Approved Program for 2019-2020

Article X, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee provides that the Program of the LWVT shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action. The Program arises from the suggestions of members. The Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing and discussing these suggestions, formulating them in appropriate language, and recommending all, none, or some of them for adoption by the membership. The following Program was adopted at the annual meeting in April 2019.

The Tallahassee League of Women Voter’s priorities are:

• voter registration,
• voter education,
• advocacy for free and fair elections.

We will monitor local issues and educate voters on the merits of the issues by conducting Hot Topics meetings and public forums with the goal of increasing access to our events by the general public. We will advocate for League issues by meeting with county and city officials to educate them on our priorities. Our League has an ongoing goal of increasing diversity within our membership.

Voter Services
Register voters at all available opportunities such as the Saturday Downtown Market, college and school sites, etc. Participate with the New Citizen Initiative by providing information on the League and our issues. Educate the public on voter registration changes, voter systems and voter rights. Work with the Leon County Supervisor of Elections to advance election reform.

Ethical Government
Support and monitor the work of the local Ethics Commission. Hold public officials to high ethical standards.

Local Government
Monitor City and County Commission agendas and minutes to be alert to evolving issues. Promote efficient and responsible local government.
Education
Support the Leon County School Board’s efforts to assure equity in funding and accountability between traditional public schools, charter schools, and private schools receiving vouchers. Monitor and educate the public on the re-segregation of Leon County Schools.

Health Care
Advocate for expanding access to health care with the goal of universal coverage. Support Medicaid expansion and proposed legislation providing access to health care, mental health, substance abuse and dental care services. Advocate for continued county planning and funding for health care services for the uninsured and initiatives such as mental health courts and crisis intervention training. Support women’s reproductive rights and access to women’s health services.

Climate Change and Sustainability
Educate League members and the community on climate and environmental sustainability issues. Promote local and regional initiatives to ameliorate climate change and enhance long-term sustainability. Support increased use of solar energy and electric vehicles.

Social and Economic Justice
Promote existing League positions and activities that address economic disparity. Seek to enhance educational and economic opportunities throughout the community and promote social justice. Adopt and support the League of Women Voters Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

Lobby Corps
Continue to support the state League’s legislative advocacy effort at the Capitol by training volunteers in citizen advocacy, including monitoring and reporting on state legislative actions of specific interest to the LWV Florida.

Gun Safety
Support local government's right to enact ordinances to require background checks, closing gun show loopholes and banning assault weapons. Join effort to gather signatures for the BAWN constitutional amendment (Ban Assault Weapons Now).
Non-Recurring Projects
Plan and conduct appropriate activities to celebrate and commemorate the Centennial of the 19th Amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters.

Support League efforts regarding the NPV (National Popular Vote interstate compact).

Approved Policy
The Tallahassee League adopted and supports the League of Women Voters Policy on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.