

League of Women Voters steps up its local game

“You get the feeling that the League’s San Antonio chapter is just getting started...Turnout in Bexar County during this year’s midterm elections was 81 percent higher than for the 2014 midterms, a jump that was twice the national turnout spike and slightly above the state increase. The League played a role in making that happen.”

Gilbert Garcia, San Antonio Express News

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018-19

(Details can be found in the Committee Reports)

- League of Women Voters steps up its local game, a column by Gilbert Garcia, *San Antonio Express News*.
- 34.6% Increase in Membership from last year and 82.7% increase over two years.
- Top quality educational forums with expert panelists on Eminent Domain, Charter Amendments, Gun Violence and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
- Formed an Honorary Committee for Empowering Voters Project with Erika Prosper Nirenberg as the Co-Chair and prominent business and community leaders. (Page
- Compiled and published *Frequently Asked Questions about Voting and Elections* in English and Spanish
- Media partnered with Univision in our Hispanic outreach efforts to promote the FAQ brochure through interviews and PSAs both on radio and television.
- Strengthened our partnership with Latino/Hispanic organizations: LULAC, UnidosUS, Esperanza, SWVRP etc. and with community leaders and activists
- Organized an education event for people with disabilities. Demonstrated Voting machine, made available the Texas Voters Bill of Rights in braille and much more.
- Co-sponsored forums with the African American organizations like NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha and the San Antonio Black Lawyers Association.
- Hosted live televised debate on KLRN for the District 21 U.S. Representative race.
- Created a pool of about 45 Volunteer Deputy Registrars (VDRs) to efficiently manage and accommodate requests for voter registration drives.
- Conducted a Moderator Workshop for the board members with the aim to create a pool of moderators so that League can hold candidate forums in all districts.
- Offered for the second year Running for Office Workshop – a workshop in demand and well attended.
- Collaborated with *San Antonio Current* to print and distribute our latest *Voters Guide*.
- Received news coverage for various League forums from Texas Public Radio, KSAT-TV, KENS-TV, WOAI-TV, Univision and Telemundo.
- Increased vibrant and content driven coverage on social media