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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® Framingham

## May 2018 – 5th Edition

Welcome to the 5rd Edition of our Newsletter. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable.

During May we continued our voter registration efforts at Framingham Schools and registered over 130 students at Senior Day at Framingham High School. Thank you to the Framingham LWV members who have been staffing and organizing these events, and to the non-members who stopped by to help.

### ***Informed Framingham Events***

On May 30<sup>th</sup> we held another Informed Framingham event with the topic being Immigration. We were joined by some great speakers who shared with us information on the current status of immigrants and immigration legislation. Marion Davis is from MIRA, the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. MIRA is a respected leader on immigrant issues at the state and national levels, and an authoritative source of information and policy analysis for policymakers, advocates, immigrant communities and the media. MIRA was also a co-founder of the National Partnership for New Americans, established in 2010 to give a more prominent voice to state immigrant and refugee advocacy coalitions in Washington, D.C.

Diego Low is with MetroWest Immigrant Solidarity Network, an immigrant worker-led organization based right here in the MetroWest area which organizes to defend and expand the labor, civil, and human rights of all workers.

Caryn Sigurdson is an attorney with the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, New England Chapter. Founded in 1946, the AILA is a national bar association of attorneys who practice and teach immigration law. AILA Member attorneys represent tens of thousands of U.S. businesses and industries, foreign students, entertainers, athletes, and asylum seekers, often on a pro bono basis. AILA is an Affiliated Organization of the American Bar Association.

Last, but certainly not least, Chief Trask from the Framingham Police Department talked about the role our local police play in enforcing immigration policy, and to remind residents that they are here to support all residents of Framingham. The chief explained the department's policy regarding immigrants in relation to ICE and federal law.



We were also joined by District Councilor Margareth Shepard who spoke about what is happening here in Framingham and the issues we need to address here in our own city.

We had an engaged group of attendees who had lots to say about this issue. We hope to revisit this again later this year.

Our next *Informed Framingham* Event will be held on **Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at the McAuliffe Library at 7pm.** We will be talking about Fake News, how to identify it, and why it is so prevalent. We will have a panel of reporters/editors who will explain how to identify fake news and will answer our questions. Stay tuned for more on this event as we confirm our panelists.

We have set a **tentative** date for our next round of debates. We are planning to hold debates for the Middlesex DA, and for the 6<sup>th</sup> Middlesex State Representative seat on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. The preliminary election is being held on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Flag Day***

The Framingham League of Women Voters will be participating in the Flag Day parade being held on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join us!

The LWV is also co-hosting a Flag Day event with the Framingham Business Association on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Elks 450 Union Ave. from 5:30 – 8pm. We hope you will join us for live music and food from around Framingham. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds go to the City of Framingham to help cover Flag Day parade costs. For more information on this event, and to purchase tickets, please visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LWVFram/](http://www.facebook.com/LWVFram/)

### ***Framingham League of Women Voters Explains:***

I am pleased to announce that the first of our informational brochures has been

completed and will be available on our website and face book page soon. This first brochure explains debt exclusion, an option for funding for the Fuller School project. Great work on the part of our Framingham LWV Explains committee, Phil Ottaviani, Jim Pillsbury, John Stefanini and Joel Winett We will be making printed brochures available for handouts at city meetings. Please contact the Framingham LWV if you would like copies.

### ***Framingham LWV presents State of the City***

We completed 4 episodes now and we seem to have worked the kinks out. You can view any of these on Access Framingham Video on Demand. We will be taking the summer off and will return in September with new issues on State of the City.

Be sure to “Friend” our Facebook page where you can find up-to-date information on LWV events and City wide happenings. Check it out for more information:

[www.facebook.com/LWVFram/](http://www.facebook.com/LWVFram/)

You can become a member online using this link: <https://lwvma.org/join-us/join-us-online-form/>

or download a member application using this link: <https://lwvma.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/R-Membership-Renewal-Form-template-6-1624782.pdf>

We hope to see you at an upcoming event. Stay involved, your voice makes a difference!

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