

Letter to the *Kansas City Star*

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Two recent events showcased the importance of voting. Last fall a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates was decided by a drawing because the election was tied after 23,000 votes were counted. More recently we learned that less than 12% of registered voters in the Kansas City area voted in the local April 3 elections.

What did we learn? Every vote is important, but most votes are never cast.

One reason people may not vote is they don't know what's on their ballot. If this is keeping you from voting, go to www.vote411.org to get your personalized ballot. Even though there are 165 races in our area, vote411.org filters out all but the ones you will decide. Furthermore over 100 candidates have shared information on vote411.org regarding how they plan to serve you.

By failing to vote, hundreds of thousands of voters in our community let someone else decide how they will be governed. The League of Women Voters of Kansas City, Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties believes voting is a fundamental citizen right and encourages all registered voters to get informed and vote - either absentee or in person - in the August 7 primary.

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