



See what a bit of history
can accomplish...

**Presentation by the League of
Women Voters 1920-2023**

**Saturday, March 11
2:00-3:00pm**

South Tacoma Branch

tacoma public library

Tacoma Public Library

1102 Tacoma Avenue South
Tacoma, Washington 98402 | 253.280.2800
tacomalibrary.org

Cynthia Stewart, President
League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County

Who We Are

- Women
- Men
- Students
- Retirees

Anyone 16 and over
Nonpartisan





What We Do

- Empower Voters
- Defend Democracy



How We Do It: Defend Democracy

Voter Registration

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- High School Voter Registration
- Middle and High School Civic Education



How We
Do It:
Defend
Democracy

- Get out the Vote
- Election Observers



How We Do It: Empower Voters

- Vote411
- Candidate Forums



<https://www.vote411.org/>

2022 General Election Candidate Forums

Hear the candidates before you vote on November 8

October 11, Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Legislative District 25 House of Reps., Positions 1 & 2
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=KpYyQkOvY0FXToyoka&from=joinlink>

October 12, Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Affordable Housing Consortium-sponsored forum for
Pierce County Council Districts 1, 5 & 7
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=AGFrTLOKJPHv46nEyvw&from=joinlink>
Note: This forum will focus exclusively on affordable housing & homelessness issues

October 17, Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Congressional District 10
Register at <https://bit.ly/3Bmurr5>

October 18, Tuesday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Legislative District 26 Senate and House of
Representatives Positions 1 & 2
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=sURWSnqYw4XM-Yzytw&from=joinlink>

October 20, Thursday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Pierce County Council Districts 1, 5 & 7
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=JnSvS-mECFTMGdHrUw&from=joinlink>
Note: This forum will feature a broad range of County issues

October 22, Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Legislative District 29 Senate and House of
Representatives Positions 1 & 2
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=KpYyQkOvY0FXToyoka&from=joinlink>

October 22, Saturday, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Pierce County Auditor
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=2jFFBhS_K2LEUv4CZYA&from=joinlink

October 24, Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Legislative District 28 House of Reps., Positions 1 & 2
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=Jwd6QWAs08Fs2syNdQ&from=joinlink>

October 26, Wednesday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Legislative District 31 Senate and House of
Representatives Position 1
Register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=LjtzITT6e6mhtFlcq6A&from=joinlink>

October 27, Thursday, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Court Positions 1 & 3
Register at https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?pwd=gAKWxYTgqovT_93EalRg&from=joinlink

Candidate Forums

ns are for the public to see and hear the candidates.
<http://tacomapiercelwv.org/calendar.html>
ons at the forum or send them in advance to
vtacomapierce@gmail.com.

Mon., Sept. 20, 2021, 6:30 pm

Orting School Board

Tues., Sept. 21, 2021, 6:30 pm

Eatonville Town Council

Wed., Sept. 22, 6:30 pm

Edgewood City Council

Thurs., Sept. 23, 6:30 pm

Milton City Council

Sat., Sept. 25, 9:30 am

Clover Park School Board

Thurs., Sept. 30, 2021, 6:00 pm

Puyallup School Board

Thurs., Sept. 30, 2021, 7:30 pm

Lakewood City Council

Tues., Oct. 5, 2021, 6:30 pm

DuPont City Council

Thurs., Oct. 7, 2021, 6:00 pm

Auburn City Council, Positions 2 & 4

Wed., Oct. 13, 2021, 6:30 pm

Bonney Lake City Council

Thurs., Oct. 14, 2021, 6:30 pm

Gig Harbor City Council

Sat., Oct. 16, 2021, 9:00 am

Steilacoom Town Council

Mon., Oct. 25, 6:00 pm

Sumner City Council, Positions 1 & 2

Mon., Oct. 25, 6:00 pm

How We Do It: Empower Voters

- Voter Education
 - Directory of Elected Officials
 - Meeting Observers



They
Represent
You



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<https://lwvtpc.org/>

How We Do It: Empower Voters

• Voter Education - Studies



Photo by Joshua Besset (2019)

