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June 25, 1975

Ms. Thomas Kenyon

Dear Ms. Kenyon:

It is with real regret that we hear from Betty Anderson that the League of Women Voters of Brazosport, Texas has disbanded. We know this step was taken with reluctance and only when it was clear the League could no longer continue.

Names listed in the Voter file for the League of Women Voters of Brazosport will be withdrawn. However, we hope that some of you will choose to maintain your affiliation with the League by transferring your membership to a nearby local League or by forming a member-at-large unit of the Texas League of Women Voters. It goes without saying that money remaining from the Brazosport League treasury after all outstanding bills have been paid reverts to the state League. No doubt the transfer of funds has already taken place.

It is always a sad occasion when we lose a League. Perhaps the time will come when there can be a League in Brazosport again. We hope so.

Sincerely,

Ruth C. Clusen
President

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League of Women Voters of Brazosport

June 6, 1975

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Texas

Dear Friends:

It is with deep regret that the League of Women Voters of Brazosport finds it necessary to dissolve as a League. We sincerely tried to find the leadership necessary, but in today's world of women who work outside the home, women who further their education, along with the men -- all the things we in the League have worked for within the League -- the leaders just aren't available for League. Also, in our local community, the constant transfers to other locations, and the local climate (pun intended) is such that many of the League positions nationally, in particular, are contrary to local interests. That is my personal assessment of the local problem.

Enclosed are the last local publications of the Brazosport LWV. We picked up the last one today. Our Board is in process of writing thank you letters to all our supporters and members and enclosing both publications. As a result, we will have only a pittance (maybe \$10 or so) to send to the state treasurer. We do have a mimeograph machine which seems to be in good shape and an old electric typewriter which needs repair (it won't work at all!) which if we send it for you will use up our pittance, but we can send it (them) collect, or someone can pick them up.

Keep up the good work. Many of our members say they will become members-at-large. My personal thanks to all of you for the work you have done and are doing.

Very sincerely,

Colleen Kenyon

Colleen Kenyon
President

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League of Women Voters of Brazosport



October 8, 1974

TO: Carol Toussaint, Vice President, LWVUS

FROM: Colleen Kenyon, President, Brazosport LWV

SUBJECT: Institute of Continuing Legal Education

Dear Mrs. Toussaint,

Yes, I received the invitation to the Institute and was wondering why it came to me instead of my husband who is a lawyer and judge of the Court of Domestic Relations, and since our county is now in the throes of contracting to build a courthouse annex. The conference comes too late to help us I'm afraid.

Our local league did a study of the county jail facilities in 1973 and reached the attached consensus. Since that time, we have supported the Juvenile Board (all the county and district judges) in their efforts to provide separate facilities for juveniles. The Texas Family Code which went into effect in September 1973 makes it mandatory that juvenile offenders never come in contact with adult prisoners, and that the Juvenile Board certify that juvenile detention facilities meet minimum state requirements. Ours did not, and the judges refused to certify them. At the present time, all Brazoria County juveniles are transported some fifty miles to the county jail in Matagorda County. Though the Matagorda jail has been certified, our judges have reason to believe that some of the state requirements are being violated. Needless to say, this is an abominable situation for all concerned - the children, their parents, the probation officer, and the judges.

The Juvenile Board has requested that separate facilities be constructed. The Commissioners Court has authorized the planning and has leased land for this purpose. However, they have decided to complete the new courthouse annex first, and if there is any money left over, they will build the juvenile detention center. This will probably be several years away. The center could be completed by next summer if it was started now.

The big problem seems to be inflation, coupled with the threat of having to return some of the revenue sharing money (with which they plan to finance the construction) unless a contract is let immediately. The original estimate of the new annex has more than

doubled and is rising. There is, of course, no guarantee of continued revenue sharing, and the Commissioners are afraid that if they build the juvenile center first, they won't be able to complete the main building. The adult jail is also not up to minimum state or federal standards and they fear a suit about that.

