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## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO DISCUSS STATE REDISTRICTING AT SEPTEMBER 21 WEBINAR**

**HOPKINSVILLE, KY**-On Tuesday, September 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m. CDT (7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT), the Hopkinsville League of Women Voters will host a **Fair Maps Webinar** with the League of Women Voters of Kentucky. This event is free and open to the public with registration required at [lwvky.org](http://lwvky.org).

The LWVKY is hosting a series of Fair Maps Forums/Webinars across the state to share draft maps of potential legislative districts and seek public input on how citizens could be better represented in those districts. The League of Women Voters of Hopkinsville is the local partner for this event.

As Kentucky state legislators begin to redraw district boundary lines, the League is encouraging citizens to share their ideas for more representative maps of voting districts. Regardless of ethnicity, zip code or interest, citizens need to be fairly represented in Frankfort and Washington.

LWV Hopkinsville speaker Sarah Brechwald will present the current state of the region's district divisions and the advantages of uniting Hopkinsville in a fair way. LWVKY speakers Dee Pregliasco and Susan Perkins Weston, will share draft maps to show how boundaries can be drawn more fairly using the same mapping software used by state lawmakers. This presentation will include opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback so that all opinions may be taken into account as the League draws maps they will recommend to legislators after the forums.

LWVKY points out that, in the past, gerrymandering has been used to redraw district boundaries to benefit incumbents in their bid for re-election, or to unfairly enhance political preferences. New district lines need to be drawn to give each of our votes equal weight, each of our voices equal stature, and each of our communities equal access to the decision-making

processes that make important decisions for us including funding for our schools, hospitals, and other essential services.

“Since this redrawing of boundaries every ten years is so important to the way citizens are represented, it is imperative that the system be fair and open,” said LWVKY President Fran Wagner. “Regardless of any particular political party or interest group, the entire state benefits when redistricting is done fairly. “

All events will be lived streamed, with registration, and videotaped for later viewing, both at [lwvky.org](http://lwvky.org).

Additional events have been scheduled as follows.

- Wednesday, September 29: **Bowling Green**, 6:00-7:30 p.m. CDT (7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT) - VIRTUAL
- Thursday, October 14: **Frankfort** – 7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT - VIRTUAL
- Monday, October 18: **Louisville** – VIRTUAL 6:00-7:30 p.m. EDT; For those IN PERSON, limited seating 5:30-7:30 p.m. EDT, with Program beginning at 6:00. Lang House, 115 S. Ewing Ave., Louisville
- Thursday, October 21: **Lexington** – 7:00-8:30 p.m. EDT - VIRTUAL
- Tuesday, November 2: **Northern Kentucky** – 6:30-8:00 p.m. EDT– VIRTUAL
- **Pikeville**: Details to be posted soon

For forum registration, information, and updates visit [lwvky.org](http://lwvky.org) or email [info@lwvky.org](mailto:info@lwvky.org).

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