

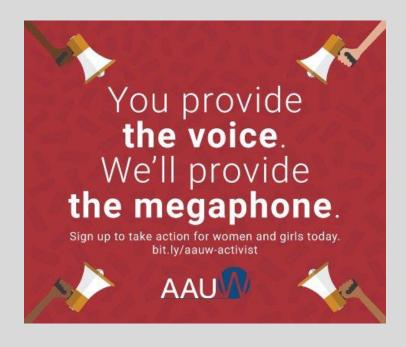
# Welcome to AAUW Jane Addams & Northwest Suburban Branches

**Get Out the Vote** 

### **Announcements**

- Welcome
- Need a few good women advocates
- Use chat for tech issues and questions
- Please stay muted, we are recording

## **AAUW Two Minute Activist**



https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/

text "AAUW" to 21333 to get AAUW action alerts via text



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# Get Out The Vote GOTV

Presenter:

Elaine Fisher, NW Suburban Branch



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**DIGNITY**→

# **TRUTH SANDWICH**

#### Cast Doubt on Doubt!

Our democracy is strongest when we trust in our systems and vote. When pundits sow mistrust, ask why! Who benefits from questioning election outcomes? The winners, or the losers? When truth tellers vote, democracy wins. #TruthBrigade



# **GOTV: Neighbor to Neighbor Talk**

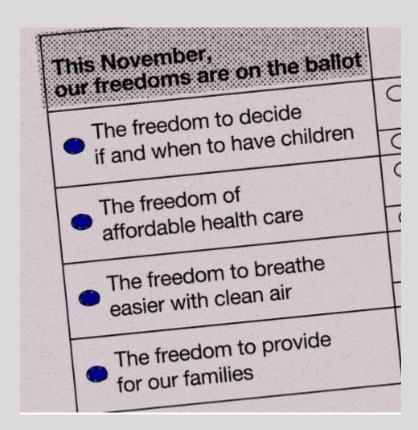


https://www.aauwaction.org/my-vote/



# Non-partisan Guidelines

- we cannot endorse candidates
- we can compare the candidates' positions on AAUW issues
- we can provide info about other endorsements



https://www.aauwaction.org/voter-education/voter-guides/

#### **AAUW Voter Guide**

- Sex and Gender-Based Discrimination in Schools
- Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education
- College Affordability and Student Debt
- Pay Equity
- Paid Family and Sick Leave
- Reproductive Rights and Abortion Access
- Voting Rights
- Equal Rights Amendment

## **Head to Head Voter Guide**

#### Candidates for U.S. Senate - Michigan Published: 9/23/2024

Mike Rogers (R)	Where the candidates stand on:	Elissa Slotkin (D)
	Education	
Oppose	Supporting strengthened Title IX protections for student survivors of sexual assault, pregnant students, and LGBTQ+ students	Support
Mixed	Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants, and student loan cancelation programs	Support
	Economic Security	
Oppose	Strengthening existing employment discrimination laws aimed at promoting pay equity; support for the Paycheck Fairness Act	Support
Oppose	Supporting a national paid family and medical leave program; support for the FAMILY Act	Support
	Civil Rights	
Oppose	Ensuring access to contraception and abortion care	Support
Support	Strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies & practices; support for John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act	Support
Unknown	Supporting constitutional equity regardless of sex, support publication of the Equal Rights Amendment	Support

**Support**: Candidate has explicitly stated their support for this policy position on the record with no ambiguity, through statements, co-sponsorship, and/or votes.

**Oppose**: Candidate has explicitly stated their opposition to this policy position on the record with no ambiguity, through statements and/or votes.

**Unknown**: Candidate has not explicitly stated their support or opposition to this policy position on the record. **Mixed**: Candidate has made conflicting statements and/or has taken conflicting votes on this policy position.



#### **2024 Federal Race**

**Head-to-Head Voter Guide** 

#### [Insert Race – e.g. "Candidates for FL-05 Congressional Election"] Published: [MM/DD/YY]

[Candidate Name] [D/R]	Where the candidates stand on:	[Candidate Name] [D/R]		
[Challenger]		[Incumbent]		
Education				
	Supporting strengthened Title IX protections for student survivors of sexual assault, pregnant students, and LGBTQ+ students			
	Protecting diversity, equity, & inclusion programs in higher education			
	Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants, and student loan cancelation programs			
	Economic Security			
	Strengthening existing employment discrimination laws aimed at promoting pay equity; support for the Paycheck Fairness Act			
	Supporting a national paid family and medical leave program; support for the FAMILY Act			
	Civil Rights			
	Ensuring access to contraception and abortion care			
	Strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies & practices; support for John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act			
	Supporting constitutional equity regardless of sex, support publication of the Equal Rights Amendment			

