

Building Community Partnerships

AGENDA

- Introductions - Heidi, Sam, Eva, Ayan, David
- Our Work - How we do Voter Education and Engagement
- Activity on Identifying Values for Civic Engagement Partnerships



WE ARE NONPARTISAN

LWV is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting or opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

Read more:

<https://www.lwvmn.org/policies>



LWVMN MISSION



Empowering voters and defending democracy through voter education and engagement, advocating for democracy, encouraging civic participation, and supporting local League leaders and members.

INTRODUCING AYADA LEADS



Ayada Leads is a 501c3 nonpartisan nonprofit, empowering and supporting Black and African Diasporic Women in personal growth & civic leadership since 2015.

Core Programming:

- Leadership Fellowships
- FLIP Future Leaders in Politics Campaign School
- Parent Engagement Programming
- Coalition Building

Trainings & Community Needs

- Know your Rights: Immigrant Rights & Voter Rights
- Community Leaders & Officials Crisis Response FLIP
- Values-based Organizing
- Student Leadership and Civic Engagement





Founded in 2015

- Future of Us builds **vibrant** communities and empowers **bold** Asian organizers.
- We equip young Asian Americans with the tools, confidence, and opportunities to become changemakers in their communities and beyond.
- Through advocacy + organizing we create a future where Asian Americans are politically engaged and represented at all levels of society



We envision a future where young Asian Americans are connected, engaged, and leading change. We empower youth to challenge systemic barriers, build coalitions, and create lasting impact.

Our Values

YOUTH-LED
EMPOWERMENT



★
EQUITY &
JUSTICE

POLITICAL &
SOCIAL POWER



★
SELF-
DETERMINATION

BOLD & RELATABLE
STORYTELLING



WE WORK TOGETHER IN COALITIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

LWVMN IS PROUD TO PARTNER
WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT
SHARE OUR PRO-VOTER MISSION
AND PRO-DEMOCRACY VALUES:

- Empowering
- Nonpartisan
- Fact-Based
- Collaborative
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- What are some organizations that you work with on campus?

Partnerships for Voter Engagement

Share Example on Building Community Partnerships:

- Voter education through your networks
- Showing up for public meetings and events
- Connecting with candidates and ballot issues

Engagement Strategies

- Establish roles with an organization, build your network
- Commit to a communication plan and shared messages and goals
- Don't reinvent the wheel! Share resources and empower leaders

Values-Sort Activity: Identifying Your Values for Better Organizing

10 MINS - **Choose 5-8 values that feel true to you. Choose at least 5 values that do not feel true to you.** Write these values down and save them to look back on later. (They do not need to be in any order of importance.)

10 MINS - **Individual Reflection: Write down any observations about your respective values.**

- Internal reflection: *Why is this value significant to me?; How does this value show up in my daily life/how do I practice this value in my daily life?; How has my relationship with [value] changed over time?*
- External reflection: Explore your values within the context of the various systems you exist within regularly (work, community, family, political party/economic systems, volunteer groups, organisations, etc.). *How do the systems you currently exist within fall inside/outside your values?; Are your values in alignment within the systems you live?; How do you make space for your values within your current systems?*

RESOURCES

VOTE 411.org

- Comprehensive online platform that offers nonpartisan voter information – all in one place
- Compare candidates in their own words, including responses to League-provided questions
- Enter your address and find out what's on your ballot, polling place and key election dates and more
- English and Spanish!

Learn more: [Vote411 in MN](https://vote411.org)

The screenshot shows the VOTE 411.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a menu icon, the text 'VOTE 411', and links for 'English', 'Register to Vote', and 'Donate'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the text 'ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED' and a subtext 'Brought to you by the League of Women Voters Education Fund'. The banner features three main action buttons: 'Register to Vote' (with a laptop icon), 'Check Your Registration' (with a clipboard icon), and 'Find What's on Your Ballot' (with a ballot icon). Below the banner is a yellow bar with a warning icon and the text 'HAVE YOUR CANDIDATES ANSWERED OUR QUESTIONS? If not, see how you can help! Find out'. Below this is a section titled 'PERSONALIZED VOTING INFORMATION' with a list of services: 'See What's On Your Ballot', 'Check Your Voter Registration', 'Find Your Polling Place', 'Discover Upcoming Debates in Your Area', and 'And Much More!'. To the right of this list is a form titled 'Enter Your Address to Get Started:' with fields for 'Street Address', 'City', 'Select a state' (a dropdown menu), and 'Zip Code'. A 'Submit' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

One of our best voter education tools - please share widely!

UPCOMING ELECTION DATES



- June 26 – Early/Absentee voting begins
- July 21 – pre-registration ends for Primary Elections
- **August 11 – Primary Election Day!**
- September 15 – National Voter Registration Day
- September 18 – absentee voting begins
- October 13 – Pre-registration for general election ends
- **November 3 – ELECTION DAY!**

QUESTIONS?

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