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Voters' Bill of Rights in English
Lists 15 basic voting rights
www.lwvsa.org

Voters' Bill of Rights in Spanish
Lists 15 basic voting rights
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Voters Guide Electronic Version
www.lwvsa.org
(Available closer to election)

VOTE411 Voters Guide
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**League of Women Voters of the
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www.lwvsa.org**

About the League

The League of Women Voters is a grassroots, ALL-VOLUNTEER organization that promotes the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.. The League, strictly nonpartisan, does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters operates at national, state and local levels through more than 800 state and local Leagues, in all 50 states as well as in DC, the Virgin Islands and Hong Kong.

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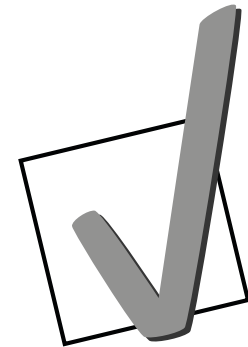


**LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®**

of the San Antonio Area

VOTE

**It's in Your Best
Interest**



**"It is not the hand that signs the law that holds the destiny
of America. It is the hand that casts the ballot."**

-President Harry S. Truman

**This election is not about
someone else
This election is about
YOU and *YOUR* family**

The decisions made by your elected officials in Washington, in Austin, and in Bexar County affect us all:

When the issue of downsizing the economy comes up, remember, it's not somebody else's job they are talking about – it's *YOUR* job.

When the issue of pre-existing conditions comes up, it's not somebody else's health care coverage they are talking about – it's *YOUR* health care.

When the issue of tuition tax credits comes up, it's not someone else's education they are taking money from – it's *YOUR* children's education.

If you care about your neighborhood schools, potholes on your street, the safety of your communities....**VOTE!!!**

AND then hold your elected officials accountable.

In the past five years, Bexar County elections have averaged a turnout of between 11-16% of voters for municipal elections. Runoffs and special elections attract even lower numbers. Most other elections come closer to the lower range, though presidential elections draw more voters. That means 84-89% of voters are opting out of most elections.

Will you allow a fraction of the registered voters decide your and your family's future?

VOTE! IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST

**So you don't think
ONE VOTE
makes a difference**

- Ingram Mayor James Salter won against Twanda Brown in May 2014 by one vote. Brown sued over her 63-62 defeat in May, claiming irregularities on election day - when a tie was logged - and in the recount that gave Salter a one-vote lead. The suit was settled by an agreement to conduct a new election which Salter won 105 votes to 86.
- In November 2016, two Bandera City Council candidates, Jim Hannah and Justin Knight, each garnered 89 votes. Knight beat Hannah in the runoff with Knight's 49 to Hannah's 32 votes.
- Campaigning for a seat on the Massachusetts Governor's Council on the day of the primary in 1988, Herbert Connolly lost track of time – and got to his polling place too late to vote. When the ballots were counted that night, he'd lost by one vote.
- A Lansing, Michigan, school district bond issue was defeated in 1989 when the final recount produced a tie vote. As a result, the school district had to reduce its budget by \$2.5 million.
- Marcus Morton was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1839 by one vote out of 102,066 cast.

**VOTE:
ONE VOTE DOES
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**Important decisions that affect
us all have been made because of
very few votes**

- Congress voted to admit Texas to the union in 1845 by a two-vote margin.
- Women won the right to vote in 1920 by the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution. Tennessee was the last state needed to pass the amendment. One 24-year representative, Harry Burn, changed his vote, and the Tennessee legislature ratified the amendment by a vote of 49 - 47.
- A tie vote in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1997 defeated a bill to reinstate the death penalty. The tie came about when one representative, who had voted earlier for the death penalty, changed his mind.
- One vote in the U.S. Senate saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment conviction in 1868.
- In 2003 Vice President Dick Cheney, as president of the Senate, cast the deciding vote on a Senate tax-cut package amendment that reduced income taxes on capital gains and corporate dividends.

VOTE! IT COUNTS