I asked my husband what he thought would be pertinent for your purposes. He said that of great importance was that architects should give consideration to the actual usage of the allotted space. For instance, the clerks responsible for court records should be adjacent to or in close proximity to the courts they serve. The local architects asked courthouse officials for the amount of space they would need, but did not consult with them on the purpose for which the space would be used. As a consequence, the original plans called for the district clerk to be on separate floors from the courts, which would have been inconvenient for all as well as inefficient. They did not consult with the Bar Assn., or the judges, with regard to the needs of the courts or the number of courtrooms needed. Fortunately, before the plans were accepted, the Bar Assn. protested and the contracting has been delayed until the courtrooms and judicial offices can be best arranged to serve the public for which they exist.

Another suggestion my husband made is that the courtroom itself should be arranged so that the working section is circular in ~~shape~~ concept though it may be angular in reality. That is, the judge, lawyers, witnesses, plaintiffs, and defendants, and juries should at all times face one another. The only persons they would have their backs to would be the spectators. In the traditional courtroom one of the above of necessity has a back to someone else.

I hope my comments will be of assistance to you. Good luck, and thanks for your efforts in our behalf.

✓ cc: TEXAS LWV
Enc: news clippings
consensus
House Bill #448

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League of Women Voters of Brazosport



April 18, 1974

League of Women Voters of the United States
1730 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Re: The Campaign Financing Petition Drive

I am sorry to be so slow in letting you know that we will not be taking part in the campaign financing petition drive. Our board decided not to participate in this effort because we lack woman power at this busy time of the year and because so many of our local League members and contributors are opposed to public financing.

*We will not be ~~long~~ sending
any petitions from Brazosport.
S.M. ---*

Sincerely,

Sally A. Mikulastik
Program Vice President
LWV of Brazosport

cc: LWV of Texas

APR 8 1974

League of Women Voters of Brazosport



April 8, 1974

MEMO

TO: National office of LWV of US
FROM: puzzled and frustrated LWV of Brazosport, Texas
IN RE: the darnedest mess I ever saw

cc: Mrs. Bruce Benson
Mrs. Donald Clusen
Mrs. Sidney Street, Jr.
— LWV of Texas
Mrs. Thomas Kenyon, president LWV of Brazosport

The time has come to lay bear our frustrated collective soul and to hope and pray that some person somewhere will take pity on us and help straighten things out.

Item #1--Mrs. D. W. Morrison was put on the DPM list in 1969 when she was 1st V. P. She cannot get off. While Mrs. Morrison was president (1970-72) she continued to receive the DPM and the President's mailing. She is STILL receiving random DPM mailings, in spite of repeated attempts to call it off.

Item #2--The only board member receiving National Board Reports is Mrs. R. F. Mikulastik and hers have been very slow in coming. I suppose that's because the DPM that she has been receiving has been addressed to Mrs. Robert Fisackerly, who moved to Baton Rouge, La., 1st fall. After Mrs. Fisackerly receives her League mail which has been forwarded to her, she forwards it back to Angleton and Mrs. Mikulastik. (The president's file does include the National Board Reports, but we have not had a president for the past year. Mrs. Smiley has only been the "keeper of the files". She is a relatively new member and was kind enough to donate part of a bedroom to League. As we had plenty of problems, she neglected to bring up the National Board Reports. And even if she had, nobody else on the board would have known what she was talking about).

Extra added attraction--This has nothing to do with the board, but I'm throwing it in to illustrate something. Mrs. Thomas Kenyon (our new president, by the way) has been a league member for over 20 years. Several years ago, her 18 year old daughter, Karen, became a league member for one year. Since then, Karen has received all member mailing and Mrs. Kenyon (Colleen) has received none.

Item #3--I think what I'm trying to say is that there is a colossal error somewhere along the line. Now then, you are probably asking what I expect you to do about it. Well, I'll tell you.

Step #1--Find the BrazosPORT, Texas (not Brazos County, Tx--they are two separate places) file on mailings.
Step #2--Eradicate, erase, remove, throw out, etc., ALL names now on DPM and Standing Order.



