Civics Education with Your Support

The League of Women Voters of the City of New York wants to transform our book "What Makes New York City Run" into a video learning tool.

Our first video chapter, "Who Makes New York City Run?" answers the many questions New Yorkers often ask:

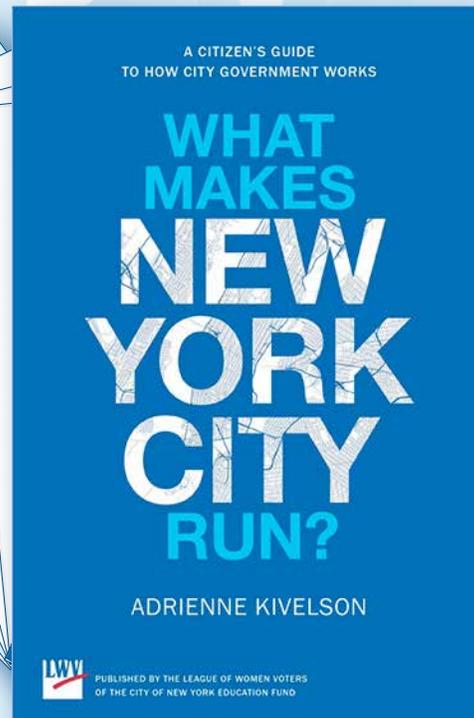
- **What does a mayor do?**
- **What is the role of the city council?**
- **How does a Public Advocate help people?**
- **What is a comptroller?**

Using the essential text written by our long-time League member, Adrienne Kivelson, this campaign will educate New York City voters about the roles and responsibilities of our elected officials. The material will be presented in lively, entertaining and engaging ways using social media, video and print in time for the critical primaries in June.

Please support this important project.

Call us at 212-725-3541

This book is available for purchase as an electronic **Kindle edition on Amazon** with all proceeds going to the League of Women Voters.



Ranked Choice Voting

For the first time in the city's history, Ranked Choice Voting will be used for all city offices, including Mayor, Public Advocate, Comptroller, Borough President, and City Council.

For some races (e.g., the Mayoral primary), there are many candidates, so rather than just deciding on THE ONE, you should think about a FEW that you like.

How it Works

- You choose your first-choice candidate by filling in the oval next to their name in the 1st column
- If you have a second choice, you fill in the oval next to their name in the 2nd column
- You may choose (or rank) up to five candidates in order of your preference
- You don't have to choose five candidates if you only prefer one or two
- Only choose one candidate for each level of preference
- Do not select the same candidate more than one time

If a candidate receives more than 50% of first choice votes, that candidate wins the election. If no candidate receives more than 50%, the ranked choice redistribution begins:

- The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated
- If your first-choice candidate was eliminated, your vote gets redistributed to your 2nd choice candidate

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This process continues until a candidate receives more than 50% of all votes.

Honoring Women Never Gets Old

The Year 2020 celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Before the pandemic shutdown, the League had joined many organizations throughout the City to pay tribute to these trailblazers, and to honor notable women today who continue their work for equality.

The League set up a suffrage display at the New York Philharmonic as they launched "Project 19," a concert series celebrating 19 women composers to commemorate the 19th Amendment. Launch of this series was scheduled just prior to shut-down and then continued online in November of 2020.



The League joined in the celebration as the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument was unveiled in Central Park, August 26, 2020. The statue of Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, is the first in Central Park to depict real women.



Ruth S. Altman, former LWVNYC Co-President, pictured with Dr. Barbara Kairson at her swearing-in ceremony as the 16th President of the New York Coalition of One Hundred Black Women in January of 2020.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg, born in Brooklyn, became the legendary Justice of the US Supreme Court. She fought vigorously for women's right to vote and gender equality. 3/15/1933 – 9/18/2020



The League launched its "Erased Suffragists" project which researches the lives of suffragists whose works had been written out of the mainstream discourse on women's rights. These activists were women of color, working class women, people whose status as US citizens stood to be questioned – precisely those who were excluded from the protections provided by the 19th Amendment.



Our League worked with the Staten Island Museum to create an exhibition "Women of the Nation Arise!" for the celebration of the 19th Amendment.



Just prior to the pandemic in the winter of 2020, New York State Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul visited with the League's Voter Reform Committee.

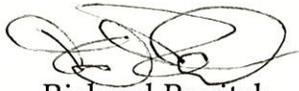


Celebrations across the city for Women's History Month were curtailed, but the League was able to join the Borough of Manhattan's office event.

RICHARD RAVITCH
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March 23, 2021

The League of Women Voters is the most independent, fair minded institution whose sole purpose is to encourage people to participate in politics. The most important goal in our democracy is to maximize the number of people who participate in elections. No other organization matches the League's work in this critical effort to maximize participation in our democratic process.



