# Voter Services Continues Efforts to Empower Voters

We've been busy during the past several weeks. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped with our voter registration drives. Prior to the Dobbs decision, we were doing a fine job of alerting voters to the importance of voting on August 2. However, after the Dobbs decision was announced, the people of Shawnee County have become much more talkative and interested in discussing their questions with us about the amendment on the August 2 ballot.



Despite the heat, we participated in two neighborhood July 4th parades and the Juneteenth Celebration at Hillcrest Park. We had three market-type venues in NOTO, Hi-Crest neighborhood, and the Public Library. We also helped the first day of Washburn Tech's new student orientation. This year we have logged more than 1,300 contacts and 72 voter registrations and that's not counting all the high schoolers we helped register earlier this spring. We have been distributing "Your VOTE Matters" signs for our yards. If you live in a

high traffic area and would like to have a sign, please contact Mary Galligan.

Now that July 12<sup>th</sup> (the last day to register to vote prior to the primary election) has come and gone, the voter services team is focusing our efforts on encouraging voting in the primary election. Just over 115,000 people are registered to vote in Shawnee County as of July 12. That's a record high number of registrations according to the Shawnee County Election Office. It's a huge opportunity for our League.

# Help make a difference in the August and November elections

### Join Voter To Voter

The best way you can impact actual voting is by encouraging your family and friends to vote. Have you signed up to become a voting ambassador for our <u>Voter To Voter team</u>? It's easy and fun! Voter to Voter is run by The Voter Network and has excellent tools to get you started on your peer-to-peer, get-out-the-vote journey. Please join our team and begin making a real impact for Kansas. This goes beyond registering people to vote. This helps you keep on track and see whether your actions engaged people enough that they actually vote.

#### Join us on POINT

The next best way is to sign up for one of our Voter Outreach events on POINT. Getting the POINT app is easy for both iPhone and Android and it is free. Load the POINT application from the <u>Apple App Store for your iPhone</u> or find it on <u>Google Play for your android phone</u>. Don't have a smart phone? You can access POINT for free with your computer or tablet at <u>www.pointapp.org</u>. This will ensure you're up-to-date with all the latest information on our voter outreach events.

#### Join us in the classroom this fall

Are you eager to get back into the classroom this fall and help our area high school students learn about voting? Teams are forming now to do just that. If you'd like to help but are not yet ready to give a live presentation to students, please join a team and support the presenter by helping students register electronically and encourage them to use their voice by voting. Contact <u>Susan Quinn</u> to help in the classroom this fall.

## Learn more about the election process in Shawnee County

Have your family and friends stumped you with questions about election fraud? Do you have questions about how in-person voting works? The following events will be open to the public at the Shawnee County Election Office, 3420 SW Van Buren. Attend to learn more and have your questions answered by the experts in keeping our elections fair and safe.

JULY 26 9 AM Public Test of Voting Equipment
AUGUST 5 9 AM Primary Election Audit
AUGUST 15 9 AM County Board of Canvassers meets to certify the Primary Election
AUGUST 22 9 AM Public Test of Voting Equipment (yes, another test!)

# Join us for our next team meeting to learn more

However you choose to get involved, the Voter Services team has something for you do to reach voters! Join us for our next team meeting on **Tuesday**, **July 26 from 6 to 7 pm** in Marvin Auditorium 101A, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. We'll share a few updates, test-drive our newly refurbished high school voter education presentation, and reveal a surprise that is sure to make you smile.