Shelter Study

Homelessness, Shelter, and Housing for Low-Income People in Pierce County
February, 2020

Shelter noun
/ˈʃɛltə/
something that gives protection, such as a building or tent, or the protection provided

Shelter verb
/ˈʃɛltə/
to protect yourself, or another person or thing, from bad weather, danger, or attack
Cambridge Academic Content Dictionary



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A Study of TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

May 2021



W UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON | TACOMA
SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES
DIVISION OF POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

STUDIES

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, May 2021

Shelter Study, January 2020

Pierce County Budget, November 2016

Pierce County Mental Health Study, February 2016.

Biodiversity Conservation in Pierce County Land Use,
May 2011

Neighborhood and Community Councils in Pierce
County, October 2010

State of Affordable Housing in Pierce County, Part I;
March 2008

State of Affordable Housing in Pierce County, Part II;
March 2009

Pierce Conservation District Study, Part I, 2008

Pierce Conservation District Study, Part II, 2008

How Well Do You Know Your Library? A Study of Pierce
County Libraries, 2007

https://lwvtpc.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=843000&module_id=499682

• Issue Forums



How We Do It: Empower Voters

Racism Evolution: History to Hope

A virtual forum series of cultural perspectives within the Pacific NW

Each panel will touch on historic and/or personal experiences related to their cultural group.



Asian & Pacific Islanders

7:00 – 8:30 pm, October 6, 2021

Register at <https://bit.ly/3yuVn6a>.



Suzanne Pak
Director of
Community &
Behavioral Health,
Korean Women's
Association (KWA)



Lua Pritchard
Executive Director,
Asia Pacific Cultural
Center

Latinx/Hispanic

7:00 – 8:30 pm, October 20, 2021

Register at <https://bit.ly/3is4LSk>.



