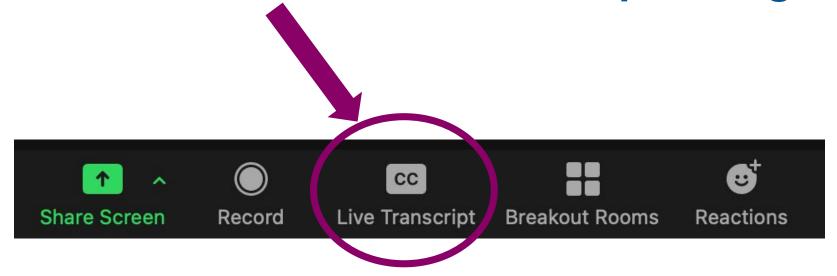
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# Honesty Lunch & Learn

From the Suffrage Movement to the Present Day Continuing the Fight for Voting Rights for Women, BIPOC Communities, and More...



# Welcome!

### **Dr. Christina Collins**

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Honesty for Ohio Education



# We Are

### **Coalition**

Nonpartisan, Statewide, Diverse Stakeholders

### **Pillars**

**Educate • Advocate • Build Community** 

### **Priorities**

Statehouse • State Board of Ed • Schools

#### Resources

News, Info, Events, Programs, Organizing

































































# Agenda

#### State of Education in Ohio

Voting: From the Suffrage Movement to the Present Day

- Jen Miller, LWVO
- Deidra Reese, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Q&A

Coming Up...

Resources

# State of Education

# Statehouse Updates

HB 27 - \$1.4B appropriation bill: \$160M K12 schools

Passed by Senate 30-2

SB 17 - forces narrow concepts of capitalism into HS financial literacy standards

Passed by Senate, pending Gov signature into law

#### **Pending:**

- **HB 214** Forces extremist rhetoric into educator codes of conduct
- HB 339 ESAs for nonchartered schools
- HB 183 School restroom and facilities ban
- SB 168 K12 de-regulation
- HB 344 Eliminates replacement levies
- HB 238 Removes DEI training/ed from occupational licensing

**More on Legislation Tracker** 



# **SBOE & DEW**



#### **State Board of Education**

- Next Meeting: March 11, 9 am
- February Meeting:
  - Budget deficit. SBOE will run out of money by June/July
  - Resolution requesting legislative funding passed by the Board
  - SBOE may be moving to the William Green Building by April

### **Dept of Education & Workforce**

 Next Meeting: March 14, 9 am (Tentative)

Meetings held at DEW Building, 25 S Front St, Columbus Watch Live & archived meetings on The Ohio Channel



# Voting: From the Suffrage Movement to the Present Day

Continuing the Fight for Voting Rights for Women, BIPOC Communities, and More...

# Honesty Welcomes

Jen Miller

Executive Director League of Women Voters of Ohio





### **League of Women Voters of Ohio**

**Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy in Ohio Since 1920!** 















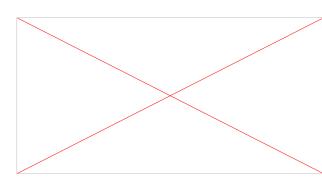




### **LWVO Victories over the Years**

- -Fairness rules in ballot construction
- -Rules for recounts on close races
- -Mail-in and Online Voter Registration
- -Improved Disability Access
- -Election Administration Plans
- -Post Election Audits
- -Absentee & Early Voting
- -Bipartisan Oversight of Elections
- -Testing & Certification of Voting Machines
- -Youth at the Booth
- -Funding for Boards of Elections
- -Defend Ballot Access for unique/vulnerable populations





### **History of Suffrage & LWV in Ohio**















### Path to 36 States

June 10, 1919: Passes in IL, WI, MI

Jun 16, 1919: Passes in KS, OH, NY

Late June 1919: Passes in PA, MA, TX,

July & August 1919: Passes in IA, MO, AR, MT, NE

Sept 1919: Passes in MN, NH, UT,

Nov & Dec: Passes in CA, ME, ND, SD, CO

Jan 1920: Passes in KY, RI, OR, IN, WY

Feb & March 1920: NV, NJ, ID, AZ, NM, OK, WV, WA

Aug, 1920: Finally Passes in Tennessee

Girls are doing all the

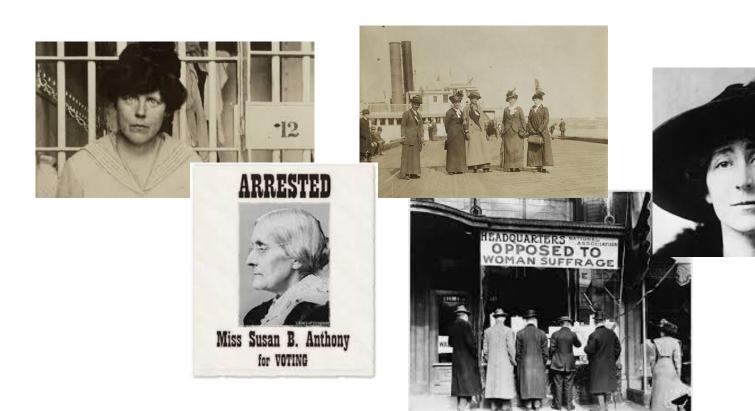
Rejected in Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Mississippi, Delaware, Louisiana

