

# **Voting: It's Our Right.**

## **Let's Keep It. Let's Use It.**

**In 1920** women won the right to vote after a long and arduous struggle. However, it wasn't until **1965**, after nearly a century of overcoming intimidation, systemic barriers, and murders that the path to voting was cleared for **Black people** by the federal **Voting Rights Act**.

**Frankly**, any expansion of the right to vote beyond white property-owning men has always been difficult to win and to keep. Currently, according to the **Michigan Secretary of State's** office, "legislators have introduced **39** bills that restrict citizens' voting rights, harm election administration and demonstrate a lack of knowledge of existing election procedure and law."

**We favor** voting rules and voting districts that are broad, inclusive and not disempowering to **Black people** and other marginalized groups. To learn more about voting laws and proposed legislation, attend the **League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe** virtual town hall on **Secure and Fair Elections** on **October 18**. Details and registration are available here: [lwvgrossepointe.org](http://lwvgrossepointe.org)

**Grosse Pointe** elections are upon us. Now is the time to break through all the noise, learn the facts, and turn out to vote. Hear directly from candidates via virtual forums hosted by the **Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods Branch NAACP** (on its **Facebook page**) and the **League of Women Voters GP** (on its website). One good way to protect our right to vote is by exercising it.

**We welcome your thoughts, questions, requests for signs, financial donations and membership requests.**

**You can learn more at: [we-gp.org/Justice-is-the-Pointe](http://we-gp.org/Justice-is-the-Pointe)**

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