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League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter

PROTECT DEMOCRACY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 VIRUS

While the COVID-19 virus has disrupted our lives, we must not lose sight of what the virus could do to our democracy. The most effective tool we have to protect our democracy is to vote. But directives of social distancing and to shelter in place as well as postponed elections may discourage voting, diminishing its significance and making it seem irrelevant. In the time of COVID-19, the LWV motto,

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy. has never been more poignant and important.

The COVID-19 virus relief bill recently approved by Congress gives states \$400 million to protect upcoming elections. It will allow states to expand mail-in and early voting, as well as online voter registration and help secure in-person voting sites. The money is far less than the \$4 billion some believe is needed to ensure the voting rights of everyone, however.

To vote in Oregon's primary election on May 19, you must be registered with your current name and address by April 28. If you have moved (even if you just changed apartments), you must update your registra-

tion. You can register or ensure that your registration and that it's accurate online at <https://sos.oregon.gov>.

See what's on your ballot at <https://www.vote411.org/>. Get information about measures in voter guides and meet the candidates at City Club of Eugene's virtual forums (co-sponsored by LWVLC). They air on Fridays at noon on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CityClubofEugene/> or shortly after on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityClubEugene>. The forums repeat on KLCC 89.7 at 7 pm on the following Monday. See box below for the schedule.

You can expect to receive your ballot in the mail around the first of May. Then VOTE! And encourage others to vote!

Our democracy may depend on it.



Kathy Madison

CC of E FB & YouTube	KLCC	Office	Candidates
March 27	March 30	County Commissioner Position 3	Joel Iboa, Laurie Trieger, Sandra Bishop, and Matt Moore
April 3	April 6	City of Eugene Ward 1	Emily Semple, Eliza Kashinsky, Tim Morris, Sean Dwyer, Daniel Williams, and Candice King
April 10	April 13	City of Eugene Ward 8	Randy Groves and Ryan Moore
		County Commissioner Position 4	Andrew Ross and Pat Farr
April 17	April 20	City of Eugene Ward 7	Claire Syrett, Cliff Grey, and Douglas Barr
		City of Eugene Ward 2	Matt Keating and Kate Davidson
April 24	April 27	City of Eugene Mayor	Lucy Vinis, Robert Patterson, Zondie Zinke, Benjamin Ricker, Stacey Westover, Matthew Yook, and Thomas Hiura