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Predatory Lending - Coping with the Aftermath

By Karen Rainey, LWVO Housing Lobbyist

Headlines around the state underscored the impact of the high rate of mortgage foreclosures in 2007. Not just the result of predatory lending, the problem was exacerbated by the number of sub-prime adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) in foreclosure. The sad news is that we're unlikely to see a better situation in 2008.

While there's a difference between suffering the consequences of personally risky financial behavior and being the victim of fraudulent business practices, the difference evaporates when we view the effect foreclosures have on our communities. We can expect to see defeated school levies and declining property values. Local governments and schools will lose tax revenue and be hard pressed to maintain adequate services. A ripple effect

will occur as vacant and neglected properties bring down nearby property values and depress their neighborhoods.

Ohio has more than 100,000 properties in foreclosure. The hardest-hit cities are Cleveland, with more than 19,000 foreclosures; Columbus, with 10,000; Dayton, 7,700; Cincinnati, 6,000; and Akron and Toledo, with roughly 5,000 each.

LWVO first testified on a regulatory bill in 2002, but the General Assembly downplayed the issue and opted for minimal reform (licensing of mortgage brokers). Now that a fairly strong consumer protection bill was passed in 2006, our focus has shifted to alleviating the problem.

Two current bills will help communities recover by addressing vacant housing and revitalizing neighborhoods. They fit with our national urban policy position and need

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Advocacy Work Supported by Charitable Contributions

By Jeanette Senecal, Senior Director of Elections and e-Democracy LWVUS

It is common for Leagues to support their advocacy activities with only non-charitable contributions. However, this is unnecessary. Leagues may, and are encouraged, to use charitable contributions to support their non-lobbying advocacy activities. Advocacy encompasses pleading for or against causes, as well as supporting or recommending positions.

LWVUS policy recommends against using charitable funds for any lobbying even though it is legal within strictly defined limits. Therefore, it is important to understand the difference between the broad concept of advocacy and lobbying, which is a specific advocacy technique. While lobbying can be part of an advocacy strategy, advocacy does not necessarily include lobbying.

Lobbying is defined as an attempt to influence specific legislation, including both legislation that has already been introduced in a legislative body and specific legislative proposals that the League may oppose or support. There are two types of lobbying: direct lobbying and grassroots lobbying. To constitute direct lobbying, a communication must either: 1) be directed to a legislator, their staff or other governmental employee who may participate in the formulation of legislation, AND refer to AND express a view on specific legislation;



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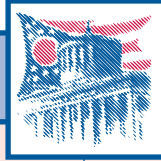
or 2) be directed to the general public, AND refer to AND express a view on a specific referendum or other ballot measure.

To constitute grassroots lobbying, a communication must be directed to the general public, AND refer to AND express a view on specific legislation, AND include a statement that directs readers to contact their legislators, or include the contact information for a legislator or employee of a legislative body.

Most other activities promoting League positions that do not fall within the strict definitions of lobbying noted above are general advocacy and may be funded by charitable contributions. One important caveat is Leagues are advised to keep clear lines between voters' service activities and advocacy activities. For example, Leagues that have taken a position on a ballot measure should not include that position in their Voters' Guide.

Additional information is available in "The Nonprofit Lobbying Guide" by Bob Smucker: available online at www.independentsector.org/programs/gr/lobbyguide.html#pt2.

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Legislative Update

At this point in the legislative cycle, the General Assembly is usually hard at work, holding hearings on proposed bills and passing legislation. But, these are not normal times. The current General Assembly is setting new records for not holding hearings and not passing legislation. In addition, some of the legislators' focus seems to already be diverted to the upcoming fall elections.

However, the General Assembly will need to address some key issues soon. First is the re-regulation of Ohio's public utilities. While the League does not have a position on regulating public utilities, we are very interested in the parts of the bill that address renewable energy, energy technology, energy efficiency, and greenhouse emissions standards.

