LETTER TO MO HISTORY MUSEUM RE:VOTE SIGNS

I was excited to read in today's <u>Go! Magazine</u> about the Beyond the Ballot exhibit opening tomorrow at the Museum. My branch of AAUW, Kirkwood-Webster Groves, is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment with a sign that fits perfectly with your exhibit, and we would like to talk with you about the Museum displaying some of our signs.

After 60 years of organizing, meeting, protesting, lobbying, and marching, women in every state were officially granted the legal right to vote. Of course, it took almost four decades for women of color to be able to fully exercise that right. 100th Anniversary programs, proclamations, websites, and celebrations were planned across the nation, but many public events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

To celebrate this 10K Diamond Anniversary, Kirkwood-Webster Groves AAUW designed a sign in the colors of the U.S. suffragist movement that thanks the suffragists and is a subtle reminder that women have not always had a voice in local, state, and national government. We have printed 500 signs some of which we are donating locally and some we have offered for purchase to local women's organizations to display in their yards, windows, community centers, or meetings. This is NOT a political project, and this is NOT a partisan effort. The sign is generic and has no display expiration date. This is NOT a fund raising project; at \$3 per sign the cost is very affordable. The sign is shown on the attached order form.

K-WG wants to **celebrate** our right to vote and show St. Louis how important this is to women and society, and this is an easy, contact-less way to do so. It would be fabulous to see signs all over the area celebrating women and the vote!

We would love to talk further with you about our sign project. I have included my phone number and am hoping to hear from you.

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