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## *The Barbara Lee Family Foundation Announces Suffrage Centennial Grant Awardees*

*The Brockton Library Foundation; Josiah Quincy Orchestra Program;  
The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts  
Boston; and The Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus Selected to Receive \$5,000 Grants*

CAMBRIDGE, MA— The Barbara Lee Family Foundation today announced the four local organizations selected to receive a \$5,000 grant to fund forward-looking community programming around the suffrage centennial. Earlier this year, as part of its involvement with the [Greater Boston Women's Vote Centennial](#), the [Barbara Lee Family Foundation](#) sought proposals for projects designed to encourage civic engagement and link the history of the suffrage movement to the urgent social issues of today. Through this grantmaking program, the foundation seeks to elevate organizations doing work to create a racially, ethnically, and geographically diverse centennial celebration reflective of the Greater Boston community.

“The centennial of Women’s Suffrage is not just a commemoration, but a call to action,” said Barbara Lee, President and Founder of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation. “Each of these dynamic projects highlight important lessons from the women’s suffrage movement, including the responsibility of each generation to continue the march for justice.”

The chosen projects are:

- **The Brockton Public Library Foundation:** The Brockton Public Library will present *The Vote – Exploring Voting Rights in America*, a project investigating how voting rights have expanded over time to include more segments of the population. Brockton Public Library will collaborate with other community groups and public schools to offer engaging activities, panel presentations, book discussion groups, enactments, events, and a Story Walk.
- **The Josiah Quincy Orchestra Program:** The Josiah Quincy Orchestra, based in Boston’s Chinatown, will engage 10- and 11-year-old students on the history of the suffrage movement and its continuing impact today, including: a discussion with City Councilor Michelle Wu about the impact of suffrage on the Asian immigrant population; student presentations on women’s suffrage; and student performances featuring works by Soon Hee Newbold, an Asian-American, female, contemporary youth orchestra composer, at the Massachusetts State House in April of 2020.
- **The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Boston (CWPPP):** In partnership with Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition, CWPPP will hold a 4-part interactive and educational forum in the spring of 2020. The forum is designed to engage former and current elected women of color, women candidates of color, voting rights advocates, scholars, and activists in order to encourage civic engagement and voting by communities of color from Greater Boston.
- **The Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus (MWPC):** MWPC will engage with greater-Boston public high schools to teach students about suffrage and civic engagement. MWPC will

work with students to launch voter engagement teams to go into their home communities and register people to vote throughout the summer of 2020.

**About The Barbara Lee Family Foundation**

The Barbara Lee Family Foundation works to advance women's equality and representation in American politics through political research, strategic partnerships, and grants and endowments. The Foundation's work is guided by its core belief that women's voices strengthen our democracy and enrich our culture.

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