Second, we expect the Secretary of State to initiate changes in Ohio election laws in response to the recently released Everest Report. This report identified problems with the security of Ohio's voting equipment, as well as problems in the way Ohio administers elections. The

League has a long history of advocacy in this area (see

"A 10-Point Proposal For Election Administration Reform" at www.lwvo.org).

We will continue to advocate:

- 1) That people with visual impairments be able to vote independently
- 2) That votes be counted initially at the precinct level, and
- 3) That voters be alerted to under- and over-voting, i.e. not voting in a race, or voting for two candidates instead of one.

We also anticipate that the School Funding Subcommittee of the Ohio Department of Education will propose new ideas for reforming the state's school-funding system. Again, our long advocacy history in this area guarantees that the League will be involved, advocating for an equitable and realistic funding system that is accountable and responsive to tax



*Ann Henkener,
LWVO Legislative
Director*

imPACT Kicks Off 2008 With New Town Hall Meetings and Speak Up and Connect

by Anne Nelson, Project Manager

In the newly published Midwest Democracy Network book *Democratic Renewal: A Call to Action from America's Heartland*, Editor Kent Redfield writes "To thrive, our democratic institutions need constant reinforcement, careful stewardship, thoughtful debate and citizen involvement."

Kudos and thanks to all of the local Leagues who have and will continue to use our imPACT town hall meetings to reinforce democracy. Eleven Leagues have chosen dates for new meetings, including some that are already on their second round. More are always welcome. Check www.ohioimPACT.org for details of each meeting.

As local Leagues increase citizen involvement the old-fashioned way, our imPACT website is taking involvement to a new level with the aid of technology. A new feature we call "Speak Up & Connect" now allows website visitors to let

elected officials know what they think about issues with just one click of a mouse.

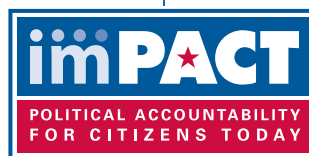
Please try "Speak Up & Connect" right away to see how easy it is, and recommend it to family and friends. In fact, you might consider a letter to the editor or a call to your high school government teachers to pass on this new tool for political engagement. We are averaging close to 100 web site visitors per month using this feature so far. With your help, we can make it 1,000! Check us out at www.ohioimPACT.org.

More exciting imPACT news - our resource committee

is developing an interactive civics CD that will target high schools seniors, recently naturalized citizens and people who move to Ohio from other states. This portion of the imPACT project is being funded through grants from both The Kettering Fund and

The Joyce Foundation. There will be opportunities for Local Leagues to participate in this project by going into the high schools in their area to reinforce the proper distribution and use of the CD.

For more information, contact Anne Nelson, imPACT Project Manager at 614 297-8161 or anelson6@columbus.rr.com.



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Legislature Asleep at the Wheel on Election Reform

By Peg Rosenfeld, LWVO Elections Lobbyist

If you have the impression that there has been no legislative action in election reform in 2007 -- you are right. Of the 664 bills introduced by the end of November, just six, plus three joint resolutions, could be said to have anything to do with election law. None has had more than a courtesy hearing in committee; most have been totally ignored.

This is a fate they share with the vast majority of bills that have been introduced; only 28 had become law by November 30. This is not surprising, because the General Assembly has mostly been on vacation since they passed the budget in late June. Of course, not holding floor debates or committee hearings does not mean that nothing is being done on legislation. It just means it is being done in secret behind closed doors instead of in public meetings as the Ohio Sunshine Law intends.

It has long been a practice of the legislature to work out the first draft of legislation privately with a few interested parties, and then to modify that draft based on public testimony and discussion in open committee or subcommittee hearings. Over the years, these committee discussions have become less substantive. It became increasingly common to provide the opportunity for public comment on a bill and then, only after all public comment was finished, to introduce a substitute bill that had been prepared before any public comment was heard - and pass the substitute without any opportunity for comment or discussion. This lack of public participation reached its nadir this year when a bill about bar games was present in committee with the announcement that no public testimony would be allowed.