### The wording matters...

The right of citizens of the United States to vote <u>shall not be denied</u> or abridged by the United States or by any State <u>on account of sex</u>.



### MYTH: Women were "given" the vote



### Some women, but not all in 1920...

1924: Native Americans (although last state to guarantee rights is Utah in 1962)

1929: Puerto Rican women who can read & write (all in 1935)

1943: Chinese Immigrants

1961: Washington DC Residents in Presidential Races

1964: Prohibition of Poll Taxes

1965: Voting Rights Act, protections for minorities

1971: 18 new voting age

1984: Accessibility for Seniors & Voters with Disabilities

1986: Military and Overseas Citizens

Today: Voter Access/Rights Work continues





### Intersectional Suffrage Timeline

1834: Antislavery Convention, woman suffrage part of platform

1848: Seneca Falls Convention

1850: National Women's Rights Convention in Massachusetts

1851: Sojourner Truth "Ain't I a woman" speech at Ohio Convention

1865 – 1869: 13 – 15th Amendments, extend citizenship to former slaves, prohibit denying the vote on the basis of race

1869: American Equal Rights Association splits into NWSA & AWSA





### Intersectional Suffrage Timeline, Cont'd

1874: Woman's Christian Temperance Union forms, encourages racially segregated local units

1896: National Assoc of Colored Women's Clubs forms

1913: Newly formed Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of Howard University marched in the back, against organizer's wish

1920: LWVs form across the US; some include black women, but many do not. Even Leagues with black members often don't allow them to be leaders.



### **A Movement Divided**

Susan B Anthony: "I will cut off this right arm of mine before I will ever work or demand the ballot for the Negro and not the woman."

Lucy Stone: "I will be thankful in my soul if any body can get out of the terrible pit."

Mary Church Terrell: "Nobody wants to know a colored woman's opinion about her own status...When she dares express it, no matter how mild or tactful it may be, it is called propaganda, or is labeled controversial."

### Resources about Suffrage & Voting Rights

League of Women Voters of Ohio Intersectional Reading List & Discussion Guide: <a href="https://www.lwvohio.org/suffragecentennial">www.lwvohio.org/suffragecentennial</a>

Ohio History Connection Inclusive Teacher Resources on suffrage: <a href="https://www.ohiohistory.org/learn/suffrage-centennial/ohio-women-vote">www.ohiohistory.org/learn/suffrage-centennial/ohio-women-vote</a>

Rock the Vote Woman's Suffrage Explainer www.rockthevote.org/explainers/the-19th-amendment

ACLU Voting Rights Timeline & Infographic <a href="https://www.aclu.org/voting-rights-act-major-dates-history">https://www.aclu.org/voting-rights-act-major-dates-history</a>

Carnegie Voting Rights History: www.carnegie.org/our-work/article/voting-rights-timeline/

### Free curriculum materials!

www.lwvohio.org/know-your-ohio-government

Textbook & Curriculum available for free in English & Spanish





#### **Know Your Ohio Government**

The definitive guide for citizens who want to learn how to influence government policies. A concise reference book on state and local government: the branches of government, state and local agencies and their funding, elections, and more.

#### **Election Protection Hotlines**

ENGLISH 866-OUR-VOTE / 866-687-8683

SPANISH/ENGLISH 888-VE-Y-VOTA / 888-839-8682

ASIAN LANGUAGES/ENGLISH 888-API-VOTE / 888-274-8683

ARABIC/ENGLISH 844-YALLA-US / 844-925-5287



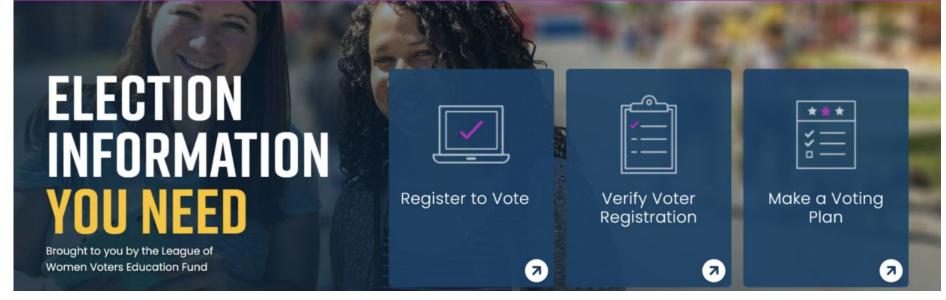




### LWV's nonpartisan voter guide: vote411.org

Click here to access your voting information at vote411!





