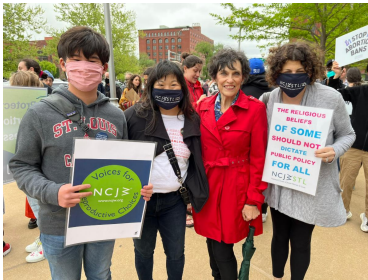




# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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## Feeling Like You Need To Do SOMETHING? *Get Involved with NCJWSTL's Abortion Rights Advocacy*



Want to do something hands on to support access to abortion and reproductive health services? [Click here](#) to put your name on the volunteer list and as we develop opportunities for direct action to support clients/patients at local clinics. We'll notify you of dates/times to get involved in a variety of ways. ***Because these opportunities are coming at us so rapidly, we want to build a list of volunteers who are ready when things get scheduled.***

Questions? Please contact Jen Bernstein, Advocacy Manager at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).

In the meantime, you can also sign NCJW's [Jews for Abortion Access's open letter](#) urging President Biden to make abortion care accessible to everyone NOW, regardless of the state in which they reside. Please [click here](#) to add your name.

## August Lunch & Learn: A History of Journalism in St. Louis with St. Louis Public Radio's Bill Freivogel



Thursday, August 18, 2022  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Lunch and Learn:  
*The History of Journalism in St. Louis*  
with STLPR's Bill Freivogel

**When:** Thursday, August 18 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

St. Louis has a rich history of journalism that most of us tend not to think about when we are watching the weather forecast or listening to our favorite radio station. We may be familiar with Joseph Pulitzer a Hungarian Jewish immigrant who founded the St. Louis

Post Dispatch, paved the way for newspapers across the country and used his influence to advocate on behalf of immigrants. But there has to be more, right?

To help us learn about the history of journalism in St. Louis, NCJWSTL is excited to welcome Bill Freivogel, professor in the Southern Illinois University School of Journalism, contributor to St. Louis Public Radio and publisher of the Gateway Journalism Review. Previously, he was director of the journalism school. Before SIU, Freivogel worked 34 years at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where he was assistant Washington bureau chief and deputy editorial editor.

Please [click here](#) to register for the July Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call (314) 993.5181

## NCJW and League of Women Voters Town Hall



**When:** Thursday, August 18 | 6:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)



Two historic women's organizations join forces for a critical town hall about the 2022 Midterm Elections.

Join Sheila Katz, CEO of National Council of Jewish Women and Virginia Kase Solomón, CEO of League of Women Voters for a virtual Town Hall to get informed and excited about the voting landscape this year.

Please [click here](#) to register.

## Urge Senators Blunt and Hawley to Support the Respect for Marriage Act



Last month, the House easily passed the [Respect for Marriage Act](#) — a bill establishing federal protections for same-sex marriage in a bipartisan accomplishment that would have been unimaginable just a few years ago.

The bill would repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which previously defined marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman, and it would **guarantee recognition of same-sex marriages and interracial marriages under federal law.** This vote was important

to enshrine federal protections in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and Justice Clarence Thomas's statement that other rights, like same-sex marriage, could be considered next.

**We are still waiting on the Senate to do something.** Although it's important to contact both of Missouri's Senators to urge them to vote YES on the Respect for Marriage Act, NCJWSTL believes that Senator Blunt can be convinced to vote yes if and when the bill is introduced. Please call them at the numbers below TODAY.

**Senator Roy Blunt:** 202.224.5721

**Senator Josh Hawley:** 202.224.6154

## Petition: All Working Families Need Paid Leave

No matter our race, job title, or income, we all work hard to care for our families. When a new child is born, a parent falls ill, or we need time to recover from illness, the last think we need is worrying about our employment.

Working families should not be forced to risk their jobs,

health or financial security when illness strikes. Paid time off – through earned sick days and paid family and medical leave – gives working families the security of knowing that they can be caregivers at home without risking their economic security.



Missouri will work for all of us by ensuring working people have paid time off work to care for a new baby, a sick loved one or to recover from our own illness or serious injury.

Please [click here](#) to add your name to the petition.

## Take Action & Join the A-List



**Now more than ever you will want to make sure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2022!** Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

**Together we can make a difference!**

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2022.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color

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## Interesting Reading



Are big corporations really pro-women? Most major corporations these days claim to have a core commitment to women's rights. Some companies, like Amazon, have even declared their support for abortion rights. But behind the scenes, many corporations are propping up lawmakers behind some of the most extreme anti-women legislation of our time. Their political donations not only go directly to these politicians, but also to PACs that hide both the recipient and source of the funds.

[Click here](#) to read Karen Dewitt's article from Ms. Magazine, "The Dark Money Behind Abortion Bans."

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