League of Women Voters of Brazosport

April 8, 1974, MEMO (cont.)

Step #3--Start over again with
President: Mrs. Thomas Kenyon, [REDACTED]

Duplicate Presidents Mailings to:

1. Mrs. Robert Mikulastik, [REDACTED]
2. Mrs. A. L. Coignet, Jr., [REDACTED]

(Enclosed is check for \$40, which I understand is the price of two DPMs at \$20 @. This is our latest information, as we only have a Spring 1973 catalog. This was the last time we were in contact except for National to make demands for things for us to do and to request money--For these things, you can always manage to find us.)

Standing Orders: 6 Mail to:

Mrs. A. L. Coignet, Jr., [REDACTED]

Please bill: LWV of Brazosport, Mrs. Dan Parkinson, [REDACTED]

(I would put this on an order form, if I had one. Please, we want the above mailings as of yesterday and not the check back. If you absolutely MUST have a proper order blank filled out, do it yourself using the above information. Thank you.)

Item #4--The accounts receivable ledger that we received via LWV of Texas is unbelievable. In the first place we had 70 members as of the official counting time of January 1973--not 62. Thus the total for our PMPs should have been \$280 instead of \$248. Since that time we have made exactly four \$70 payments. There isn't a \$102 payment anyplace on our books. The cover letter explained that no 1974 payments had been recorded, yet I see two payments credited to 1974--in October, yet. Are you clairvoyant??

I suspect that some one has arbitrarily decided that Brazos County, Tx., and Brazosport, Tx. are one and the same. 'Tain't so. We are two different places and leagues--geographically separated by many miles and several counties.

But, if you insist, we will accept the Accounts receivable ledger and subtract \$134 (the \$64 you show us to the good plus the \$70 we paid in Jan. 1974) from our 1974-75 per member payments. Straighten it out, will you?

Summary: Even though incompetence seems to be running rampant in our businesses and governments, that is no reason for the League of Women Voters to go and do likewise. Y'awl are certainly Johnnies on the spot when you want something--like dues or for us to vote your way--but when it comes to handing things out and getting your files in order you seem to be in another country. Come home. Come down to earth. Talk to your members. If not, we may find that you are just so much extra baggage.

Respectfully,

Carol Parkinson (Mrs. Dan)

Carol Parkinson, treasurer, acting secretary and Head Complainer

Suggested Reorganization
of LWV of Brazosport

The duties of the SECRETARY, TREASURER, VOTER EDITOR and the Service oriented Committees would continue as in the past.

STUDY VICE PRESIDENT--(Program)

1. Would receive publications and keep lists of study groups.
2. Any publication that would be of interest to an active Study Group is to be passed on to that Study Group (which would then be responsible for it.)
3. Publications pertaining to non-active subjects are to be filed.

STUDY GROUPS--These will replace unit meeting entirely.

Any person or persons wishing to investigate and study any approved subject of LWV will notify the Study V.P. and will receive from her all accrued information the League has on the subject and any new information that is received. Members are encouraged to join as many study groups she desires.

1. Each Study Group will elect it's own chairman and decide the time and place for its meetings.
2. Study Groups are encourage to delve as deeply as possible into their chosen subjects. There will be no deadlines or cut-off periods set for any subject.
3. Subjects may be pursued on as many levels (local, state and/or national) as necessary or desired.
4. Consensus may be reached within the study group.
5. Any information that the study groups feel may be of interest to the general membership can be published in the local Voter or mailed in a separate mailing.
6. If any study group so desires it can sponsor a public meeting after obtaining board approval.
7. Study groups are encouraged to go outside regular League informational channels in pursuit of their subjects. This includes asking experts to talk to them.
8. Only members of study groups will receive publication on subjects unless specifically requested from the Study V. P.
9. Any member desiring material will receive it free of charge.

