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Common Cause Wisconsin: Actions you can take to promote democracy

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Thanks to each and every voter who participated in the Spring 2022 elections! Local elections have direct impacts on our lives, families, and communities. Thanks for using your personal power to make a difference and to enhance our right to vote.

Now, with our next statewide election just ahead in August, here are some exciting, upcoming opportunities for you to learn, explore, and help direct your citizen activism to preserve and protect our freedom to vote.

CALLS to ACTION (write to your government officials TODAY, which is easy to do with the Common Cause online writing tool)

- The anti-voter legislative bills have been sent to Governor Tony Evers. He needs to veto these measures. Write to him today to thank him for defending our right to vote because he will need to act on these bills by early next week. Even if you have done this in the past on earlier voter suppression measures, it's important that you weigh in against this latest assault on free and fair elections in Wisconsin. And it takes only a few minutes to construct and send out this important message by using this easy-to-use Common Cause letter writing tool.
- Write to both your State Senator and your State Representative and demand a public hearing and then a vote on SB 389 and AB 395 in support of redistricting reform. While the Wisconsin Legislature has "adjourned" for the year to campaign for the 2022 elections, they could easily convene again in Extraordinary Session to consider and pass SB 389/AB 395. Demand that they do so – write to them today!

What's Undermining Our Courts? (webinar)
Common Cause Wisconsin Director, Jay Heck, joins a panel with Marquette

University Law Prof. **Edward Fallone** and dark money expert **Lisa Graves** for a conversation moderated by former Wisconsin Public Radio personality **Joy Cardin** about how secret, dark political money and weak recusal rules are undermining our courts. The free, virtual event sponsored by LWVWI is this coming Wednesday, April 13 at Noon.
Register for the Fair Courts webinar. The recorded event will be posted on the League's website and YouTube page.
Thank Election Heroes Day (online)
Join Common Cause Wisconsin, many partnering organizations, and voters across the state to thank our local clerks, poll workers, and election officials for all their work for ensuring Wisconsin elections are secure, fair, free and accessible. Send your clerk a letter, email or message via social media on Tuesday, April 12 — "Thank Election Heroes Day." Let's all come together to thank our election workers and let them know how grateful we are that they count every vote and protect our freedom to vote. A little kindness from you goes a long way toward making democracy better!
You can find your clerk's contact information at MyVote.wi.gov.
VoteRiders Voter ID Clinic/10th Anniversary Party (in person event)
On Tuesday, April 19 at 3:00 pm CT, Vote Riders will be kicking off our first Wisconsin Voter ID Clinic for 2022 in Milwaukee! Join them to celebrate 10 years and for ID clinic to give for assistance with IDs, Social Security Cards, Birth Certificates, and more! Refreshments will be served.
Milwaukee Public Library – Central Branch
Rotary Club of Milwaukee Community Room
814 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, 53233
Contact Nick Ramos, Vote Rider WI Voter ID Coalition Coordinator for more information.
Prepare NOW to VOTE in August and November 2022 Elections! (vote by absentee ballot or on Election Day)
If you have moved and/or need to update your voter registration, there's no better time than right now to do that so you're ready for the next election. Go to MyVote.wi.gov and enter your address information or contact your municipal clerk. You can find more voting information at the Common Cause Wisconsin website including resources for how to get assistance and answers for your election questions.
Please take action now and participate in one or more of these opportunities to move your civic engagement from beyond just the voting booth.

Stay involved. Stay encouraged. Stay connected!

Your active engagement makes our democracy stronger and preserves our freedom to vote and have our voices heard.

Thanks, and all best to you,

Jay Heck