Richard Ravitch

Former Lt. Governor of New York State

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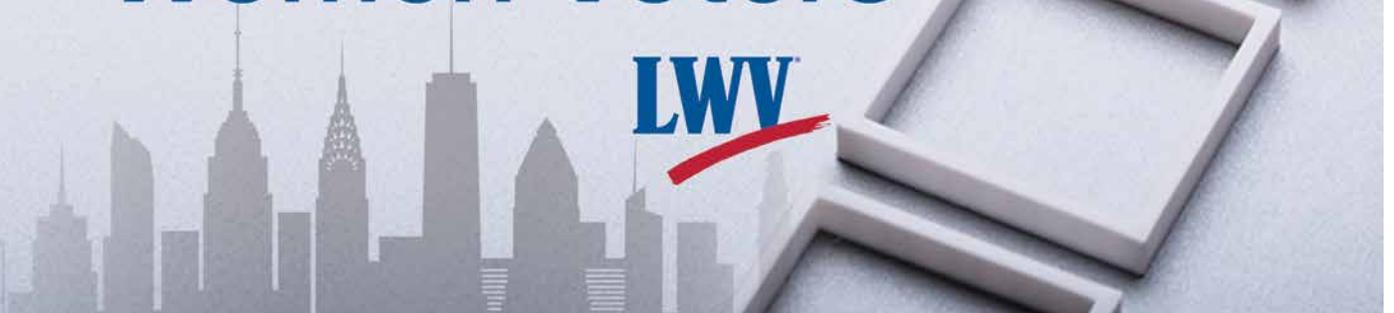
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**Richard and Rebecca
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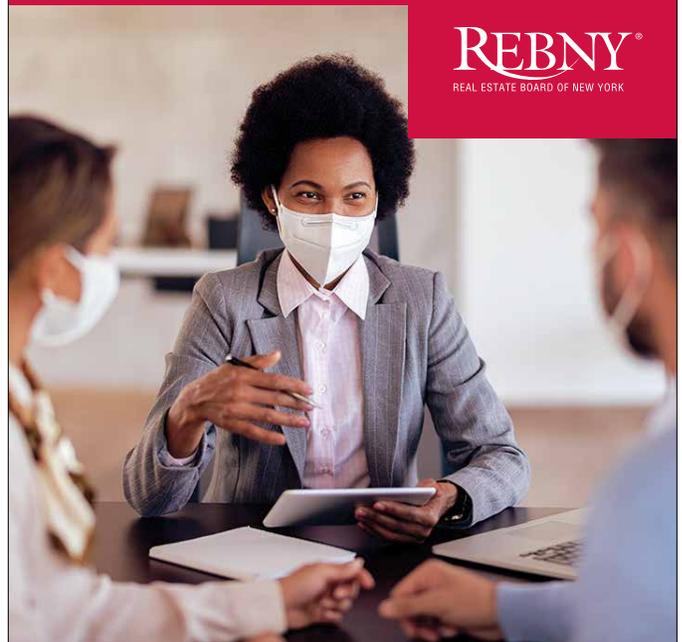
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New York League of Women Voters
and Honorary Chair, Maria Torres-Springer,
Vice President, Ford Foundation.

We also congratulate
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and Kathryn Wilde, President,
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102 Years of League Leadership

Our leaders faced challenging times throughout our long history. Each time the gavel was passed, their resilience and strength were passed forward. We continue to get stronger with every member and every leader. It has been an honor to be part of this list. – **Catherine T. Gray**

Years	President of the League of Women Voters of the City of New York
1919–1923	Mary Garrett Hay
1923–1927	Katrina Ely Tiffany
1927	Agnes Brown (Mrs. Henry Goddard) Leach
1928–1936	Caroline McCormick (Mrs. F. Louis) Slade
1937–1944	Anna Lord Strauss
1945–1949	Mrs. Walter Neale
1950–1955	Rita (Mrs. Ralph B.) Morris
1956–1957	Elenora (Mrs. Earl J.) Johnson
1960–1961	Helen P. (Mrs. George C.) Vietheer
1961–1965	Elizabeth T. (Mrs. Jerome A.) Schack
1966–1971	Selma (Mrs. Irwin L.) Toback
1971–1975	Helen (Mrs. Arnold) Heller (Nicki)
1979–1982	Gladys Krasner
1983–1987	Lenore Chester Phyllis Wells
1987–1991	Laura Altschuler
1991–1995	Mary Lou Urban
1995–1997	Miriam R. Adelman and Ann J. Reiss
1997–1999	Katherine M. Flaherty
1999–2001	Eileen Nadelson
2001–2003	Robin Bahr
2003–2004	Management Team: Laura Altschuler, Fannie Conner, Katherine Flaherty, Nicki Heller, Adrienne Kivelson, Mary Lou Urban
2004–2006	Katherine Flaherty Perez and Mary Lou Urban
2006–2008	Toni Coffee and Elinor Miller
2008–2010	Co-Chairs: Laura Altschuler, Robin Bahr, Jane Colvin, Sheila Hosni, Gladys Krasner
2010–2012	Miriam R. Adelman
2012–2013	Mary Lou Urban
2013–2014	Mary Lou Urban and Mary L. Jenkins
2014–2015	Melissa del Valle Ortiz
2015–2017	Doris J. Welch and Catherine T. Gray
2017–2020	Catherine T. Gray and Ruth S. Altman
2020–Present	Diane Burrows and Lesley Sigall