READER--will receive all mailing that the president now receives. She will not be expected to take any action. Her responsibility will be to maintain the files until such time as the League will be able to function normally. Anything she receives that needs board action will be brought to the next board meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD--Calls the Board meeting and presides. This will be a traveling position and the chairman for the next board meeting is elected at the end of each board meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board will will have four regular meeting during the year. Once in the summer to organize itself. Then, in Sept., Jan., and March. Special board meetings can be called whenever necessary.

There will be three general membership meeting a year --October, February and April (Annual Meeting) The subject of the meetings will be decided by the board.

League of Women Voters of Brazosport



April 6, 1973

Dear Veta,

Our annual meeting was attended by 26 members all ready to speak their piece but no one willing to take the office of President. The slate that was elected is attached along with 5 copies of the plan of the old board to run for one year without a president. This plan was explained by me at the annual meeting and copies were distributed. Many Questions were asked after which a vote was taken on wheather to try this plan or not. The vote was 21 for 1 against and 4 obtained from voting I believe. I think we will loose 2 or 3 of our old members, these are the ones I feel who have been discontent with some of Nationals actions in the past year or so and will use this present crisis to drop out completely. I think the plan as outlined will work if this League wants it too. I for one will try to make it work short of being president again. When this year came to an end we had 5 active board members. The Treasurer, the Secretary and myself did the Finance drive and not many calls were made but we came up with \$1500. and with the \$ 500. we already had on deposit I think we can get by. I see Voter service as our most active committee this year. Program didn't seem to be on the minds of many of the members right now but Sally is a good Program V.P and maby she can crank them up in the fall.

I dont know wheather you can make heads or tales of this, I would like to set down and talk to you about it but since I cant . Good Luck... Maby I will see you ath Convention about Wednesday. Sally and Letha Cooke (a New Member) Plan to be there Tuesday.

Thanks for your time,

Morrison

Mrs. D.W. Morrison
L.W.V. of Brazosport

Blind CC to Adeline Johnson

OCT 2 1972

Dear Adeline:

I have sort of "volunteered" you for this job, but if there is any reason at all why you would prefer not to take on the project, just be too busy, or something. The current Board must be getting along fairly well, or they would not have waited this long to request training.

Eloise

September 28, 1972

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Mrs. D. W. Morrison

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

I am very sorry to have to tell you that at its September meeting the state Board reluctantly decided to discontinue individual Board training for the remainder of this year, except for provisional Leagues, and to curtail greatly the services normally extended the provisional Leagues. Therefore, it will not be possible for a trainer to visit you, as you recently requested.

This does not mean that there will not be training offered--just that it will be in a different form for the remainder of this League year. For example, there will be a series of workshops in areas over the state convenient to every League, at which presidents, treasurers, and budget, public relations, and finance chairmen will receive special help, and these workshops will be open to any of your other members (not Board members alone) who might wish to attend. A letter in reference to these workshops will reach you soon.

I am sorry that you were unable to send any representatives to the workshops for discussion leaders which were held in Galveston earlier this month. Whether or not any other training can be offered in your area this year I do not know, but if there is, you will be advised, and possibly some of your members can take advantage of it.

Please be sure that as soon as the financial crunch is alleviated, the Organization Department will resume normal operations. Meanwhile, perhaps you may wish to consider a do-it-yourself training session, based on the Board Orientation Outline already in your possession. Several Leagues have volunteered to do this, and have reported good results. Since Mrs. Roland Johnson is one of our trainers, if you care to ask her, she might be willing to assist with such a project.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wankerberth)

CC: State Office

September 29, 1971

Mrs. D. W. Morrison, President
LMV of Brazosport

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Dear Maxine:

Noted in your October-November Bulletin that your Board approved the Political Participation Workshop and Pilot Project.

Will you ask Mary Ann Martin to send a copy of your plans to:
Mrs. Nicholas Duff, Route 3, Box 120, Wayzata, Minnesota 55391, with
a copy to state office so I can keep right up to snuff with your
progress.

