



MEDIA ADVISORY

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MEDIA ADVISORY: LWV PRESS EVENT TO “PROTECT VOTER EDUCATION - OPPOSE HB194”

Montgomery, Alabama — The League of Women Voters of Alabama is holding a press conference on Tuesday March 8th at 11:30am on the steps of Alabama’s capitol to bring attention to HB194. It is one of several bills introduced by Alabama legislators this year that seeks to create a chilling effect on voting rights and democracy in Alabama. We are joined by several other non-governmental voting rights and civil rights groups that will emphasize the negative impacts this bill would have on the citizens they serve.

WHAT: Non-partisan, Non-Governmental Voting Rights Groups speak out in opposition to HB194

WHO:

Master of Ceremonies: Ida Tyree Hyche, Esq.; League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham

Speakers includes:

- Kathy Jones; President, League of Women Voters of Alabama
- Dr. Deborah Turner; President, League of Women Voters of the United States
- Scott Douglas; Executive Director, Greater Birmingham Ministries
- Barbara Manuel; President, National Federation of the Blind Alabama
- Rodreshia Russaw; Executive Director, The Ordinary People Society
- JaTaune Bosby; Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union Alabama
- JaiGregory Clarke; Voter Rights Restoration Organizer, Faith In Action Alabama
- Freddy C Howard; Martin Luther King Parade Committee, Monroe County
- Rebecca Howard; Policy and Advocacy Director, Alabama Arise
- Virginia Kase Solomón; Chief Executive Officer, League of Women Voters of the United States
- Cindy Lowry, Vice President, League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham

WHEN: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 11:30am central time

WHERE: CHANGE OF LOCATION - ST. JOHN'S AME CHURCH, 807 Madison Ave. Montgomery, AL 36104
<https://www.saintjohnsame.com/>

WHY: In this important election year, the efforts of non-governmental voting rights groups and individuals are needed now more than ever. Proposed legislation such as HB194 seeks to make it more

difficult for local elections officials in poorer counties to be able to effectively do their job. This kind of bill also seeks to intimidate and confuse volunteer groups whose sole mission is to help citizens participate in their most fundamental constitutionally protected right – the right to vote – to make their voices heard. We will inform citizens about this impending threat to their ability to obtain information and needed support for them to make their voices heard.

PLEASE RSVP HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/wMQsYsudhC>

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The League of Women Voters of Alabama is a nonpartisan, grassroots civic organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to people 16 years old and older, of all gender identities. With over 100 years of experience, the League is one of America's oldest and most trusted civic nonprofit organizations.