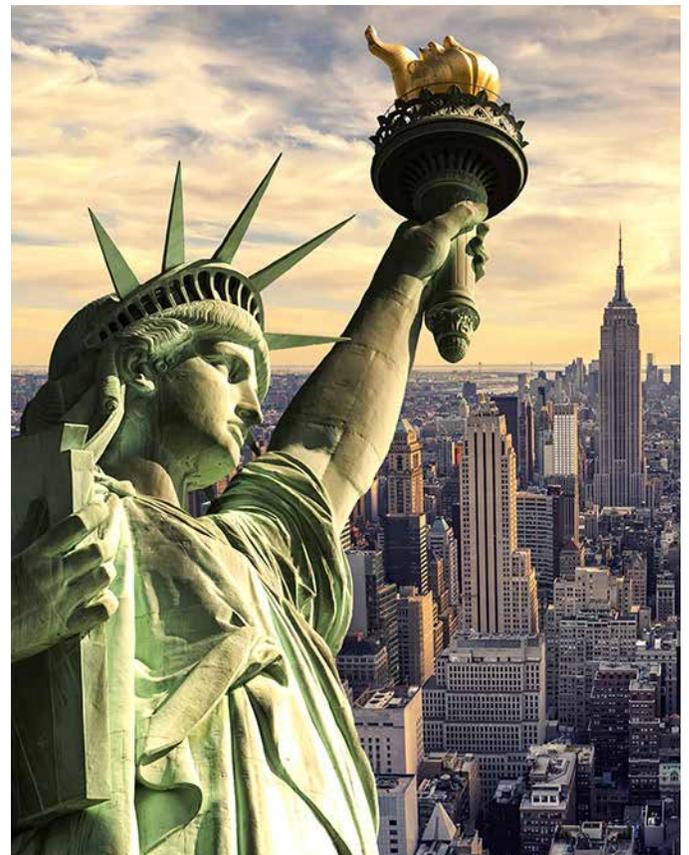


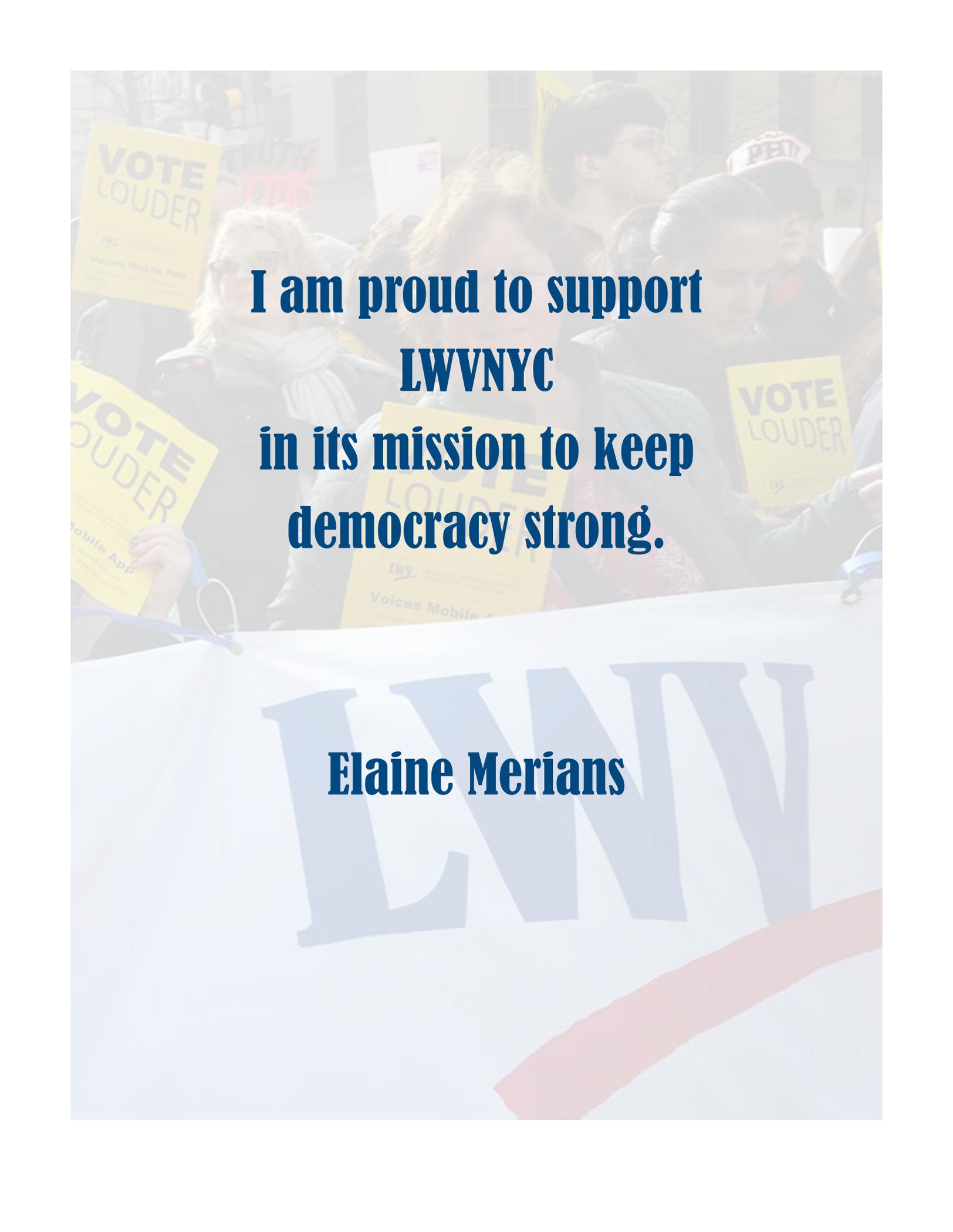
BRAVO!