Many thanks - you're doing a fine job.

Fondly,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

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bc: Murphree, Duff

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
1730 M STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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JUN 14 1971

June 9, 1971

Mrs. D. W. Morrison, President
League of Women Voters of Massachusetts



Dear Mrs. Morrison,

In consultation with your state President, your League has been chosen as one of a small group of Leagues invited to undertake an experimental project. The basic goal of the projects is to help us find answers to the question -- what plans of operation old and new do the most to increase League size and strength? We suspect that we will find that there are a number of different approaches which have a bearing. We would like to try some of these to find the answers to what works and what does not prove as productive. Your League has been chosen because we think you have the strength to carry out a successful project.

The project which we would like your League to undertake is outlined in the attached memorandum. We think this project will be particularly adaptable to your League's activities since it has been recommended that your League has the competence to handle this very specialized experiment. However, in the event there are no local or state elections, you might want to consider doing the one on Observer Corps. You might like to confer with your adviser in this regard.

You will see that this should be a "controlled" experiment in the sense that we want you to start with an assessment of the present situation, and establish yardsticks by which you can judge quantitatively and qualitatively the effect of the project. Except that we expect the project to be an organized effort with a beginning and an end with attendant reporting, your League is free to make its own specific plan. We firmly believe that local League Boards have great ideas to contribute when given the opportunity. The examples of what might be done are suggestions.

Since the project will require the sustained attention of the Board, other League activity may have to be re-scheduled or adjusted in order to incorporate the additional responsibility into the total plans. We hope that the prospect of a larger more involved membership resulting from this effort will make it worthwhile. Furthermore, patterns of work developed over this period may enhance the entire League operation. Successful

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Mrs. D. W. Harrison, President
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

June 9, 1971

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projects will form the basis of suggestions to all local Leagues on how to gain new members and keep experienced ones.

Our contribution to the project is the help of a national adviser. For your League this will be Mrs. Darvin Winick, Route 2, Box 81, Dickinson, Texas, 77539. Mrs. Winick is a member of the national organization Committee and is president of the Texas State League.

We need to know as soon as possible whether your Board wishes to undertake the project. Will you please communicate with your adviser and be sure to send a copy of the letter to the national office. The office copy is really very important. We hope that you will find this a stimulating constructive experience!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Nicholas Duff
Membership Chairman

AD:ph

Enclosure: PP
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cc: IFV State ✓
Mrs. Winick
Mrs. Duff
Mrs. Murphee
Mrs. Sumner

MAR 15 1971

League of Women Voters of Brazosport



March 8, 1971

TO: Lucy Wilson Benson, President
Mrs. H. E. Murphree, Jr., Vice President
FROM: Mrs. Roland Johnson, President, LWV of Brazosport

We have two black members, both working women, who attend a night unit regularly. They are sisters. Both are active in other organizations in the community as well as LWV. Both are presently overloaded and cannot serve on the local board. We lean on them heavily for advice on Voters Service projects and a local study of Welfare--Housing. One other black, a retired teacher, dropped her membership due to poor health.

We feel we have not really reached the black community, but we are trying. We are planning some informational programs for this month as a kind of action on the Welfare--Housing item. We have not been successful in getting members from the Chicano community either. We do Spanish Voters Service announcements and sometimes pros and cons on issues on the local radio--no local TV.

The names and addresses of the two mentioned above are:

Mrs. Henry J. Jones (Erma), [REDACTED]

Mrs. Kenneth Lloyd (Lila), [REDACTED]

Enclosed is a newspaper story about Lila Lloyd. While her sphere of service is limited compared to black leaders in metropolitan areas her impact upon the community has been great. We know you are considering including black women from the rural and small urban areas as well as from large metropolitan areas. We would like you to consider Mrs. Lloyd for one of the fifteen to be invited to attend national Council. We think she would make an excellent representative.