Since there was very little hope that this legislature would reverse the voter suppression measures they enacted in 2006 in House Bill 3 or the campaign finance provisions they enacted in 2005 or 2006, it is probably a good thing that they have kept their hands off election laws this year. It is anticipated that the Secretary of State will probably have additional election bills introduced in 2008.

FIRST PERSON



Peg Rosenfeld
LWVO Lobbyist

From the Presidents' Desk

Program Planning: Poising League for Action

The strength of the League of Women Voters resides in all our members individually contacting their policy makers with a uniform message.

This concept applies to all levels of the League: national, state and local. Without this bedrock, the name of the League could not carry its impact when we opine on an issue. We would be a paper tiger.

Hot button issues arise quickly. Fortunately, our early leaders devised the program planning process to allow us to respond just as quickly.

Program planning is a process that lets every member consider whether our existing public policy positions are still relevant. It's a process that lets every member determine whether our positions

address current issues. It's a process that lets every member prioritize the weightiest issues of the day. It's a process that is available to every member at every level of the League.

Valuable background information in LWVUS's Impact on Issues and LWVO's Agenda for Advocacy assists in the process. Equally valuable in Ohio are our 10 Points on Election Reform and our 8 Points on Redistricting - agendas developed by member committees articulating today's issues applicable to our more general policy positions on elections and redistricting. A member committee is currently developing a similar list of current issues pertaining to our judicial independence position.

While the process to establish a new position may seem tedious and lengthy, once that position is in place, our advocates are poised to act quickly. Advocacy can spring from a "spark plug" anywhere within League: a lobby corps member, state Board member, a local League member with a passion for the issue. Advocacy has many faces: most importantly, our Action Alert system, but also legislative testimony, press releases, op ed pieces, letters to the editor, and interviews.

So, when a hot button issue arises, our "spark plugs" have the assurance of knowing the membership is still solidly behind them, allowing the League to respond promptly. In today's fast-paced society, that speed means the difference between being a player and being an observer on the sidelines. Program planning allows the League to make an impact.



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The Power of League:

Speak Up and Connect!

Join us for 2008 Statehouse Day/Council!

- Kick off the day with Continental Breakfast and welcome from LWVO President Linda Lalley
- Council Call to Order & Council General Session
- Joint Workshop--*The Power of League: Speak Up and Connect How to Connect: the Realities of Communicating with Today's Legislator and Strategies for lobbying at home*
- Participate in six simultaneous workshops led by LWVO lobbyists and other pros on hot topics:
 - Health Care**
 - Paid Sick Leave Proposal**
 - Election Administration Reform**
 - Elections/Voting Reform**
 - Education Funding**
 - Lake Erie Current Issues**
- Exchange thoughts and ideas with other LWV members, issue experts and LWVO lobbyists over lunch.
- Get the chance to discuss workshop topics with your Legislators!

Please Note: All workshops will be conducted in the morning and repeated in the afternoon with invited legislators. Please indicate your workshop preferences below. No appointments will be made with individual legislators. However, attendees are encouraged to drop off LWVO materials at their legislator's office at the conclusion of Statehouse Day/Council.

8:30-9:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

FOR A COMPLETE AGENDA and MAP TO THE RIFFE CENTER, see the STATEHOUSE DAY SECTION on LWVO's website – www.lwvohio.org -- after February 25th.
THE AGENDA and MAP WILL **NOT** BE MAILED TO PARTICIPANTS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

LWVO Statehouse Day/Council

April 29, 2008 • 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Statehouse Day Registration Deadline: April 18, 2008 (One form per person)

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

*Local League President or Council Designee Attending _____

**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.*

Issue workshops you will attend: AM _____ PM _____

Fee: \$35 per person Council Delegate 2nd Delegate Visitor \$15 student

Vegetarian lunch? Yes No

Make checks payable to LWVO and remit this form with payment to:
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The Power of League: Speak Up and Connect at the 2008 LWV Ohio Statehouse Day/Council

By Chris Driver, LWVO Board Member

Tap into the Power of League! Join local League members and delegates at the 2008 LWVO Statehouse Day/Council. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday April 29, 2008 and plan to be at the Riffe Center in Columbus, Ohio for this combined event. 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.



