



LWV Resources for Wellesley Town election 2023 Candidates

Dear Candidate,

Congratulations on taking out nomination papers to run for local public office! The League of Women Voters of Wellesley respects and appreciates your interest in service to the Town, and by extension, to all residents of Wellesley by running for office. The League provides the following resources – events and online publications – to guide candidates through the campaign process, introduce them to voters, and to orient newly elected officials to Town government.

A Road Map to Running for Office: a comprehensive review of all aspects – deciding what office to run for; how to run for Town Meeting member and how to run for town wide office; the election calendar and “to-do” check list; where to view *How to Run for (Local) Public Office*; how to publicize your candidacy and post your profile in **Election Guide on Vote411.org** (all candidates); how to participate in **Meet the Candidates Night** (town wide candidates). To access the Road Map, [click here](#) or visit <https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/wellesley/article/road-map-running-office>

Town of Wellesley’s 2023 Candidate Handbook: candidate checklist, election calendar, detailed descriptions of each office on the ballot, recommended and required qualifications for office and responsibilities of board members; campaign tips and resources; and campaign finance information. To access, click [here](#) or visit <https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/wellesley/lwv-resources/publications>

How to Run for Office Zoom Event: December 7, 2022, 2022 7:00 pm. A perfect resource for first-time candidates. The nuts and bolts of running for office (KC Kato, Town Clerk) and how Town government works (Mark Kaplan, Town Moderator) followed by Q & A. [Register here](#). To view past events search “League of Women Voters” on Wellesley Media, Comcast 8/Verizon 40 or visit online at <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/>

Meet the Candidates Night Zoom Event: February 16, 2023 at 7 pm. All candidates for Town-wide office are invited to participate. [Register here](#) to participate. Broadcast will be on local cable TV Comcast 8/Verizon 40 and live-streamed on <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/live-streaming.html>.

Vote411.org, the League’s **Annual Town Election Guide:** online comprehensive guide to voting in local elections, with personalized specifics on how and where to vote (search by entering address), profiles of candidates and ballot questions, if applicable. The League invites all candidates for local office to submit profiles for this Election Guide. *Available in mid-February for online viewing only* (no print version).

Town Government Handbook 2022: An online comprehensive reference for Town Meeting members authored by the LWV with assistance from Town employees. This publication presents essential background information every Town Meeting member needs to know as a voting member of Wellesley’s representative Town Meeting: the organization, function and conduct of Town Meeting, the warrant and filing of motions, Advisory Committee; background for understanding the budget (financial structure of the Town, personnel motions for Town Meeting); how to become a public official and guidelines for Town committees (appointment, resignation, meetings, organization, officers, minutes, budgets and bills, warrant articles, Advisory Committee and filing reports); Guidelines for Conduct of Wellesley Representative Town Meeting. To access, click [here](#) or visit <https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/wellesley/lwv-resources/publications>