## **How to Get Out the Vote?**

- Research candidates' stances on issues
- Distribute voting information flyers
- Make phone calls/write emails/texts
- Talk to friends about voting
- Talk to neighbors about voting



## Inform How to Vote

- Vote by Mail
- Early voting dates/location
- Polling place on Nov. 5th



www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote/vote-by-mail

# Voting Dates

# IMPORTANT 2024 ILLINOIS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DATES

October 20 Last day to register to vote online \*

October 21 Early Voting Begins at all County Sites \*\*

October 31 Last day to request a mail ballot

November 4 Last day of Early Voting

November 5 Mail ballot postmark deadline

November 5 Election Day

\*Voter Registration allowed in person @ Early Voting Sites

\*Voter Registration allowed on Election Day at your home precinct

\*\*Early Voting 10/9 - 11/4 @ 69 W Washington & Suburban Court Houses



# Suburban Cook County Voting Info



<a href="https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information">https://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information</a>

## **Provide Voting Information**

- Lookup IL Polling Locations
   https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx
- Know early voting dates/locations
- Sample Ballot Lookup <u>https://ballotpedia.org/Main\_Page</u>
- Illinois LWV Voter Guide https://illinoisvoterguide.org/
- Election Information LWV https://www.vote411.org/



## What's On Your Ballot? ballotpedia.org

Illinois State Senate District 28	^
Laura Murphy (Incumbent) DEMOCRATIC PARTY	$\rightarrow$
Illinois House of Representatives District 55	^
Martin J. Moylan (Incumbent) DEMOCRATIC PARTY	$\rightarrow$
Illinois Supreme Court 1st District	^
Joy Cunningham (Incumbent) DEMOCRATIC PARTY	<b>→</b>
Illinois 1st District Appellate Court (David Ellis' seat)	^
David Ellis (Incumbent) NONPARTISAN	<b>→</b>

### Get to Know Your Candidates

- Candidate Forums
- Candidate Websites
- Check endorsements



### **AAUW Northwest Suburban**

https://nwsuburban-il.aauw.net/advocacy/

#### Know what your candidates support. Here are Election resources:

Research your ballot

Gun Safety Endorsements

**IL Pro-Choice Endorsements** 

**ERA Coalition Elect Equality** 

**US Reproductive Rights Champions** 

NOW Endorsements

**Lookup IL Polling Locations** 

Sample Ballot Lookup

Illinois LWV Voter Guide

## **Know Your Judges**

- Bar Association Judge Ratings <u>https://www.voteforjudges.org/</u>
- Check your Judges
   <a href="https://interactives.injusticewatch.org/judicial-election-guide/2024-general/en/">https://interactives.injusticewatch.org/judicial-election-guide/2024-general/en/</a>
- Illinois State Bar <u>https://www.isba.org/judicial-</u> elections/counties/



## Bond Referendum Dist. 64

- Upgrade HVAC, lighting and plumbing for a potential cost-savings of \$300,000 annually
- Improve safety, including conducting asbestos abatement, adding new interior doors, and moving the Lincoln cafeteria out of the basement where there are no fire sprinklers
- Make foundation and roof repairs
- Enhance ADA accessibility
- Create better space for special education and support services
- Upgrade arts and science facilities

#### Spotlight Elevate Engage

https://spotlightee.org/election-guide

# Questions???



### **Conversation Starters**



- Are you planning to vote?
- Are you concerned about the loss of reproductive rights for women?
- Are you worried about support for public schools?
- Has your family been affected by the increase in gun violence?
- Others?

# What Issues do You Value? vote your #1 priority in the chat

- 1. Rights: reproductive, LBTQIA+
- 2. Unbiased public education access
- 3. Freedom to read/Uncensored libraries
- 4. Freedom from sexual abuse/assault
- 5. Freedom from domestic violence/gun violence
- 6. Equal opportunity in the workplace
- 7. Pay equity/work life balance employee benefits
- 8. Access to voting

