LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

SAVE THE DATE:

The League of Women Voters of South Coast invites you to join us on

Wednesday, January 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library
7 Barstow Street
Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Learn how to be involved in the 2020 Census "Complete Count Campaign".

Getting a complete count in the 2020 Census is critical to all of our communities. Census information is used to determine representation in Congress and the Electoral College and as the basis for redistricting. The Census is key to the allocation of billions of dollars in federal funding to states and localities for public safety, disaster response, educational needs, hospital requirements, veterans assistance, and transportation. Data resulting from the Census is widely used by researchers, governments, businesses, and other organizations. **Undercounting skews census data impacting representation in government and allocation of resources <u>for the next 10 years.</u>** We can play a role in helping to educate the public and by assisting those who need help in filling out the Census form.

The League of Women Voters of South Coast has invited the Librarians and Town Clerks from New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Marion, Dartmouth, Wareham, Rochester, and Fairhaven to meet with League members and other interested volunteers to develop a plan of action to educate and assist the public in each library and in community centers and agencies. League members will assist those who need help with responding online and with understanding the questions. Each library will set up a schedule, depending on community and staff needs. Printed materials and posters about the Census and how the League can help the public respond will be delivered to agencies at which hard-to-count populations are served, e.g. soup kitchens, preschools, child care centers, homeless shelters, workforce centers, immigration centers, adult literacy programs, and library story times. **Everyone needs to be counted.**

Meet with us on January 15th and find out how you can get involved in this important work.