# **League of Women Voters Clermont County**

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# 2014 General Meetings

General Meetings and Programs All Meetings begin at 6:30 pm

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# **VOTER**

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# EARLY VOTING IN OHIO UPHELD BY U.S. SUPREME COURT

On Monday, September 29, the US Supreme Court issued a stay of a lower court decision upholding the restrictions of early voting in Ohio. Early voting began on Tuesday, October 7. As a result, Ohio Secretary of State Husted issued Directive 2014-30 with revised eaerly voting dates and hours which allow early voting.



On the heels of the Supreme Court's decision late last month to allow Ohio's new voting law to go into effect, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder criticized the law's restrictions on early voting, which he said were "heavily used" by African-American voters.

"It is a major step backward to allow these reductions to early voting to go into effect," the Attorney General said in a video message posted on the Justice Department's website. "Early voting is about much more than making it more convenient for people to exercise their civic responsibilities. It's about preserving access and openness for every eligible voter, not just those who can afford to miss work or who can afford to pay for childcare."

The Ohio law has been the subject of a lawsuit by civil rights groups and the Justice Department filed a brief in the case in July. A federal judge ruled that the law violated the Voting Rights Act and blocked it from taking effect. A federal appeals court judge upheld that ruling, but the U.S. Supreme Court disagreed and ruled the law should go into effect immediately.

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# GOVERNMENT DAY AT UC CLERMONT ON NOVEMBER 18



Our League will be participating in Government Day at the Clermont County Commissioners office on November 18. Together with Look to Clermont, we will be instructing 22 students from UC Clermont on local government issues and sharing our "Now You're 18" program with them. League members are invited the join the students for lunch at 11:30. UC Clermont students will also be assisting our League will the updating of our Public Officials Guide.

# I WANT TO VOTE



The League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO) has launched a new project, "I Want to Vote", to invite Ohioans to have a voice in future policy decisions about when county Board of Elections offices should be open for early in - person voting. "There has been a lot of discussion in recent years among election officials, legislators, and other policy - makers about how much time Ohio should have for early voting. Yet, no one has ever asked the voters what they want," said Carrie Davis, Executive Director of LWVO. "In light of recent events," Davis continued, "this debate is likely to continue, and it is time for voters to have their say. That is why the League of Women Voters of Ohio is launching the 'I Want to Vote' survey."

The "I Want to Vote" survey asks Ohio voters when they want to be able to vote. The survey will run through Friday, November 7, 2014, and the results will be announced after the election. Ohio voters can have their say by going to http://bit.ly/iwanttovoteohio.

# INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN OUR LEAGUE



Ever wondered how to invite a friend to join the League? Do you know how to describe the League to potential members? Here are some ideas to use in conversation:

- Explain that we are a force to create positive and lasting change in our communities.
- Describe how we educate citizens and foster dialogue on

a wide range of important issues.

- Tell people about our candidate debates.
- Tell friends why you joined the League! Tell your personal stories about our activities and the fun we have!

Invite friends to become a member and work to shape a stronger, better community. Do it today!

# SAVE THE DATE



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# 2014-2015

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