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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO DISCUSS STATE REDISTRICTING IN
SEPTEMBER 29 BOWLING GREEN WEBINAR**

BOWLING GREEN, KY-On Wednesday, September 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m. CDT (7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT), Western Kentucky University Department of Political Science will host a **Fair Maps Webinar** with the League of Women Voters of Kentucky. This event is free and open to the public with registration required at lwvky.org.

Event host Dr. Sandra Curry Ardrey, WKU Dept. of Political Science and WKU Political Engagement Project, asserts, "Redistricting affects all of us, especially groups that are marginalized by political and socioeconomic institutions. We must let our representatives know where we stand and that we demand fairness as guaranteed in the Constitution."

The LWV KY is hosting a series of Fair Maps Forums/Webinars across the state to share draft maps of potential legislative districts and seek public input on how the public could be better represented in those districts. As Kentucky state legislators begin to redraw district boundary lines, the League is encouraging citizens to share their ideas for more representative maps of voting districts. Regardless of ethnicity, zip code or interest, citizens need to be fairly represented in Frankfort and Washington.

LWV KY speakers, Dee Pregliasco and Susan Perkins Weston, will share how the boundaries can be drawn more fairly by using the same mapping software used by the state lawmakers to draft proposed boundaries. This presentation will include opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback so that all opinions may be taken into account.

LWV KY 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 need to 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 make important decisions for 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.”

All events will be livestreamed, with registration, and videotaped for later viewing, both at lwvky.org.

Events have been scheduled as follows.

- • September 16, 2021: EKU/Richmond: available soon for viewing at lwvky.org
- Tuesday, September 21, **Hopkinsville** - 6:00-7:30 p.m. CDT (7-8:30 p.m. EDT); VIRTUAL It's not too late to register.
- Tuesday, September 29, **Bowling Green** - 6:00-7:30 p.m. CDT (7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT)
- 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 VIRTUAL REGISTRATION: lwvky.org; IN PERSON-LIMITED SEATING: 5:30-7:30 p.m. EDT, with Program beginning at 6:00. Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Ave., Louisville; **FOR IN PERSON REGISTRATION**
- 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
- Tuesday, October 26: **Pikeville** - Details coming soon.

All events will be livestreamed with registration. For forum registration, information, and updates visit lwvky.org or email info@lwvky.org.

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