OCT 5 1970

*Letter to
Austin &
Murchison
Pearland File*

[REDACTED]
October 1, 1970

Mrs. Bob Bredehoeft
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. Bredehoeft:

We understand you are president of a pre-provisional League group in Pearland. We are delighted at the prospect of another League in Brazoria County. Last year we worked with a group in Angleton. Over twenty members are now a unit of the Brazosport League because Angleton is near to the Brazosport area and the city too small to hope for enough members to form a Provisional League. They are working on a Know Your City Survey and doing very well.

Enclosed is a copy of Know Your County published several years ago as a joint project of the old Freeport and old Lake Jackson Leagues which have since merged to become the Brazosport League. You may find it helpful when you start a Know Your County Survey.

Our Local Program for 1970-71 is:

1. Study and evaluation of available public assistance programs and housing in the Brazosport area.

and

1. Know Your City Survey of Angleton.
2. Continued support of redistricting Brazoria County Commissioners Court Precincts; re-evaluation of League plan for said redistricting, as warranted.
3. Continued support of Council Manager form of government for Freeport.
4. Continued support of master plan for Freeport.
5. Continued support of the Optional Road Law of 1947 for Brazoria County and further study as deemed pertinent, of its implementation in Brazoria County.
6. Continued support of the Brazoria County Library system.
7. Continued support of Lake Jackson sanitation code.

Page 2, Mrs. Bob Bredehoeft, October 1, 1970

You are probably aware of our action on our Redistricting of Brazoria County position. We plan to evaluate the recent redistribution as soon as the census figures are available to us. We anticipate action on the Optional Road Law position very soon.

Call on us if we can help you on one of the items on our local program. We have a Speakers Bureau and can furnish a speaker for meetings. Given a little notice we can help with most state and national program items.

Most of all we want you to know you have Brazosport's full support in your efforts to get going and we will do anything we can to help. Am enclosing our latest local VOTER. We would be glad to have you visit our unit meetings anytime.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Roland Johnson
President

cc: State Office

League of Women Voters of Brazosport



OCT 22 1969

WELCOME TO BRAZOSPORT TEXAS!

As a public service the League of Women Voters of Brazosport is furnishing you a Guide with the names of our elected officials at all levels of government and a Summary of the Texas Voting Laws.

If you have any questions concerning registration or voting, please contact Mrs. Michael Frey (). Questions about the League itself should be directed to Mrs. Leonard Levine, Secretary ().

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

Citizen of the United States, At least 21 years of age, Resident of Texas for 1 year, Resident of the County 6 months of that year, Resident of Precinct in which offering to vote, VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN BOND ELECTIONS

Be a qualified voter, Own taxable property, Be a resident of the political subdivision holding the election, Render such property to the subdivision holding the election for tax purposes.

REGISTRATION

WHO - every voter over 21 years

WHEN - between October 1 - January 31

WHERE - at the office of the County Tax Assessor-Collector, Brazoria County Court House, Angleton, Texas, or by mail

BY - husband, wife, son, or daughter may act as an agent if he is a qualified voter of the county.

VOTING BY PERSONS HAVING LESS THAN 6 MONTHS RESIDENCE IN THE COUNTY

A person who is a registered voter of Texas may vote for President, Vice President, for all statewide offices and amendments even though he does not meet the 6 months residency requirements in his new county. He should apply in writing to the county of his current residence - the procedure being similar to absentee voting.

REGISTRATION BY NEW RESIDENTS, PERSONS NOT YET 21, AND FOREIGN ALIENS

New residents who will have completed the residence requirements during the voting year, and a person under 21 who will become eligible during the voting year may register during the regular registration period. However, their voter registration certificate shall have a notation on it of the date on which such person shall be 21 or have completed the residence requirements.

IF YOU MOVE FROM ONE VOTING PRECINCT OR COUNTY TO ANOTHER

If after receiving his certificate the voter moves to another county or precinct he may vote in CITIES OF LESS THAN 10,000 by showing his registration and declaring that he is the person described in the certificate and that he has resided 12 months in the state and 6 months in the county or precinct of his new residence.

