



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE LA GRANGE AREA

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**League of Women Voters® of the La Grange Area to sponsor a meeting
“Should We Abolish the Electoral College?”**

Public program presented by the League of Women Voters® of the La Grange Area

The League of Women Voters® of the La Grange Area will sponsor a meeting in May about the Electoral College. Should we continue our current system in which our states appoint electors, or should our President and Vice President be chosen directly by the national popular vote? Join the LWV to learn more about the history of the Electoral College, a discussion of its impact on our democracy, and a plan for changing the system.

It takes at least 270 electoral votes to win the presidency and there are 538 electoral votes in all. When citizens go to vote on Election Day, they are actually voting for the representatives in the Electoral College from their state who will then vote for the President. There have been five times in history when the Electoral College and the national popular vote have not agreed. Most recently, in the 2016 and 2000 elections, both elected Presidents did not win the most votes from our citizens.

The LWV has advocated for abolishing this antiquated system since 1970 and there is a growing consensus of Americans that agree. In 2017, LWV-Illinois began a project to make abolishing the Electoral College a primary goal for all 700 leagues across the country.

The Electoral College meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7 to 9 p.m. at:

La Grange Public Library
10 West Cossitt Avenue
La Grange, Illinois 60525

This event is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, email us at league@lagrangearealwv.org. Visit our website at www.lagrangearealwv.org.

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About LWV Lagrange Area

The League of Women Voters® is a political organization that neither supports nor opposes candidates or parties and encourages informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters® of

the La Grange Area serves the people of Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Countryside, Indian Head Park, Hinsdale, Hodgkins, La Grange, La Grange Highlands, La Grange Park, Riverside, Western Springs and Westchester.