In addition to Council, the LWVO Board is inviting ONE AND ALL League members to participate in a Statehouse Day update on Ohio issues. The format will be similar to Statehouse Day 2007, with opportunities to participate in workshops with issues specialists and



then with representatives from the Legislature. Remarks from last year's attendees have been used to refine the schedule and activities for this year's event.

We will convene mid-morning for the Council General Session to review and discuss the proposed LWVO budget for FY09. 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 feature. Members will receive training on the current realities of communicating with legislators to increase their effectiveness in "lobbying from home."



In the afternoon, Council will re-convene to vote on the budget, and Statehouse Day activities will conclude with meetings with legislative representatives reviewing current bills of interest to LWVO members.

By the end of the day, League members will feel the "Power of League" and will be confident in their ability to "Speak up and Connect" with the legislative process. See you there!

LWVO STATEHOUSE DAY/COUNCIL

APRIL 29, 2008

VERN RIFFE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE AND TRAINING CENTER
77 S. HIGH STREET 31ST FLOOR-COLUMBUS

8:30-9:45 REGISTRATION, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:45-10:00 WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

10:00-10:45 COUNCIL CALL TO ORDER FOR GENERAL SESSION

10:45-11:00 THE POWER OF LEAGUE: SPEAK UP AND CONNECT

HOW TO CONNECT: THE REALITIES OF COMMUNICATING WITH TODAY'S LEGISLATOR, AND STRATEGIES FOR LOBBYING FROM HOME

11:00-11:15 BREAK

11:15-12:15 WORKSHOPS:

HEALTH CARE
ELECTION ADMINISTRATION REFORM -
THE SECRETARY OF STATE EVEREST REPORT
ELECTION/VOTING REFORM-OTHER PROPOSALS/ISSUES
EDUCATION FUNDING
LAKE ERIE - CURRENT ISSUES
PAID SICK LEAVE PROPOSAL

12:15-1:15 PM LUNCH

1:15-1:30 COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION RE-CONVENES

1:30-3:00 REPEATED WORKSHOPS: WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM LEGISLATURE DISCUSSING THE MORNING WORKSHOP TOPICS

3:00-3:30 STATEHOUSE DAY WRAP-UP & MEMBER CALL TO ACTION

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grassroots support: * HB 138 passed the House in December and is now in the Senate Judiciary-Civil Justice committee. This bill would require purchasers of real property at a judicial sale to file deeds promptly, thereby becoming responsible for their properties more quickly. Without this bill, local governments often can't track owners to hold them accountable and the properties deteriorate.

*HB 359, in the House Ways and Means Committee, would allow counties to use a part of their delinquent tax collections to secure or demolish vacant and abandoned buildings in foreclosure.

The bills are supported by the governor's Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, which presented 27 recommendations last fall, mostly aimed at encouraging borrowers to get help early, maximizing alternatives to foreclosure, and improving the foreclosure process: Many of these efforts are already under way. The entire report is available at www.com.state.oh.us/admn/pub/FinalReport.pdf. It should be noted that the mortgage bankers association declined to partner with the governor and offered alternative proposals.

Important: Connecting With Your Elected Officials

By Ann Henkener, LWVO Legislative Director

Democracy is not a spectator sport. As League members, we know the importance of voting and choosing who represents us. We vote, we register others to vote, we produce Voter Information Bulletins, we hold candidate forums, and we work the polls. But this is only half of what we need to do as citizens. We also need to educate ourselves, apply that knowledge to the challenges facing Ohio, and let our governor, congressional and state legislators, county commissioners, mayors, council members and other elected officials know what we think.

President G.W. Bush famously referred to himself as “the decider.” And most elected officials also seem to view themselves as “deciders.” In one sense they are correct: they make decisions on how to represent their constituents. At another level, they are incorrect: they are not the deciders – the voters are the deciders. In a representative democracy, elected officials represent us – the voters. It is our right and responsibility to let them know what it is that we want and how to best represent us. To do that we need to communicate, communicate, communicate. It is actually quite easy to do.

