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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KY TO HOST FAIR MAPS FORUMS/WEBINARS ACROSS THE STATE

LOUISVILLE, KY- The League of Women Voters of Kentucky (LWVKY) is hosting a series of Fair Maps Forums/Webinars across the Commonwealth to share information about Kentucky's 2020 Census data along with draft maps of legislative districts. The purpose is to seek citizen input on how the public could be better represented in their districts. As Kentucky state legislators begin to redraw district boundary lines to accommodate shifts in population within the state, the League is encouraging Kentuckians to share their ideas for new maps of voting districts. Regardless of ethnicity, zip code or interest, citizens need to be fairly represented in Frankfort and in Washington.

LWVKY will be sharing how boundaries can be drawn more fairly, solicit public input, and then draw recommended maps using the same mapping software used by state lawmakers. The presentations will include opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback so that all opinions may be taken into account.

LWVKY points out that in the past, gerrymandering has been used to redraw district boundaries to benefit incumbents in their bid for re-election, or to unfairly enhance political preferences. New district lines should be drawn to give each of our votes equal weight, each of our voices equal stature, and each of our communities equal access to the decision-making processes that affect us, including funding for our schools, hospitals, and other essential services.

“Since this redrawing of boundaries every ten years is so important to the way citizens are represented, it is imperative that the system be fair and open,” said LWVKY President Fran Wagner. “Regardless of any particular political party or interest group, the entire state benefits when redistricting is done fairly. “

Forums/Webinars have been scheduled as follows. Registration for all events is at lwvky.org.

- Thursday, September 16, 2021: **Richmond** - 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. EDT - VIRTUAL and IN PERSON: O'Donnell Auditorium, 521 Lancaster Ave, Richmond
- Tuesday, September 21: **Hopkinsville** – 6:00-7:30 p.m. CDT (7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT) - VIRTUAL
- Wednesday, September 29: **Bowling Green**, 6:00-7:30 p.m. CDT (7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT) - VIRTUAL
- Thursday, October 14: **Frankfort** – 7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT - VIRTUAL
- Monday, October 18: **Louisville** – VIRTUAL 6:00-7:30 p.m. EDT; For those IN PERSON 5:30-7:30 p.m. EDT, with Program beginning at 6:00. Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Ave., Louisville
- Thursday, October 21: **Lexington** – 7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT - VIRTUAL
- Tuesday, November 2: **Northern Kentucky** – 6:30-8:00 p.m. EDT– VIRTUAL
- **Pikeville**: Details to be posted soon

All events will be live streamed.

For forum registration, information, and updates visit lwvky.org or email info@lwvky.org.

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