Patricia Flores
Advocacy Coordinator
at WA Coalition of
Sexual Assault Progs



Sara Irish
Educator and Activist



Gloria Rodriguez
Vaccine Project
Manager, Latinx
Unidos of South Sd



Manny Santiago
Exec Director, WA
State LGBTQ
Commission

Get more information at <http://tacomapiercelwv.org/Forum.html>



How We Do It: Empower Voters

Issue Forums



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Conversation Cafes



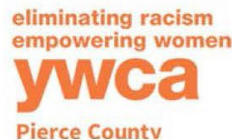
Collaboration
with other
organizations

How We Do It: Empower Voters

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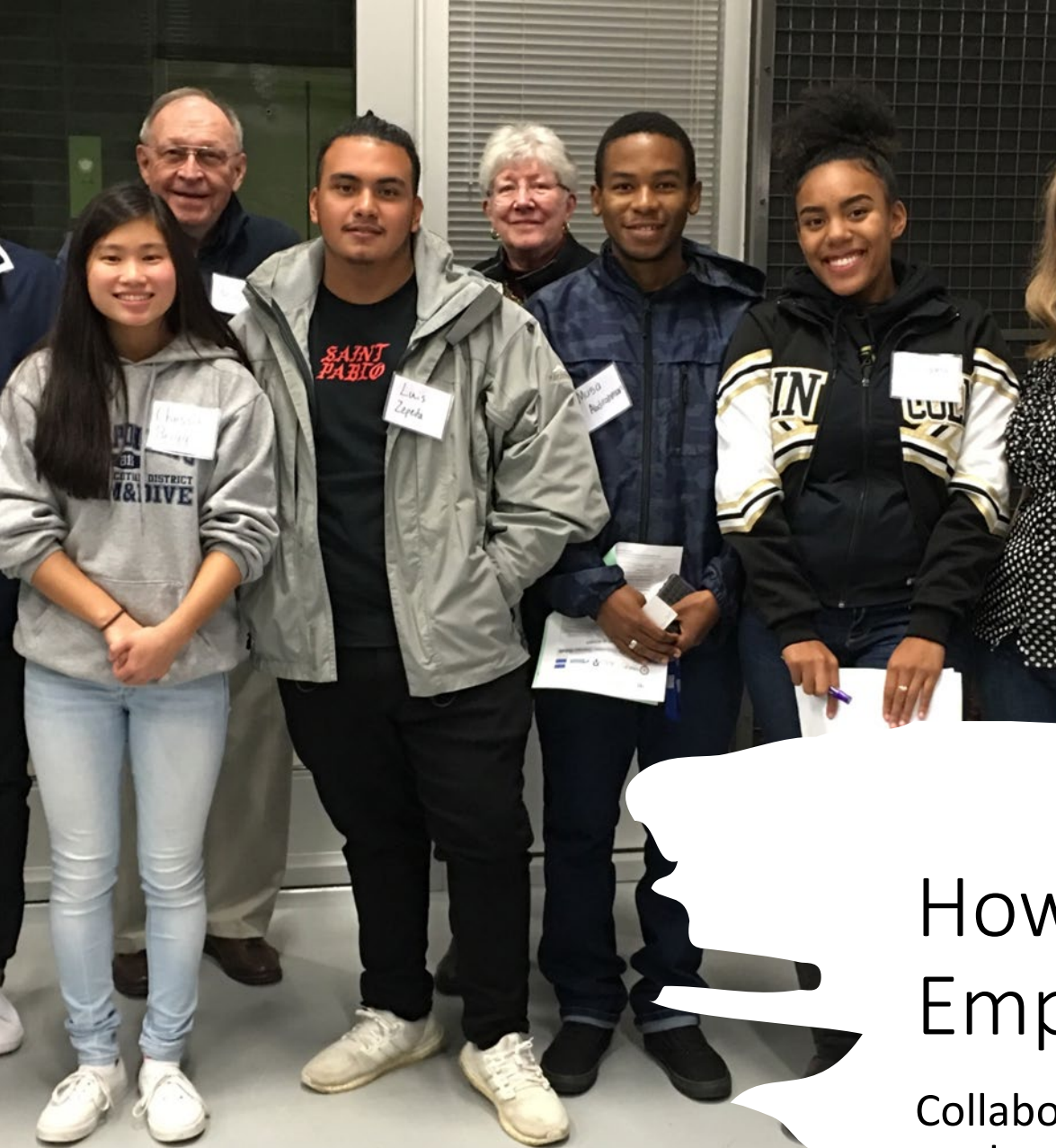


Co-sponsors:



Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.





How We Do It: Empower Voters

Collaboration with others; e.g.,
students, libraries

How Did We Get Here?

- In 2020, we celebrated 100 years of Women's Suffrage – and the League of Women Voters



Elizabeth

History of Con

Susan B. A
and Elizabeth
Stanton

It Started with the Suffrage Movement

Timeline of Women's Rights in the US

- **1769** — The early American colonies base their laws on the English common law, which said, “**By marriage, the husband and wife are one person in the law. The very being and legal existence of the woman is suspended during the marriage, or at least is incorporated into that of her husband under whose wing and protection she performs everything.**”
- **1777** — All states pass **laws taking away women's right to vote.**
- **1848** — At **Seneca Falls**, 300 women and men sign the **Declaration of Sentiments**, a plea for the end of discrimination against women.
- And — **New York passes the Married Woman's Property Act.** She became for economic purposes, an individual.
- **1870** — The **15th Amendment** is ratified, saying, “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.” African-Americans may vote now, but women may not.
- **1890** — **Wyoming becomes the first state to grant women the right to vote** in its state elections.
- **1900** — Every state has passed legislation modeled after New York's Married Women's Property Act (1848), **granting married women some control over their property and earnings.**