## Reproductive freedom

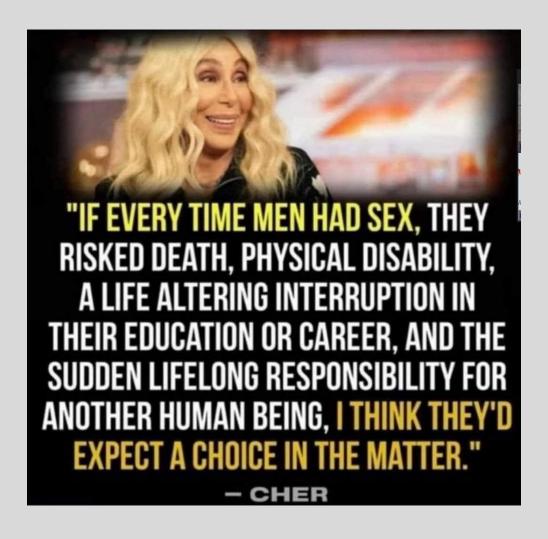


- Bodily autonomy
- Family planning
- Career advancement
- Economic security

### **Unbiased Public Education**



- No book bans
- No private school vouchers funded by taxes
- Unrevised history curriculum



## Civil Rights/Rule of Law

#### The Courts are on the Ballot

From the U.S. Supreme Court to local District Courts, we've seen the impact of judges on our everyday lives.

Our votes can have a direct impact on the Courts across the country.



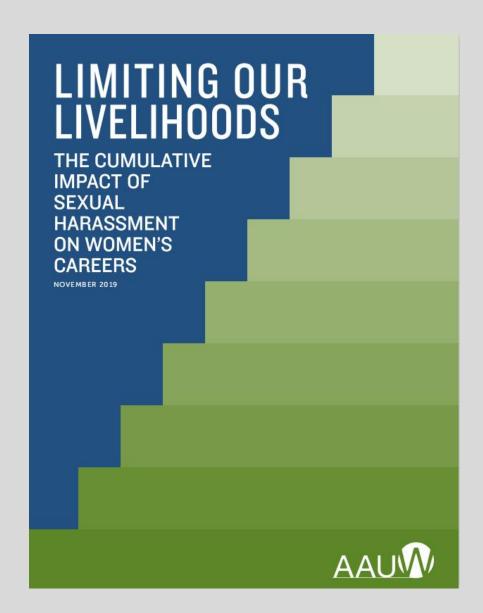
## Freedom from gun violence

- #1 cause of death of children
- Increased rate of suicide
- Annual mass shootings increase each year/students' fear
- Domestic violence: 1 in 4 women
   Access to a gun makes it five times
   more likely a woman will die
- Gun violence kills 40,000/year
- Total woundcare cost: \$557 billion



# **Pay Equity**

- ERA
- Equal opportunity
- Salary transparency
- Title IX
- Workplace fairness
- Others?

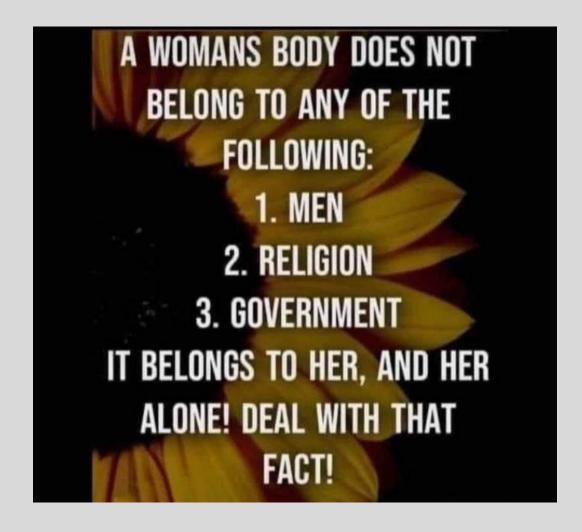


# STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a landmark achievement, but the fight continues:

- New voting restrictions will affect 27 states in 2024
- These laws disproportionately impact minorities, women, youth, and people with disabilities

Where does your candidate stand on access to voting for everyone?



# Women's Rights are Human Rights



 You can determine the future rights of women by who we elect

"We hold these truths to be self-evident:

That all men and women are created equal."

The Declaration of Sentiments Seneca Falls Convention July 19-20, 5848

### Issues that AAUW Values

- Reproductive rights, LBTQIA+ rights
- Unbiased public education
- Freedom from sexual abuse/assault
- Freedom from domestic violence/gun violence
- Equal opportunity in the workplace
- Pay equity/work life balance employee benefits
- Uncensured libraries
- Access to voting



# Poll: What will you do?

- Provide a voting information flyer
- Develop a candidate voter guide to share
- Talk to 6 friends & neighbors about voting
- Volunteer to canvass to get out the vote
- Volunteer to make phone calls to voters



## **Get Out The Vote Action**

- Share your plans in the Public Policy Google Group
- Share your success in the same group
- Your branch Public Policy Chair should be a member of the Google Group

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## Let's March to the Polls



# Thank you for your efforts to Get Out The Vote!