IN CITIES OF OVER 10,000 he may vote in the precinct of his new residence if not less than 4 days prior to the election you present your registration certificate to the County Tax Collector-Assessor so that your name can be added to the list of qualified voters.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If as a qualified voter you EXPECT TO BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY ON ELECTION DAY you may vote absentee by appearing in person at the County Clerk's office not more than 20 days or less than 3 days before election.

If you are to be ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY DURING THE PERIOD OF ABSENTEE VOTING AS WELL AS ON ELECTION DAY, you may make written application to the County Clerk. The Application shall state why you are entitled to vote absentee, address to which the ballot is mailed, and include your Voter Registration Certificate. Application shall be made not more than 60 days prior to the election and a ballot will not be mailed from the County Clerk's office after the 20th day before the election.

If you are sick, physically disabled, or expect to be confined with child birth on election day, cannot appear at the polls in person, make a written application to your County Clerk stating why you are entitled to vote absentee, enclose your Voter Registration Certificate and a certificate from a duly licensed physician, chiropractor, or accredited Christian Science Practitioner certifying to your sickness or physical disability.

NONPARTISAN POLICY

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a non-partisan organization which works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of all citizens in their government. The League of Women Voters does not support any political party or candidate.

LEAGUE MEETINGS

League Membership is open to all women citizens 21 years of age or older.

All League meetings are open. Regular study unit meetings are scheduled each month on the second and fourth Monday and Tuesday mornings and on the second and fourth Thursday evenings. Programs are the same for each series of unit meetings. For time, place, and program topic, please call Mrs. Levine ().

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF BRAZOSPORT**

Legislative Guide April 1969

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1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C.

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League of Women Voters of Brazosport

October, 1969

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TO: League Presidents and Human Resources Chairmen
Gulf Coast Regional League

FROM: Mrs. Robert M. Battle (Carey); Program Vice-President
LWV of Brazosport

RE: Local Meeting of Human Resources Chairmen to discuss
More State Action under Human Resources Item

On September 26, 1969, representative of six local Leagues from across the State of Texas met at Mrs. Edward Fritz' home in Dallas to discuss the above. Since no members from the Gulf Coast Region were able to attend, the Brazosport League has requested that Mrs. Fritz come to our region if possible to arrange another meeting.

LWV of Texas cannot pay Mrs. Fritz' expenses for a trip of this nature, but if all nine leagues in our region participate, a donation of \$5.00 each would cover a round trip plane fare so that she could spend one day. It is our personal feeling that the Houston or Nassau Bay area may be more central as a meeting place for all nine Leagues in the region, however, the Brazosport League would be happy to have the meeting here.

Probably, a home would be a satisfactory meeting place and minimal luncheon arrangements could be made simply. We would hope that this meeting could take place some time in November. We will act as a clearing center for the preliminary plans; and would appreciate your prompt answers to the following questions:

1. Would you be able to send a representative to a meeting in this region?
2. What general date would be best?
3. What city would be most central in your estimation?
4. Will your Board approve a \$5.00 expense for Mrs. Fritz' flight?
5. Would you assist in the preparation?

Any other comments would be gratefully accepted.

May I take this opportunity to call your attention to a separate mailing to all Local Presidents in the Region which is a copy of the member-mailing used by our Local Board to implement the New Guidelines for Action found in the May, 1969 National Board Report, Human Resources Section, on a Local Action Item. The mailing was received by each of our members two weeks before action was desired, and of twenty members reporting, no one disagreed with the action or the technique. The mailing is self-explanatory, and we would appreciate any comment you might offer on this technique.

Dallas, Texas

August 21, 1969

Brazosport

Mrs. Robert M. Battle, Program Vice-President

Mrs. Jerome Bourgeois, Membership Chairman

The methods and technique employed at the meeting in ascertaining each persons' comments was valid and useful for the interchange of attitudes and ideas, however, it was the firm conviction of both the above delegates that the manner in which the election of our Regional Representative to the Structures and Procedures Committee was handled was inappropriate in the face of the considerable responsibility this person will carry in making forthcoming decisions on the part of this entire region. The voting body should have known more of how the representative would represent them and the voting should have been on a delegate basis with each local league casting a proportional vote based upon its membership.

