



LWVUS IMMIGRATION ACTION in 2025 & 2026:

2025:

2/13/25:

LWVUS joined a [letter](#) to U.S. Congress urging them to oppose the *Laken Riley Act*, which mandates the detention of undocumented people arrested for or charged with certain offenses including theft or violent crimes. Unfortunately, as you probably know, the bill was signed into law shortly after.

4/10/25

LWVUS submitted [comments](#) to the US Department of Health and Human Services on their proposed rule on the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA), urging them not to finalize the change to the definition of “lawfully present” to exclude people with DACA status for the purposes of determining eligibility to enroll in ACA health insurance coverage. They should be posted publicly in the Federal Register shortly.

9/18/25: [Guidance on Federal Military Deployment in US Cities](#)

10/6/25: LWVUS Denounces Federal Militarization of Illinois Communities [link](#)

11/6/25: [Action Kit: Supporting Immigrant Partner Communities](#)

12/10/25: LWVUS joined [this letter](#) to the President yesterday opposing the Administration’s anti-humanitarian and anti-immigration policies following the shooting of National Guard members in DC.

12/19/25: [Joined](#) comments to DHS opposing the public charge proposed rule.

2026:

1/14/26: [Signed](#) onto a letter to Congress urging them to refuse increased funding for ICE and Border Patrol, and to demand that DHS appropriations bills include accountability measures for immigration enforcement agencies (will be posted on LWVUS’ website shortly).

1/22/26:

LWVUS Condemns Unwarranted Federal Presence and Military Escalation in Minnesota [link](#)

1/26/26:

LWVUS Statement on Federal Immigration Enforcement and the Erosion of Constitutional Rights [link](#)

1/29/26: [Urged](#) the Senate to vote against additional funding for ICE ahead of their DHS appropriations vote.

2/5/26: [Authored](#) a blog on what's happening with ICE/CBP and with a host of know your rights guides to review and disseminate.

2/10/26: [Joined](#) a letter to Congress urging the protection of sensitive locations during immigration enforcement.

2/6/26:LWVUS posted to LMS a [Civic Action Toolkit](#) for affiliates to respond to this moment.

3/4/26: [Federal Immigration Enforcement Emergency Action Toolkit](#)

4/1/26: [Amicus Brief opposing EO on Birthright Citizenship](#)

4/22/26:ICE: [LWVUS Urges Congress to Oppose ICE and CBP Funding](#) & [Action alert](#)

4/29/26: [Joined](#) LULAC and Common Cause in calling on Congress to launch an investigation into federal immigration enforcement use-of-force incidents.

LWVUS IMMIGRATION DISCUSSION GROUP WORK:

2024:

June: Resolution at June 2024 Convention: emphasis on due process
Convention workshop with Doris Meissner & Susan Martin

Fall: Webinar: [The Economic Benefits of Migration](#): Kristie DePena & Madeline Zolodny

2025:

Monthly newsletters with resources and information (12/24-6/25)

October: Webinar: [The Impact of Mass Deportation on Women & Children](#)

December: Open Zoom Meeting; [Countering Disinformation and Beyond](#): Discussion about Misinformation and also Best Practices at State & Local Level in San Diego, New Jersey and Washington state

2026:

February: Webinar: [Healthcare & Immigration](#)