



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF TEXAS



Advocacy Report

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League members from all over Texas gathered in the Texas Capitol for Lobby Days on Jan. 30 and 31st. Our conference room was filled to capacity!

The speakers did an outstanding job. Mimi Marziani, from the Texas Civil Rights Project, spoke on voting and election laws. Alice Bufkin, with the Women's Healthcare Coalition of Texas, explained the current Women's Health Program and what we need to fight for and against in the Capitol. Jim Nelson, a lobbyist with Texas Association of School Boards, got members riled up about the importance of fighting vouchers. Watch Lobby Days speakers presentations [League Facebook page](#) from Jan 30th.

On Tuesday we visited representatives and senators from our districts and discussed Priority Issues. In addition, many of you made calls to your legislators from home! Please use the forms below to help us compile this information.

- Please report your legislative visits on the [Legislative Visit Report Form](#)
- For your grassroots lobbying from home, please use this: [Form to Report Calls, Emails and Letters to Elected Officials](#)

If you attended Lobby Days, please provide feedback on this [Evaluation Form](#) so that we may improve next time.

Watch your inbox for "**CAPITOL ACTION**", the League's bi-weekly updates from the Texas Capitol. ACTION is the word we are using for this exciting legislative session. Pay attention! We will call on you to take ACTION. **Capitol Action** is the place to find League news from the Capitol.

Taking ACTION on SB 4 the Sanctuary City Bill

Testimonies were provided by both Gloria Suarez Sasser, Immigration Issue Chair, and Dixie Davis, LWV-AA Capitol Corps member, against SB 4, the sanctuary city bill.

"We are all in agreement in that we want a safe and secure Texas. To impose this law would not create that Texas; but one where fear and distrust would thrive. This is not our Texas, this is not who we are.... "

Read the complete testimony: http://www.lwvtexas.org/action_alerts_testimony.html

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