

## LWVNEW NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

### VOTER SERVICE

#### **EARLY VOTING**

Early Voting runs through Sunday, November 3. Any registered voter in Westchester County may vote early at any designated EV site in the county.

Friday, Nov 1: 8 am to 4 pm

Saturday, Nov 2: 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, Nov 3: 10 am to 6 pm

To find an Early Voting polling site:

<https://citizenparticipation.westchester.gov.com/voting/early-voting-2024>

#### **ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, November 5 is Election Day, the final day to vote. Polls in New York State are open from 6 am until 9 pm.

#### **EARLY MAIL & ABSENTEE**

Completed Early Mail & Absentee ballots must be sent back/dropped off at the BOE by November 5, Election Day.

#### **FOR MORE CANDIDATE INFO**

 **[Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org)**

Replicate the old printed Voters Guide by entering your address to see who & what will be on your ballot and to read about the candidates in their own

words. (Your address *will not* be saved, sold, or used for marketing purposes.) Look up your voting districts! Find your polling place! [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org)

 **Candidate Forum Videos**

**State Senate District 37**

**Tricia Lindsay & Shelley Mayer**

Watch here:

<https://youtu.be/hSVxLSeICM0>

**State Senate District 40**

**Gina Arena & Peter Harckham**

Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhNqSneAlVo&t=32s>

**State Assembly District 94**

**Zachary Couzens & Matthew Slater**

Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlX2PXIT9TA>

 **Our website**

Our *Elections & Voting* page has pertinent information and links.

[www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

## FOR MORE 'BACK OF THE BALLOT' INFO

### ➡ **PROPOSITION 2024-1 (COUNTYWIDE)**

Increasing the county legislator term from two years to four years.

Learn more here: [Westchester County - Proposition No. 2024-1 — vote411 Voter Guide](#) (Click on "Westchester County – Proposition No. 2024-1" at top of page)

>And here:

[Westchester Watch: County Legislators Propose Extension of Terms \(westchesterlegislators.com\)](#)

>And here:

<https://www.theexaminernews.com/westchester-voters-to-decide-on-four-year-terms-for-county-legislators/>

### ➡ **PROPOSAL ONE (STATEWIDE)**

To learn more about Prop 1:

>Information from the Board of Elections: [2024 Statewide Ballot Proposal | New York State Board of Elections \(ny.gov\)](#)

>Watch the video from an event with the AAUW, where Erica Smitka from LWVNYS gave a presentation about passing the proposal.

The March 9 video is available in the video library at [Events & Videos | Mysite \(lwvnew.org\)](#)

*Reminder: The League of Women Voters supports Prop 1.*

## HANDY CONTACT INFO

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***REMINDER: After voting for your candidates, don't forget to turn over your ballot for the ballot propositions!***

**OTHER****WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES**

During election season, we try hard to keep voters up to date.

Find us on Facebook at LWVNEW.  
We're on X (Twitter) @LWVNEW.

Our website is really where it's at, though. The *Elections & Voting* page of our site should have everything you need. We've got information AND links to information!

Check it out (and tell your friends):  
[www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting).

**LEVELS OF LEAGUE**

While the League never supports or opposes candidates, it *does* hold positions on issues and advocates for legislation in support of those positions. (The League's support of NYS Prop 1 is an example of this). LWVUS & LWVNYS provide advocacy opportunities for members to get further involved if they choose. *Here at the local level, LWVNEW is overwhelmingly focused on local voter service and voter education.*

**VOTING DISTRICTS****BEDFORD**

US Congressional: NY CD 17  
NY State Senate: 40  
NY State Assembly: 93  
Westchester County Legislative District 2

**LEWISBORO**

US Congressional: NY CD 17  
NY State Senate: 40  
NY State Assembly: 93  
Westchester County Legislative District 2

**MOUNT KISCO**

US Congressional: NY CD 17  
NY State Senate: 40  
NY State Assembly: 93  
Westchester County Legislative District 2

**NORTH SALEM**

US Congressional: NY CD 17  
NY State Senate: 40  
NY State Assembly: 93  
Westchester County Legislative District 2

**POUND RIDGE**

US Congressional: NY CD 17  
NY State Senate: 37  
NY State Assembly: 93  
Westchester County Legislative District 2

**SOMERS**

US Congressional: NY CD 17  
NY State Senate: 40  
NY State Assembly: 94  
Westchester County Legislative District 2



## PROP 1 (THE NEW YORK EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT): WHAT THE AMENDMENT WILL AND WON'T DO

On November 5 New Yorkers will have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the New York Constitution:

[Proposal 1, the Equal Rights Amendment \(aka Prop 1\).](#)

**Prop 1 will be listed on the back of the ballot, so voters need to flip over their ballots to vote on Prop 1.**

WHAT PROP 1 WILL DO	WHAT PROP 1 WILL NOT DO
<p><b>WILL establish constitutional protections</b> against discrimination based on <i>ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex—including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.</i> These protections would be in addition to the current explicit protections against racial and religious discrimination under the State Constitution. When a right is established in the Constitution, it is protected from future legislation that might put it at risk.</p> <p><b>WILL protect abortion rights and access to reproductive healthcare, including birth control and IVF,</b> by preventing future State laws banning abortion and/or punishing or prosecuting pregnancy outcomes like miscarriages. Prop 1, which received first passage by the State Legislature in the immediate aftermath of the Supreme Court’s decision overturning <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, does not use the term “abortion” specifically, but this protection is <u>unequivocally covered</u> by the language of the amendment.</p> <p><b>WILL protect LGBTQ+ New Yorkers</b> by preventing future State laws from rolling back current LGBTQ+ rights to equal treatment.</p> <p><b>WILL protect older, disabled, pregnant and LGBTQ+ New Yorkers</b> from government discrimination in hiring, pay, and promotion.</p> <p><b>WILL ensure that older and disabled New Yorkers have the access</b> they need to vote and to use public spaces and facilities.</p> <p><b>WILL prevent discrimination against all individuals</b> and clarify that the amendment cannot be used as a basis for attacking programs that are battling discrimination.</p>	<p><b>WILL NOT impact parental rights.</b> Prop 1 <u>does not address</u> parental rights, which are governed by other developed areas of State and federal law. Prop 1 <u>does not change existing law</u> with respect to parental consent, or parents’ ability to be involved in decision-making about healthcare or medical procedures for their minor children, including gender-affirming care.</p> <p><b>WILL NOT change current law with respect to participation on sports teams.</b> Prop 1 prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression. Prop 1 <u>does not change existing law</u> and has no explicit provision relating to participation on sports teams. Prop 1 is consistent with Title IX, the controlling federal law that has already been interpreted by federal courts to require young people to play on sports teams that match their gender identity and expression.</p> <p><b>WILL NOT impact or change the qualifications for voting.</b> A separate part of the State Constitution governs qualifications for voting based on citizenship status. Prop 1 <u>does not enfranchise</u> any new classes of voters.</p>

**About the Association**

*The mission of the New York City Bar Association, which was founded in 1870 and has 23,000 members, is to equip and mobilize a diverse legal profession to practice with excellence, promote reform of the law, and uphold the rule of law and access to justice in support of a fair society and the public interest in our community, our nation, and throughout the world.*