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**WESTCHESTER COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION INPUT STATEMENT**

The League of Women Voters of Westchester appreciates this opportunity to provide input about the June 2020 Primary Election in Westchester County.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we realize the challenges that the Board of Elections faced in organizing a primary election during this time. Issues included a statewide executive order to mandate Boards of Elections to send absentee ballot applications to all registered voters; unclear processes; voter confusion due to insufficient communications to the public; the reduced number of poll inspectors; the reduced number of polling locations for Early Voting and Election Day - leading to long voter lines; the lack of training for poll inspectors; and administrative errors with voter information postcards.

The League of Women Voters of Westchester strived to communicate voting process changes in a timely manner through e-blasts, our website, and social media. However we also faced challenges in fielding the numerous queries that our members and the public presented to us. While WBOE was responsive and well-receiving of our telephone calls, these queries could have been minimized with more effective and transparent communications.

Nationally and in New York State, League volunteers have been behind some of the most important voting reform victories in recent years. From fighting for expanded early voting, to enacting automatic and online voter registration and more, we are working to modernize our voting systems, and streamline the voting process. We are here to advocate for all voters.

With that being said, what can we do to ensure an efficient and successful voting experience for Election 2020 here in Westchester County?

The League of Women Voters of Westchester is here to build on the strength of our relationship with the Westchester County Board of Elections and Board of Legislators. We offer a non-partisan, collaborative partnership with the Board of Elections to assist in reviewing current processes and systemic problems to determine what works and what doesn't work; compare data; develop strategic solutions; assist with training of poll inspectors (both virtual and onsite); survey poll inspectors; assist with mapping poll locations; assist with administrative tasks; and more.

The bottom line...the League of Women Voters of Westchester wants to be part of the solution.

*Kathy Meany*

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