League's Heritage

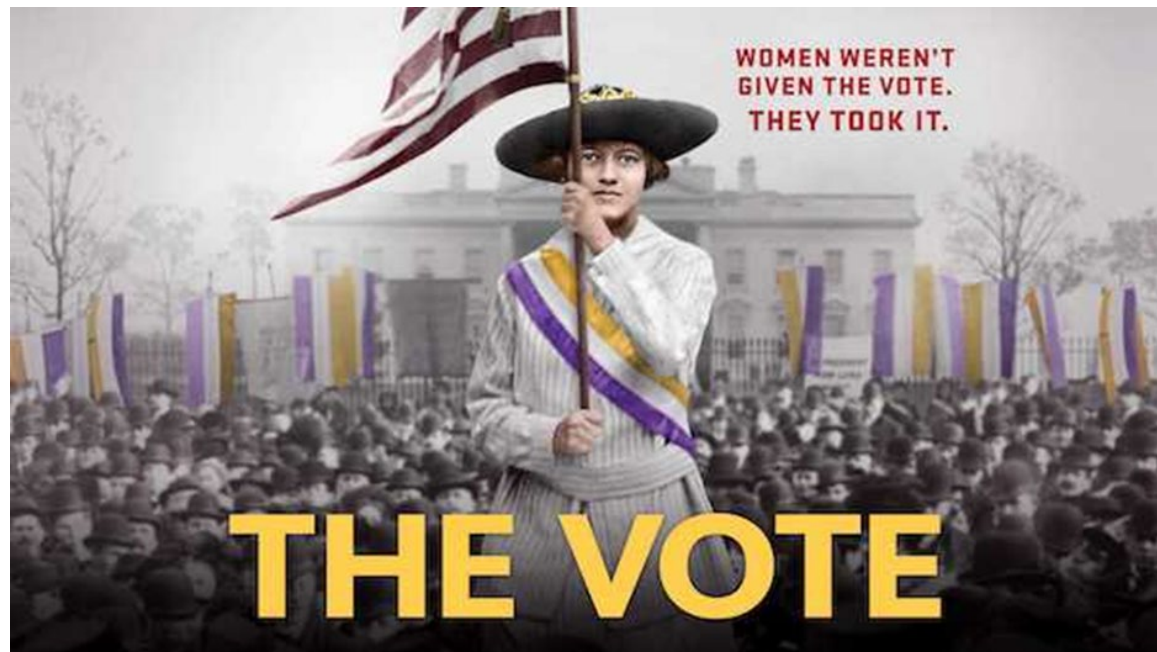


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Timeline of Women's Rights in the US

- **1910** – Washington is the 5th state in the US to give women the right to vote
- **1918** — Margaret Sanger wins her suit in New York to allow doctors to advise their married patients about birth control for health purposes.
- **1920** — The **19th Amendment** is ratified and grants women the right to vote. It declares: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”



103 years later,
we are still
doing it!

The League Was Formed to Educate Women Voters



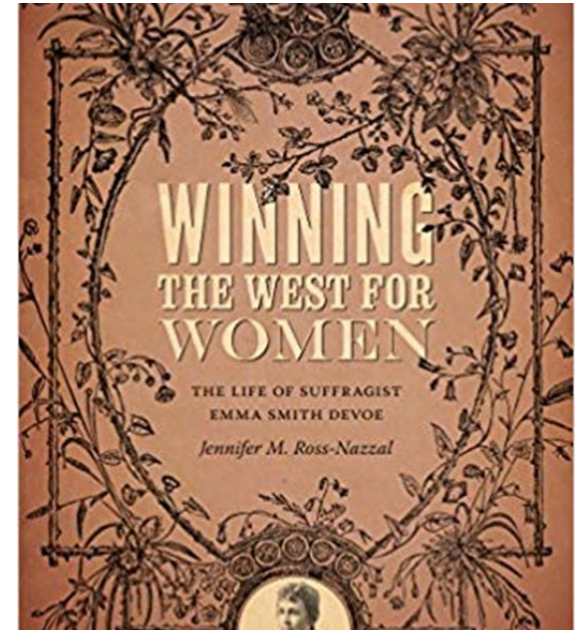
BORN for LIBERTY

*"In 1920 the National American Woman Suffrage Association assumed a new name, the **League of Women Voters**. It took on the task of voter education and became indispensable to grass-roots American politics.*

The League's vision of an informed citizenry has enriched the concept of democracy ..."