# Thank you!









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# Honesty Welcomes

### **Diedra Reese**

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# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Committed to Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service and Social Action Since January 13, 1913



# Social Action in Delta Sigma Theta

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has been involved in "Social Action" almost since its inception
- March 3, 1913- several Founders marched in the historic Suffragist March, the first public act of the Sorority
- In our Delta Oath, there is a commitment to action in the public arena



If there was a movement for fairness and justice, A Delta was there



















### DELTA'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Economic Justice
- Education
- Environmental Justice
- Health equity
- Reimagining Public Safety
- Reproductive Justice
- Voting and Civic Engagement

# We lobby at the Nation's Capital and the United Nations





### CHISHOLM JORDAN INSTITUTE

•The Chisholm Jordan Institute was developed to train Black women to run for office and appointment.



# D4W0MEN WACTION

### RUNNING FOR OFFICE: Delta for Women in Action (D4)

- Delta has created Delta for Women in Action (D4) as an independent 501(c)(4), Delta-affiliated, nonprofit social welfare and advocacy organization.
- D4 Women in Action constitutes a vehicle through which the public policy objectives, legislative priorities and targeted candidacies for public office which are reflected in and valued by the legacy of Delta can be significantly enhanced in a concerted and sustained manner.

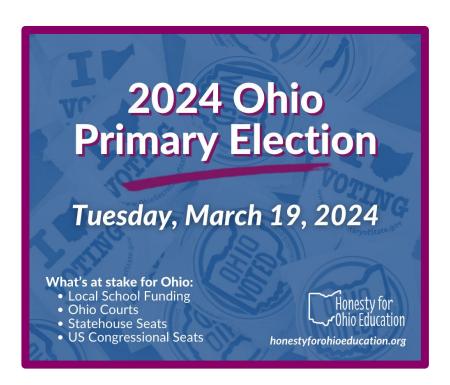
# Let's Talk!

# **TAKE ACTION**

### **Ohio Primary Election - March 19**

- Early Voting open NOW!
- Honest education, school funding, student rights, and safe communities are on the ballot!

2024 Election Info: **HERE** 





# TAKE ACTION

### **Protect Gender Affirming Care!**

### **Testimony needed for 2 hearings:**

- OMHAS Public Hearing: Monday, March 18
- ODH Public Hearing: Thursday, March 21

**TAKE ACTION: Trans Allies of Ohio** 

## CALL TO ACTION



OMHAS and ODH are holding public hearings regarding the revised "gender transition care" rules. TransOhio is asking our community & allies to submit written testimony. We continue to stand by our trans youth and oppose data collection on trans healthcare.





# Coming Up...

#### **Statehouse**

On recess

### **State Board of Education: Monthly Meeting**

Monday, March 11, 9 am - 25 S. Front St, Columbus

### Department of Education & Workforce: Bi-Monthly Meeting

• Thursday, March 14, 9 am - 25 S. Front St, Columbus (Tentative)

Watch all the meetings on The Ohio Channel

Find more at **Honesty Events** 



# **Stay Connected**

**JOIN** the Honesty Mailing List

FOLLOW @Honesty4OhioEd

**ATTEND** Events & Programs

**SHARE** Alerts, Newsletter, Info

**INVITE** Us to Your Community/Org



# Resources

#### **Honesty for Ohio Education**

- Mailing List HERE
- Legislation Tracker HERE | Flyer HERE
- Website HERE
- Social Media: FB Instagram Twitter
- Watch State Meetings HERE

#### **State of Education**

- Track Actions Across US K-12 | CRT | HE
- Roots of Critical Race Theory Campaign HERE
- Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping HERE

#### **Statehouse**

- Honesty Legislation Tracker HERE
- Ohio Legislature Site HERE

#### **State Board of Education**

- Each Child Our Future Strategic Plan HERE
- Whole Child Framework HERE
- Education Resources HERE
- Anti-LGBTQ+ Resolution HERE
- Anti-Racism and Equity Resolution HERE
- Gerrymandering SBOE Districts HERE

#### **Local Schools**

- Finding Unity and Common Ground HERE
- ACLU Ohio Student Rights Handbook HERE

# Thank You

