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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS *WORDS MATTER* FORUM TO ADVANCE UNDERSTANDING AND DISCUSSION ON INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

DOOR COUNTY, WI, January 12, 2024 – [The League of Women Voters of Door County](#) is hosting [*Words Matter – The Power of Language to Create a More Inclusive Door County*](#), February 8, 6 p.m., at Sevastopol Town Hall, 4528 WI-57, Sturgeon Bay.

A panel of four community leaders will speak about inclusive language around race, mental health, disability, and LGBTQ+ identities. The event is free and open to the public.

Scheduled panelists include Corey Batson, Stephanie Birmingham, Seth Wiederanders and Damion Howard. Natalie Morgan, chair of LWVDC’s DEI committee, will moderate the panel discussion and a question-and-answer session to follow.

“Words have the power to impact our daily lives,” Morgan said. “Creating a more inclusive Door County can start with the language used to connect and relate with one another. We all want to be seen for who we are, and the words we choose help value everyone’s differences.

“Language constantly evolves, and ideally, we embrace a growth mindset — we are learners, not experts. To see and understand all our varied lived experiences, we need to create space to listen and hear each other’s stories,” Morgan added.

Community leaders, educators, business owners and people simply passionate about creating a welcoming environment might find the event offers them tools to channel their words to foster a more inclusive community. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions in a safe space.

[*Words Matter – The Power of Language to Create a More Inclusive Door County*](#) cosponsors include Destination Door County, PFLAG, Write On, Door County, Door County Civility Project and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Door County. More information is available at lwvdoorcounty.org.

About the League of Women Voters Door County

About the League of Women Voters Door County Founded in 1952 by Sturgeon Bay resident Jay Jacquelyn (Draeb) Bass, Mary Berg, Eunice Schlintz and several others, the League of Women Voters Door County is the local chapter of a national nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. It does not support or oppose any political party or endorse candidates. LWVDC has three separate and distinct roles: Voter Service – To make voting easier through varied voter education programs and encouraging citizen participation Citizen Education & Studies - To study national, state, and local issues in an unbiased manner and provide information on how citizens can influence public policy Action/Advocacy – To take a stand on issues when supported by league positions. For more information, to volunteer or donate visit lwvdoorcounty.org