

Public Comments – Item #2

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National Voter Registration Day, Item 2 - 20- 1228

Thank you, Chairman Hart and members of the Lake County Board, for honoring National Voter Registration Day. Started in 2012, the event is always the fourth Tuesday in September – this year that's Sept. 22. Each year the event grows – to date, nearly 3 million voters across all 50 states have registered on the day. Last year alone, 1.3 million registered. A project that big requires help, close to 20,000 volunteers work each year. Those volunteers are recruited by the 24 partners, including such organizations as the League of Women Voters, Google, Twitter, Facebook, Paypal, the YMCA and YWCA, etc., as well as approximately 1000 local community partners.

Ordinarily the efforts include tabling events at high schools, colleges, libraries, fairs – face to face efforts wherever people congregate. This year, obviously, things are different, and we are much more dependent on word of mouth and publicity to get the job done. Fortunately, Lake County has a superb ability to register voters on-line.

So again, thank you. If any of you are interested in signs for your church, office (all strictly non-partisan and non-controversial) feel free to call.

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Agenda # 2 20-1228 Special Recognition Celebrating National Voter Registration Day

Good morning. I am Mary Mathews, a Board Member of the League of Women Voters of Lake County. The League appreciates this special recognition of National Voter Registration Day. It is a day to remind people of the importance of registering and voting. It's about engaging citizens and promoting civic volunteerism. Voting is the root of our democracy. When more Americans participate in an election, the outcome better reflects who we are as a county.

I hope all Lake County Board members will include a paragraph in their newsletters about National Voter Registration Day and encourage their constituents who qualify, to register and vote. Thank You.