



Voter Services Committee Annual Report 2023-2024

Purpose

The LWVMT Voter Services Committee facilitates outreach to new voters through voter registration events, educational opportunities, organization networking, and training.

Chair

Tommy Yap

Committee Members

Dr. Cornice Wilson, Katherine Bracy, Emily Gamel, Shailaja Marion

Meeting Schedule

1st Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm

Successes

- Key partnership with the City of Tulsa to achieve Certified Welcoming City
 - New citizen education sessions created for the City of Tulsa
 - “What is on the Ballot” and “How to Vote”
 - Translated in Spanish and Zopou
- Formed a partnerships with Tulsa Community College to host voter registration events and opportunities
 - National Voter Registration Day activities on all campuses
- Initial networking with Black churches to promote voter registration events amongst community and congregants
- Initial networking with Black Panhellenic societies to uplift and provide support for registration events amongst community

Challenges

- Labor. Many voter Services activities require volunteers, which can make execution challenging. While much can get done from home and on a computer, in the end many programs need staffing.
- Grant coordination. LWVMT receives grants for specific outreach—young voters, formerly incarcerated, and new citizens. Coordination between the committees on how best to use this money could have been better.

General Recommendations for Incoming Committee

Summary Recommendation

- Provide resources to turnkey events and efforts
 - Identify groups that simply need resources to execute programming: training, education material, or supplemental funding
 - Alleviate stress on LWVMT by uplifting community members to execute programs independently
 - Expand the LWVMT footprint and effort with minimal lift

Program Recommendations

- Train the trainer programs
 - Lower the barrier for community members to access sufficient registrar training and resources
 - Make training materials as freely available as possible to reduce the time and labor needed by LWVMT members
 - Refresh registrar training materials: video, online guides, walkthroughs, etc.
 - Optional: work with OK LWV to create statewide materials
- New citizen education classes
 - Continue the partnership with the City of Tulsa
 - Continue in-person presentations
 - Record sessions and post them for wide use online (YouTube)
 - Create supplemental resources in second languages (see recording)
 - Optional: work with OK LWV to create statewide materials
- Voter registration at Tulsa Community College
 - Continue plans for LWVMT during summer orientation
 - Connect with interested student groups and show them how to register fellow students
 - Groups that have shown interest: Student Government Association (SGA), African-American Student Association, and TCC Pride
 - Plan for National Voter Registration Day, which is an all campus event
- Cultivate and grow a network of Black churches
 - Work with pastors to identify programs that would work best for them and their membership
 - Initial proposal: train congregants to register voters
 - Grow voter engagement within the congregation and community
 - Provide monetary, educational, and labor resources as a partner and foster “turnkey efforts
- Cultivate and grow a network of Black Panhellenic societies
 - Identify turnkey efforts and provide needed training and resources for community led events
- Continue to build relationships with underserved and underrepresented communities to cultivate new opportunities to share resources

Recommended Schedule of Events for 2024-2025 Committee

[Point of Contact for projects can be found HERE.](#)

June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Identify outreach events to support● Registrar training<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Video refresh● TCC Pride● Juneteenth
July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue program support● Registrar training<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Disseminate training materials
August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mayoral election● TCC Summer Orientation for 2024-2025 school year
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● National Voter Registration Day with TCC
October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue program support● Tulsa Pride
November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● General Election
December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Winter Nap Time</i>
January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Identify outreach events to support● Registrar training<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Disseminate training materials
February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● School Board Primary Elections
March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue program support
April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● School Board Primary Elections
May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue program support
June 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Continue program support