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DOOR COUNTY LEAGUE KICKS OFF NEW YEAR PRIMED FOR ELECTIONS, SEEKS INPUT ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO LOCAL CITIZENS

DOOR COUNTY, WI, December 29, 2023 – The League of Women Voters of Door County announces a full January schedule, kicking off the 2024 election year and offering community members an opportunity to share input on issues of top concern. Upcoming activities include:

Candidate Forum Requests Sought For Spring 2024 Election

Starting January 3 through January 20, candidate forum requests can be made to the LWVDC by contacting Dan Powers at vsforums@lwvdoorcounty.org or 920-743-6796.

The goal of candidate forums is to inform citizens and provide candidates with a nonpartisan opportunity and equal time to respond to submitted written questions about their positions on issues.

Forums may be requested by any candidate, non-partisan group, or individual citizen within the local electorate. LWVDC will proceed *only* if a specific seat is contested (i.e., more than one candidate is running), at least two candidates for a governmental body with multiple seats contested agree to participate, and a venue and time can be agreed upon and arranged.

It is LWVDC policy to conduct only one candidate forum per race. If there is a primary, the forum would be held before the February 20 primary election. If there is not a primary, forums are held during the general election season prior to the April 2 vote.

Forum requests are considered in the order in which they are received and prioritized by the LWVDC leadership team. All forums are contingent upon the LWVDC having resources available to gain candidates' agreement to

participate, book an appropriate venue, and recruit volunteers. Forum requests made after the deadline are considered at the sole discretion of the LWVDC on a case-by-case basis.

Local spring elections may include contested seats for judges, towns, villages, city, county supervisors and school boards. LWVDC does not support or oppose political parties or candidates for public office.

Lively Issues Potluck Returns! Citizens Invited To Share Input January 25

LWVDC's annual Lively Issues meeting is an opportunity for local citizens to help identify hot topics and issues of concern locally. All are invited (LWVDC membership not required) to enjoy lively conversation and a potluck dinner Thursday, January 25, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Write On, Door County, 4210 Juddville Rd., Fish Creek. Bring your ideas and a dish to share.

Following the Lively Issues meeting, the LWVDC identifies topics for further study or action. For more information, contact program@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Voter Registration Event January 11

LWVDC wants to ensure Door County residents are ready to vote in 2024 elections. Residents can update their registration, check voter status or register for the first time, January 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., NWTC, 2834 S. Bay Shore Rd., Sister Bay.

New or updated voter registration might be necessary if someone moved, had a name change, recently became a U.S. citizen, or did not vote in the past four years. The spring primary is February 20. Learn more about voter registration at <u>myvote.wi.gov</u>.

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About the League of Women Voters Door County

About the League of Women Voters Door County Founded in 1952 by Sturgeon Bay resident Jay Jacquelyn (Draeb) Bass, Mary Berg, Eunice Schlintz and several others, the League of Women Voters Door County is the local chapter of a national nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. It does not support or oppose any political party or endorse candidates. LWVDC has three separate and distinct roles: Voter Service – To make voting easier through varied voter education programs and encouraging citizen participation Citizen Education & Studies - To study national, state, and local issues in an unbiased manner and provide information on how citizens can influence public policy Action/Advocacy – To take a stand on issues when supported by league positions. For more information, to volunteer or donate visit lwvdoorcounty.org