*Sara M. Evans
"Born for Liberty"*





Suffragists Worked in Tacoma and Later
Formed the LWV Tacoma-Pierce

Emma Smith Devoe



Susan B. Anthony



Nena Jolidon Croake



Nettie Craig
Asberry

See Our Instagram
for more amazing local
Suffragists

<https://www.instagram.com/lwvtpc/>



Over the
Years

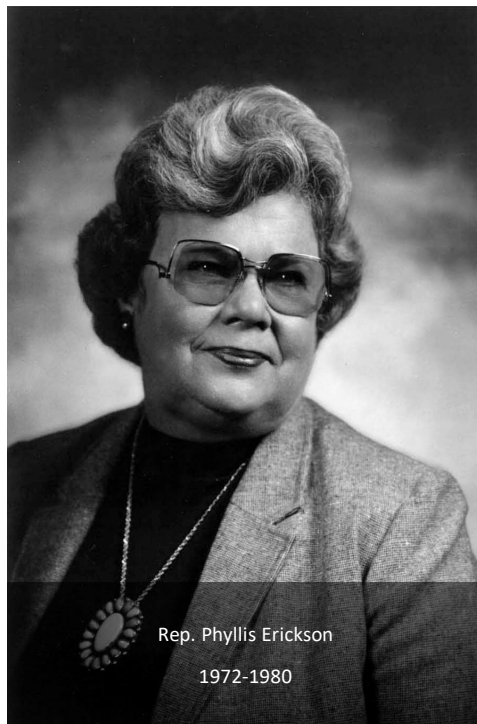
50 years ago, many women
were not working for pay

League members took on
important issues

Gained professional skills

Went on to significant
positions in government

Some Tacoma-Pierce LWW Members Became Legislators



LWV Centennial Was Honored in 2020



Tacoma-Pierce
LWV Members
were awarded
Citizen of the
Year by LWVWA





Facing Pierce County Homelessness: *Creating HomeFULLness*



From this to these

Saturday, April 28, 2018

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Tacoma Convention Center

1500 Commerce

Tacoma, WA 98402

Registration recommended but not required at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/facing-pierce-county-homelessness-creating-homefullness-tickets-44228531729>

Public Forum

Free

- **Understand more about causes of homelessness**
- **Learn about alternatives to homelessness**
- **Learn how YOU can be part of the solution**

Get program schedule at

<http://www.tacomapiercehwy.org/HomelessnessForum.html>

Sponsoring organizations:



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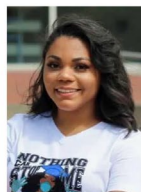
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Each panel will touch on historic and/or personal
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African-American Perspective

7:00 – 8:30 pm, September 29

Register at <https://bit.ly/3xt1iY9>



Lynese
Cammack

Tacoma-Area
NAACP Youth
Council
President



Corey
Orvold

Realtor and
Managing
Broker with
Coldwell
Banker



Eric
Pettigrew

Former State
Legislator

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NAACP 253



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY



VIBRANT SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY VOICES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

IMMIGRATION

Federal Policy | Local Issues | How to Get Involved

SPEAKERS:

Noah Purcell WA State Solicitor General

Derek Kilmer Member of Congress, District 6

Saiyare Refaei Commissioner, Tacoma Commission on Immigrant and
Refugees Affairs

PERFORMANCE:

Erin Guinup, Music Director of the Tacoma Refugee Choir

Saturday, January 5, 2019 10am–noon

First United Methodist Church
621 Tacoma Ave S, Tacoma 98402



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY

CO-SPONSORS:

League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County, AID NW, St. Leo's Parish,
Tacoma Community House, Rainbow Center



Thank You!

Good for
another
century

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- Please use our voter & education resource tools
 - Please Vote!