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NEWSLETTER

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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" Luke 4:18*



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**6th ANNUAL FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS**

**HOW TO START A BUSINESS WORKSHOP:**

Tired of working for someone else and want to start a business or you want to start a side hustle to increase your income? You'll want to attend our 'How to Start a Business' workshop

**HOME BUYING/RENTAL INVESTMENT WORKSHOP:**

Looking to buy a home or invest in real estate to build wealth. Learn about today's market and what you need to get in the game.

**COLLEGE AND FINANCIAL AID:**

Are you a student or have a student headed to college? Join the scholarships and financial aid workshop.

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THANKS TO MELANIE DAVIS FOR HER WORK WITH "UNITED WE VOTE".

# United We Vote

3/31/2022 -7:00PM-8:30PM via Zoom and Facebook Live  
Forum with Ferguson-Florissant, Hazelwood, and  
Pattonville School Board Candidates

Get to know your candidates with this informative zoom forum moderated by 100.3 The Beat's own BJ the DJ.

Questions for the candidates can be sent to [UnitedWeVote2022@hotmail.com](mailto:UnitedWeVote2022@hotmail.com)

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MISSOURI LEGISLATORS**

[Legislator Lookup](#) | [Missouri Senate \(mo.gov\)](#)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

There will be a rally to protect the Missouri initiative petition process in Jefferson City on Tuesday, May 3<sup>RD</sup> 2022. Please plan to attend. The details are being developed; we will keep you posted!

### **ELECTIONS LEGISLATION**

#### **Non-Expired Photo ID Mandate**

The Senate Local Government and Elections Committee heard HB 1878 (Simmons) on April 6. The bill would require registered voters to provide a government-issued non-expired photo identification. League opposes barriers that keep eligible citizens from voting and being politically active. LWVMO President Marilyn McLeod was present to testify at the hearing.

The House has passed 8 elections bills so far, 6 with voting restrictions and 2 restricting the initiative petition. The House has also passed HJR 131 which could restrict ranked choice voting in the future. HJR 179 is still in the Senate Committee. Simmons' restrictive Photo ID bill may get out of committee early this week and get floor time in the Senate. Remember that HJRs (House Joint Resolutions) that pass the House and the Senate will go to a vote of the people without needing the approval of the Governor.

**Omnibus bill (SB 654)** includes photo ID and poll watchers and no-excuse absentee voting reduced from 6 weeks to 3 weeks. It includes no use of drop boxes, and one person can't collect more than five registrations. As of April 11, this bill was placed on the Formal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection.

**ACTION ALERT: Contact your state Senator to oppose any bills that would present barriers that would keep eligible citizens from voting.**

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## Don't Forget To Fill Out Your Survey

The Social Justice Ministry wants to know what your interests are and where you might want to serve in this work. Please click on this link, <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wDxxG11gUUOIdkFdXri68RfoHdutwkBMmrmP7NXDUKZURFRXUzNMM1VZRFA3WFhLUTY4QkhYTzNSOC4u> and let us know how and where you want to get involved. We'll follow up with you right away!



### Legal Corner

**Voters in the United States have the right to cast their ballots freely, safely and privately—without fear: Both federal and state law provide protections against voter intimidation.**

These protections can sometimes be confusing. But they are important. Recent events have raised concerns that voters may face intimidation at the polls, and high-profile prosecutions have made clear that state voter intimidation statutes can be effective if state officials enforce these rules aggressively.

Voters and election officials need to know how the law protects them in order to guard against voter intimidation on Election Day.

Federal law protects voters from intimidation.

The federal voter intimidation law makes it a crime for any person to intimidate, threaten or coerce any other person in order to interfere with their right to vote. The law applies to any federal election and applies to attempted intimidation, too. This law protects voters in a wide variety of ways. For instance, it is a federal crime under this law to:

- Verbally or physically confront voters
- Physically intimidate voters, such as by standing or hovering close to voters as they attempt to vote
- Post flyers threatening jail time or other punitive action against persons who vote
- Ask voters for documentation when none is required
- Vandalize polling places
- Photographing or videotaping voters inside a polling place
- Threaten the job, wages or benefits of an employee if he or she does not vote in a particular manner
- Fly Confederate flags outside a polling place or in a parking lot



## Legal Corner (continued)

- Occupy the parking lot of a polling place in such a way that voters might be hindered from entering

Violations of federal voter intimidation law can be reported to the United States Department of Justice via phone at (800)-253-3931, e-mail: [www.voting.section@usdoj.gov](mailto:www.voting.section@usdoj.gov)



## *2022 May Day Parade Weekend May 13 -15, 2022*

Annie Malone's Annual May Day Parade will be on Sunday May 15, 2022, starting at 1 pm in downtown St Louis.

The May Day Parade will be LIVE this year! We look forward to seeing everyone downtown.

## ANNIE TURNBO MALONE



A chemist and entrepreneur, Annie Turnbo Malone became a millionaire by successfully developing and marketing hair products for black women in St. Louis. She used her wealth to promote the advancement of African Americans and gave away most of her money to charity. Born on August 9, 1869, in Metropolis, Illinois, Annie Minerva Turnbo was the tenth of eleven children born to Robert and Isabella Turnbo. Her parents died when she was young, and an older sister raised her. Annie attended high school in Peoria, Illinois, but she was often sick and missed class. Though she did not graduate, she did discover she was good at chemistry.

Around the turn of the twentieth century, Annie Turnbo developed a hair product to straighten African American women's hair without damaging it like the products then available. She eventually created an entire line of hair care and beauty products specifically for black women. Recognizing she needed a larger market in which to sell her products, Turnbo moved her business to St. Louis in 1902. The city's economy was booming in preparation for the 1904 World's Fair.

As a black woman, Turnbo was denied access to regular distribution channels. To sell her products, she and her assistants went door-to-door, giving demonstrations. Business grew steadily. After a positive response at the World's Fair, Turnbo's Poro company went national.

In 1914 Annie Turnbo married Aaron E. Malone, a St. Louis school principal. By the end of World War I, she was a millionaire and one of the most successful black women of her time. Malone was extremely generous with her money and helped a variety of African American organizations and charities, including the St. Louis Colored Orphans Home.

Annie Malone established Poro College in St. Louis in 1918. The cosmetology school and training center offered black women a place to advance themselves. The facilities also housed Malone's business operations and served as a place for the African American community to gather for various civic functions.

Malone's multimillion-dollar business empire was put at risk in 1927 when her husband filed for divorce and demanded half of the business. The high-profile dispute resulted in a settlement of two hundred thousand dollars. Seeking a fresh start, Malone moved her business headquarters to Chicago in 1930. Financial troubles continued to follow her. The aftermath of the 1929 stock market crash hit the company hard, as did a series of lawsuits.

Despite these financial setbacks, Malone remained in business and had thirty-two branches of the Poro school throughout the country in the mid-1950s. She also continued to support charities in St. Louis and around the nation throughout her lifetime. She died in Chicago on May 10, 1957.

Annie Turnbo Malone's legacy as a pioneer in the African American beauty and cosmetic business has largely been overshadowed by the success of her former employee, Madam C. J. Walker. This is beginning to change, however, and Malone is now being recognized for her role in launching the industry.

Malone's charitable legacy also continues. The St. Louis Orphans Home, which was renamed after her in 1946, is now the Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center. The street on which the center is located was renamed Annie Malone Drive in her honor.