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# Message from the President





The LWVCO Board of Directors and staff wish you a happy and healthy 2020!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on the November 14th and 15th LWVCO Presidents Calls. We hope you found them helpful and will give us feedback for future calls. The next calls will be January 13th and 14th. Please mark your calendar now.

#### Volunteers needed:

 Liz Nick, League of Women Voters of Boulder County, chairs LWVCO's Grants Committee. We are looking for two volunteers for this committee. (READ MORE) <



# Colorado Prepares for Super Tuesday

Thanks to Initiative 107 passed in 2016, Colorado will hold its first presidential primary election in 20 years on March 3, 2020 -- Super Tuesday. Key dates:

- Jan. 3: Secretary of State certifies the names and party affiliations of candidates on the presidential primary ballot
- Jan. 18: Deadline for primary ballots to be sent to military and overseas voters
- Feb. 3: Last day for voters who are affiliated with a party to change or withdraw their affiliation in order to vote in a different party's presidential primary. Also, last day for unaffiliated voters to select a party preference in order to be sent that party's ballot.
- Feb. 10: First day primary ballots can be mailed to voters
- Feb. 24-March 3: Voter services and polling centers must be open for primary election
- March 3: SUPER TUESDAY -- Colorado's first presidential primary since 2000

Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold has announced that the following candidates will appear on the presidential primary ballot:

Robert Andini - Republican Michael Bennet - Democratic Joseph R. Biden - Democratic Michael R. Bloomberg - Democratic Cory Booker - Democratic Pete Buttigieg - Democratic Julián Castro - Democratic Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente - Republican John K. Delaney - Democratic Tulsi Gabbard - Democratic Zoltan G. Istvan - Republican Amy Klobuchar - Democratic Rita Krichevsky - Democratic Matthew John Matern - Republican **Deval Patrick - Democratic** Bernie Sanders - Democratic Tom Steyer - Democratic

Donald J. Trump - Republican Joe Walsh - Republican Elizabeth Warren - Democratic Bill Weld - Republican Robby Wells - Democratic Marianne Williamson - Democratic Andrew Yang - Democratic

Voters affiliated with a major party may only cast ballots for the party with which they are affiliated, while unaffiliated voters may cast a ballot for either party, but must choose one.

Need a refresher? Find Colorado Presidential Primary FAQs here.



REGISTER NOW



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

If you'll turn 18 before Nov. 3, 2020, you can vote in Colorado's primary election on March 3, 2020.

**REGISTER TO VOTE AT vote411.org** 







**Register Today** 

# 2020 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 14, 2020 11:00 - 4:00

DENVER PUBLIC LIBRARY CENTRAL BRANCH - CONFERENCE CENTER \$45 members / \$50 nonmembers Includes lunch

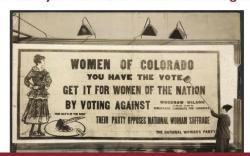


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**INFO & TICKETS** 

# University of Denver's Enrichment Program



# Women's Suffrage: How Colorado Women Led the Nation to the Vote

Join a distinguished group of Colorado historians for a four session University of Denver Enrichment Program course as they explore Colorado's unique role in the early women's suffrage movement.

#### March 23: Origins of the Women's Suffrage Movement in the 19th Century

Instructors: Rebecca Hunt, UC Denver Associate Professor of History; Gail Beaton, author of *Colorado Women: A History.* 

#### March 30: "Let the Women Vote!" Colorado Suffrage and Music of the Movement

Instructors: Marcia Tremmel Goldstein, Colorado women's historian and author of *Denver Women in Their Places: A Guide to Women's History Sites*; Leslie Chomic, member of the Legislative Action Committee for the League of Women Voters and musician; Gail Beaton returns from session one.

#### April 6: The Crooked Road to the Nineteenth Amendment

Instructor: Susan Schulten, DU History Professor, author of A History of America in 100 Maps.