Our personal concerns are that the LNW is overloaded with study items, pressed with consensus dates and unable to forge ahead in the important area of Voter Education whether it be incorporated under Voter Service or structured as a third limb of activity.

The following is the most positive proposal that we could formulate based upon our appraisal of the ideas expressed at the Dallas meeting:

1. There should be priority given to ONE national study item in each two-year period that ALL local leagues will study and reach consensus upon.
2. Several other study items should be adopted on the national program, with the local leagues having the option to study as few or as many as desired.
3. The N LNWUS should provide study material on all study items to all local leagues and those leagues studying an optional item should report any consensus reached to the national office.
4. LNWUS should not, however, take action on any item other than the ONE item studied by ALL the local leagues.

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We would feel that if a large majority of the local leagues chose the same optional item for study in any two-year period, then this item might be moved to the top, priority position in the next two-year period, so that total consensus and action might be reached.

The elimination of the pressure of national consensus on more than one item would benefit the smaller local leagues in that they could concentrate more on the community. We could utilize the extra time and effort in providing community information forums, workshops, etc. on items that are being studied and that are of political importance. Citizen Information or Voter Education would not necessarily be only in the areas where the LWV has reached consensus and position but equally in areas being studied. To activate and inform the millions of VOTERS that are not League members would be perhaps a more fruitful activity than lobbying.

Much of this work is already being accomplished by Leagues with larger financial and membership bases, but is only in the hopes of us who have less resources to bring to bear on multitudinous studies on three levels of government.

The foregoing is illegibly and humbly submitted, in the interest of League on all levels, knowing fully the tremendous task set before the new national Committee on Structures and Procedures to keep the League firmly grounded, and yet effective, relevant, interesting.

Sincerely,

J. Battie
Mrs. J. D. Burrows (Agg.)

cc: Mrs. Ralph Henderson
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Mrs. W. F. McIlhenny, President
Brasport League of Women Voters
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Next, the news clipping about our Fair booth. We used the occasion to 'advertise' TCR by using two questions on the For-Against levers in the voting machine. The opinion questions were: For-Against over 200 amendments to the Texas Constitution; and For-Against a new Texas Constitution. The majority of those voting were against the first and for the second. Many of the voters were students, however, so the poll may not reflect the feelings of the people now qualified to vote. For the future, though, it does look encouraging!

The last enclosure is an editorial that appeared in our local paper on Nov. 8. Thought you might like to see it.

Now for a personal comment. One of the charter members ~~of~~ (are you getting the idea I don't do much typing?) of the Freeport LNV is a direct descendant of Emily Perry, sister of Stephen F. Austin, who settled here at his request to take care of his chosen homestead while he was away on TEX-Mex affairs. Mrs. Adele Caldwell is in her 70's and still very active in LNV, the Tex. Texas Historical Society, the Texian Navy, and you name it. Her grandfather, or some other relative, helped to write our present Constitution. She is one of our most ardent workers for a new Const. and was one of the reasons we had the nerve to push so hard for TCR #1 at San Antonio.

Some of us have wondered if Mrs. Caldwell, and others like her, who are not carpetbagger, now upstarts trying to always change things, but genuine Texans of the old school, might be used in publicity state-wide for TCR. She for one would be willing I'm almost positive. She's a character, but a very delightful one.

Let us hear from you soon about the consensus, preferably yesterday.

Sincerely,

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(Mrs. Tom Kenyon)
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I don't know why I didn't make a copy of this memo for State when I wrote it several days ago. It was in response to National's request for the number of black members and what leadership roles they have.

I attached the memo to the questionnaire furnished by National along with the newspaper clipping mentioned. I am sorry I don't have another clipping.

Adeline Johnson