

League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County: Publishes VOTE411 Spring Primary Voter Guide

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Ahead of the February 21 primary elections, the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County today published its online Spring 2023 Primary Voter Guide via the nonpartisan election resource VOTE411.org. This “one-stop shop” for election information provides simple, easy tools to help Wisconsin voters navigate the voting process. VOTE411.org provides candidate information and views on issues, recorded forums, polling place locations, and other helpful election information for voters.

“VOTE411 is the nation’s premiere nonpartisan online election resource,” said Peggy Creer, president of the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County. Locally, League posed questions in English and in Spanish to all candidates running this spring in Milwaukee and Waukesha County-wide races, in municipal and school district races in Milwaukee County, and in municipal and school district races in several Waukesha County communities.

All candidates are invited to respond to questions in The Spring 2023 Primary Voter Guide. The Guide features candidate answers from those competing in Milwaukee and Waukesha County’s five spring primary races: Elmbrook School Board Member at large; Milwaukee City Alderperson, districts 1, 5, and 9; and Oak Creek City Alderperson, district 1. The state portion of the Voter Guide will feature responses from candidates in the state-wide primary race for State Supreme Court Justice and the special election for State Senate District 8.

“Good government, representative government begins at the local level,” Creer said. “Protecting and strengthening our democracy is a year-round activity.” There

will be some 119 local positions up for election in April, including circuit court judges, mayors, alderpersons, village presidents and trustees, town chairs and supervisors, municipal judges, and school board members. “The success of the Guide depends on the participation of candidates, whether in a contested race or not, and on the expectation of voters that candidates for public office will share their views on the issues.”

The League of Women Voters encourages voters to visit VOTE411.org to make a voting plan so they are prepared to vote confidently on February 21 whether they choose to vote absentee prior to the election or in person on election day. Voters may request an absentee ballot at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee>.

The League of Women Voters works closely with local elections officials throughout the country to compile the information for VOTE411. VOTE411 helps millions of voters nation-wide each year—many of them young people and first-time voters—learn about candidate stances, look up what’s on their ballot, find their polling place, and more. In addition to VOTE411, the League encourages active participation in government by conducting voter registration drives and candidate forums, get-out-the-vote social media messaging, and educational public forums on critical public policy issues.