#### April 13: Political Rights After the 19th Amendment

Instructor: Elizabeth Escobedo, Associate Professor of Latina/o History at DU. Enjoy a panel discussion featuring several of Colorado's pioneering women of color, including Polly Baca, the first Latina elected to the Colorado Senate. Others TBA.

Monday, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2020, 7-9 pm

Course Number: ENRICH 0347 / \$185

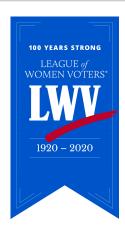
Visit universitycollege.du.edu/enrichment or call 303-871-2291 to register





Women's Vote Centennial

MORE INFO



There are a variety of 100th Anniversary tools available for local Leagues to utilize in LWVCO website's <u>Document Library</u> under Local League Resources, including:

- a number of articles that can be submitted to you local newspapers
- a proclamation for the 100th anniversary of the League for submission to municipal governments
- a PowerPoint presentation -- The History of the Suffrage Movement

More tools are in the works, and we welcome your suggestions! <u>Click here to se</u> <u>nd an email to Jean McGuire, LWVCO Vice President, 100th Anniversary.</u>



of Coloradans who voted in the 2019 election.

VOTE411.org usage increased 257% from 2017 - 2019.

BIG THANKS TO CATH PERRONE FOR HER HARD WORK IN IMPLEMENTING AND MAINTAINING THIS VALUABLE PLATFORM!

# LWV Boulder County's Shoebox Stories

The League of Women Voters in Boulder are hosting a unique story-sharing experience, and would like you to join! Shoebox Stories is a story-holding project where we gather together and stand in another person's shoes by reading aloud their story, saying their words, and holding, for a moment, the weight they carry. (Click here to read more.)

# Six Minutes of Suffrage: Inez Milholland, 1886-1916

by Lyda M. Hardy, Program Director, League of Women Voters of the Gunnison Valley



On Christmas Day 1916, some 10,000 mourners filed into Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol to attend a memorial service. It was the first time a woman had ever been honored with a service in the seat of government. The woman was Inez Milholland. Although not a household name today, she was a figurehead in the suffrage movement.

Milholland was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She attended Vassar College, where she enrolled twothirds of the students in a suffrage organization even though the male president forbade any suffrage activities on campus. (READ MORE)

# **Funding Opportunities**

Grant opportunities for Colorado Leagues are listed on the LWVCO website <u>here.</u> It's updated when new funds or grants become available, so check back often!

# ReFUND - A New Way to Raise Funds!



ReFUND COLORADO is a new system of charitable giving enabling taxpayers to donate any portion of their Colorado state income tax refund to a trusted nonprofit! Learn more, including how to get your League involved, here.



- 2020 is just around the corner and so is the 100th Birthday of the League of Women Voters on February 14th. For those of you planning events in February, please let <u>Jean McGuire</u> and <u>Cameron Manning</u> know what you have in the works. We would like to get your event on the LWVCO calendar and, if possible, state board members would like to attend.
- An email was sent out to all League Leaders from Jean McGuire requesting best practices on Membership Engagement and New Member Orientation. We heard from one League, Arapahoe-Douglas. Thanks Alice and Jo! We would like to hear from more. Please email Jean to share your League's successful practices.
- Does your League support National Popular Vote? If you have not informed us yet, please <a href="mailto:emailto:
- Does your League want to have a presentation, debate, or general information session on National Popular Vote? If so, <a href="mailto:emailt
- Half of the local Leagues have responded to our Local League Survey. If you have not yet responded, we ask you to respond <u>HERE</u>. It's information we really need; thank you!
- 2020 Program Planning information was emailed out earlier this month. This year, however, we are now calling Program Planning, "Issues for Action." We recognize this name change may require some adjusting, and we appreciate your help in making the transition seamless. Response forms are due March 1, 2020. We ask for the response form to be returned via email to info@lwvcolorado.org. After reviewing these materials, we invite you to direct questions to Lena Brown.





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