The work and leadership of the League is inspiring.

Wishing you continued success.

Barbara R. Biben



A group of people is gathered for a protest or rally. Several individuals are holding yellow signs that read "VOTE LOUDER" with the LWV logo and "Voices Mobile App" below. A large white banner with the letters "LWV" in blue is visible in the foreground. The background shows a city street with buildings and other participants, including one wearing a "PETIT" hat.

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in its mission to keep
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Elaine Merians

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Laura Quigg and Bjorn Flesaker



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— Ruth S. Altman



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New York City's 2021 Election Debates

ABC, NBC, and Spectrum News NY1 are to Host Live Televised Debates for New York City's 2021 Elections. Each debate will be co-hosted by partner media outlets and leading civic and higher educational organizations in New York City.

- WABC-TV is co-hosting with [The League of Women Voters of NYC](#), Univision 41 Nueva York / WADO-AM, Hispanic Federation, and NAACP NYS Conference
- Spectrum News NY1 is co-hosting with WNYC - Gothamist, THE CITY, Citizens Union, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Social Work Votes (Columbia School of Social Work & Latino Leadership Institute)
- WNBC-TV is co-hosting with Telemundo 47, Politico, Citizens Budget Commission, and New York Urban League

Primary Election Day: Tuesday, June 22

- Last day to postmark or deliver voter registration application in person: May 28
- Last day to postmark application for primary absentee ballot: June 15
- Last day to postmark or deliver primary ballot in person: June 22
- Early Voting: June 12–June 20

Debate	Date	Time	Host
Mayoral Democratic	Thursday, May 13	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Spectrum News NY1
Mayoral Republican	Wednesday, May 26	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Spectrum News NY1
Mayoral Democratic	Wednesday, June 2	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	WABC-TV
Mayoral Republican "Leading Contenders"	Sunday, June 6	(Time TBD)	WABC - TV
Comptroller Democratic	Thursday, June 10	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Spectrum News NY1
Mayoral Democratic "Leading Contenders"	Wednesday, June 16	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	WNBC-TV
Comptroller Democratic "Leading Contenders"	Sunday, June 20	9:30 am – 10:30 am	WNBC-TV

General Election Day: Tuesday, November 2

- Last day to postmark or deliver voter registration application in person: Oct 8
- Last day to postmark application for general election absentee ballot: Oct 26
- Last day to postmark or deliver general election ballot in person: Nov 2
- Early Voting: Check for updates

Debate	Date	Time	Host
Mayoral	Wednesday, October 20	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	WNBC-TV
Mayoral "Leading Contenders"	Tuesday, October 26	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	WABC-TV

Resource: <https://mailchi.mp/nycfb/nyc2021-debates-schedule?e=254974c99a>

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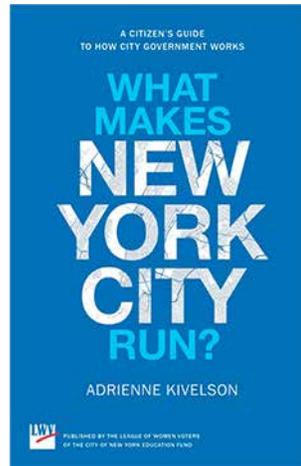
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