

The Power of League: Speak Up and Connect **Join us at 2008 LWV Ohio Statehouse Day/Council**

Wondering what is going on at the Ohio Legislature? Do you want to learn more about LWVO's advocacy on some of the most critical issues facing our state? Then register today for the 2008 LWVO Statehouse Day/Council and **Tap into the Power of League!**

LWVO Statehouse Day/Council will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Riffe Center in Columbus. LWVO has invited the following experts to conduct workshops:

Education Funding	Paolo DeMaria, Ohio Department of Education Center for School Finance Options
Election/Voting Reform	Dan Tokaji, The Ohio State University Moritz Law School
Election Administration Reform	Peg Rosenfield, LWVO Election Law Lobbyist
Health Care	Cathy Levine, Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio
Lake Erie Current Issues	Cheryl Johncox, Ohio Environmental Council
Paid Sick Leave Proposal	Brian Dunn, Paid Sick Leave Campaign

We have also invited representatives from the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Ohio Chamber of Commerce to provide the business perspective on the Paid Sick Leave proposal.

In addition to the workshops with issues specialists, you will hear legislative updates from our volunteer lobby corps. The afternoon session of Statehouse Day will include workshops with invited legislators from committees dealing with the topics listed above. This will be your chance to ask questions, and to be an active part of educating legislators on League positions. Members will also receive training during the day on the current realities of communicating with legislators to increase their effectiveness in "lobbying from home."

As you can tell from the event title, we are combining the 2008 Statehouse and the 2008 Council in order to get maximum member engagement and input. Each local League that has paid three quarters of its 2007-2008 LWVO PMP is entitled to send two delegates, (the President or alternate, and one other delegate) to the Council session. However, local Leagues can bring as many members as they like to participate in the Statehouse Day portion of the day.

We will convene mid-morning for the Council General Session to review and discuss the proposed LWVO FY09budget. There will also be opportunities to get hands-on instructions on using web-base methods for contacting legislators and using the capacity of the LWVO Cap-Wiz and imPACT *Speak up and Connect* features.

By the end of the day, League members will feel the "*Power of League*", and will be armed with new resources to "*Speak up and Connect*" with the legislative process. For registration and other information on Statehouse Day/Council, check out pages four and five of the Ohio Voter winter edition. You can also click this link [Statehouse Day/Council](#) for information posted on the LWVO website. Questions? Call the LWVO office at 877-598-6446 ext. 10.

Tap into the Power of League! See you on April 29!