Most congressional and state legislators spend time in their home district offices specifically to be available to their constituents. You can make an appointment to see them. You can send a letter. You can make a telephone call. And all of Ohio’s congressional and state representatives and senators have e-mail addresses.

The League makes it simple to reply to Action Alerts by providing links to your representatives in the alert. The imPACT website, www.ohioimpact.org, lets you “Speak Up and Connect.” Simply follow the links and enter your zip code to find your representatives’ e-mail address.

If you telephone or visit, don’t worry if you get hold of an aide. Often an aide has more time to spend with you and can really focus on your concerns. Legislators listen to information relayed by their aides, as well as your communications directly.

Our elected officials might not be responsive to every constituent’s concerns every time – but there is one thing we know for certain. They can’t be responsive to our concerns if they don’t know what they are!

New Report On Community Schools Highlights Concerns

By Joan Platz, LWVO Education Lobbyist

The League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO) does not have a specific position in support of, or in opposition to, privately run, but publicly funded, charter schools, which are known in Ohio as community schools. We take action on laws and rules proposed by the Ohio General Assembly and by the State Board of Education regarding community schools based on LWVO positions 5, 6, and 9 (Social Policy: Primary and Secondary Education) and LWVUS Principles.

The Ohio General Assembly first authorized the creation of community schools in 1997. According to the 2006-2007 “Annual Community School Governor’s Report” released on December 31, 2007, there were 313 community schools operating in 33 counties in Ohio during the 2006-2007 school year, and approximately 77,000 students were enrolled. Community schools are authorized in Ohio by a sponsor, which serves as the “central quality control agent” for operations and accountability. Currently there are sixty-five active sponsors in Ohio.

Community schools received approximately \$543.174 million in public funds to operate in FY07. The LWVO has urged lawmakers and policy makers

to adopt laws and rules that ensure that community schools are accountable to the voters in a community, comply with all state education standards, observe the Sunshine Laws and open records act, and are fiscally responsible with public funds. The LWVO also works with the Coalition for Public Education (CPE), a group of statewide organizations that advocate for public education, public schools, and accountability for public dollars to improve the accountability of community schools. As a result, several legislative changes have been enacted over the past ten years that strengthen community school and sponsor accountability.

However, concerns about the accountability of community schools for fiscal, operational, and academic performance persist. The Senate Education Committee, chaired by Senator Padgett, accepted on November 14, 2007 a substitute bill for SB 141 (Padgett) that includes several provisions recommended by the State Board of Education and the CPE to improve the accountability of community schools. The LWVO supports Sub. SB 141, and has testified on the bill in early 2008. For more information on SB 141 please contact Joan Platz at jplatz@chemistry.ohio-state.edu problems at all stages of Ohio’s elections process.

Make Planned Giving to League Part of Your Estate Planning

By Nike Mendenhall, LWVO/EF Treasurer

Planned giving is only one part of estate planning that impacts the lives of the people and organizations in your life. Estate planning is an ongoing process that requires periodic review to see if your decisions are still the best for your current circumstances.

Several professionals will help you to ensure that you make the best estate planning decisions for you and your family. Consider the services of a good tax attorney, accountant and financial planner to help you to determine the options open to you and to create or revise several legal documents that will protect the financial stability of loved ones as well as provide other invaluable benefits. These legal documents include two planned giving options that relate to planned giving to organizations such as the League of Women Voters of Ohio: Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Beneficiaries of Estates.

The Charitable Remainder Trust makes it possible to receive a lifetime income and designate that the remainder go to one or more charitable beneficiaries at your death. This type of special trust may provide your estate with some tax benefits, also. Through your will or trust, the other option for planned giving, allows you to name any number of charitable organizations, such as the League, to benefit at your death. Those assets going to charity will be removed from your estate, reducing the overall taxable estate.

Estate planning enables you to provide to the charitable organizations that have been significant in your life. If you would like to include the League of Women Voters of Ohio, please discuss your requests with your tax planning professionals.

