

## League of Women Voters® of Loudoun County

### “Virginia Is for Voters, so ... How Do We Get Redistricting Reform?” *Theme of 2017 LWV-LC Annual Meeting*

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

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LEESBURG, VA (March 22, 2016) — Redistricting Reformer, Brian Cannon, Executive Director of OneVirginia2021 will be the keynote speaker at the League of Women Voters of Loudoun County’s (LWV-LC) annual meeting and luncheon at 11:30 on April 22 at the River Creek Club in Leesburg. The luncheon costs \$40 for LWV-LC members and guests. Reservations for lunch and checks should be sent to: League of Women Voters of Loudoun County, P.O. Box 822, Leesburg, VA 20176 by April 16.



Brian Cannon will address one of LWV-LC’s major policy initiatives—voting rights and registration for all citizens—as he discusses redistricting reform efforts in Virginia and what can be done to make voting fairer in Virginia.

“Virginia has one of the worst track records in the nation for fair voting districts. Legislators draw their own districts that carve up our communities, split our neighborhoods, and remove people who might want to run against the incumbent politician. We can do better. GERRYMANDERING distorts the electoral process, undermines democracy, and renders legislative elections a meaningless exercise. It’s a conflict of interest for the legislature to draw its own district lines.” said Brian Cannon

**The OneVirginia2021 Foundation** is a 501(c)3 civic non-profit dedicated to raising awareness, conducting research, and holding educational programming on redistricting. The foundation has held several redistricting forums with legal, legislative, and academic experts around Virginia. We continue to speak to citizens and organizations around Virginia to spread information about this effort.

**The League of Women Voters** of Loudoun County was formed in 1946, as the first rural League of Women Voters in Virginia and was recently recognized by the national organization for increasing its membership more than 34 percent and for its educational programs on voting rights and its voter registration of high school seniors in Loudoun County.