Ready, Set, ASK!

By Lisa Fry, LWVO Membership Manager

Leagues across the nation have faced the challenge of recruiting new members during the past decade. LWVO executive director, Jerolyn Barbee and I attended LWVUS' membership initiative recruitment (MRI) training in December.

The MRI's focus is to make membership development an intentional, consistent, and constant thread that weaves into all League activities – legislative, fundraising, election and other events. In the upcoming months, we will be providing training to local Leagues on the MRI. The materials are posted on our website, www.lwvohio.org, under the Recruitment and Retention page.

Keys to the MRI:

- Use consistent, concise and direct messaging;
- Identify opportunities to incorporate MRI as part of the event;
- Develop a work plan;
- Practice the messages - training is essential to build the skill set and comfort level to make the ask;
- MAKE THE ASK! Don't assume they know you want them to join. Break down the perception that you have to be "invited" to join League.

LWVO will be incorporating these messages into all of our communications. If you have questions, please email membership manager, Lisa Fry at membership@lwvohio.org or call her at 1-877-598-6446 ext. 12.

League Sees Breakthrough in Election Reform Lawsuit

By Linda Lalley, LWVO President

On November 14, 2007, representatives of plaintiffs League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO) and Toledo/Lucas County and defendant Secretary of State (SoS) met to explore a settlement to its election reform lawsuit. Both sides reviewed the improved processes in the SoS office and new directives to the Boards of Elections, and discussed potential additional avenues to address concerns stated in the lawsuit complaint, particularly in election planning and post-election audits.

Parties to the lawsuit have agreed to continue the talks during 2008. They also have agreed to continue the stay of appeal first granted by the Sixth Circuit Court in May 2006 while settlement talks move forward.

November's meeting preceded the December 14 release of the Everest Report on voting machines by the SoS. A critical finding of the Everest Report, the recommendation of optical scan voting machines over direct recording equipment, agrees with LWVO's 10 points on election reform.

Over the summer, League member elections experts had compiled a detailed proposal of measures to achieve the election reforms sought in the lawsuit. The detailed measures were the basis of discussions during the November 14 meeting.

In July 2005 LWVO filed the complaint in federal court against the offices of governor and secretary of state, alleging a 30 year pattern of election dysfunction. The lawsuit does not challenge the results of any past elections, nor does it seek monetary damages. Instead, it seeks to protect the rights of Ohio voters in future elections. The relief sought would require the state defendants to exercise their authority by repairing voter problems at all stages of Ohio's elections process.

Power Pledge: LWVO Annual Fund Drive 2008 Fueling Civic Engagement in Ohio

By Kathy Jones, LWVO/EF Development Chair

LWVO is launching Power Pledge in 2008 to nurture civic participation in government and to develop community leaders throughout the state. Local Leagues of Ohio working together as one to:

- Reform the system through civic engagement
- Safeguard and strengthen our democracy
- Engage the public to actively effect change on the local, state and national level

As you know, all of these activities require a sustained financial commitment from League members. Along with the traditional one time donation, the Power Pledge system will allow donors to enroll in an automatic payment plan. This type of pledge system has been used successfully for years by many non-profit organizations such as PBS and LWVUS.

Rather than taking the time to write a check, contributors can sign up for Power Pledge, with a monthly automatic payment plan. Donors can budget their contribution over the course of a year by using the pledge system. Their donations will be transferred directly to the League from their checking or credit card account. It is all done automatically through the banks used by LWVO/EF. They

MEMBERSHIP FORM



Yes, sign me up as a member of the League of Women Voters of Ohio!

\$50 Individual \$75 Household

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

E-mail _____

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Columbus, OH 43215**

will also be able to split their monthly donation between LWVO and LWVO Ed Fund. There are no additional fees for this service. Please note: Donors will still have the option of making a one-time donation by check or credit card.

For more information on Power Pledge, call the LWVO office at 877-598-6446 ext. 12. or visit our website www.lwvohio.org

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