

## NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM

### **MICHELLE THORSELL (LWV of GLEN ELLYN)**

#### **SECRETARY**

Michelle Thorsell has served as Co-president of the LWV of Glen Ellyn for the past two years. Previously, she served as a LWV of Glen Ellyn Board member for seven years with Global Democracy and Improving Government portfolios and as VP of Programs. Her favorite League activities include working at candidate forums reviewing and sorting questions from the public and working on position studies. Michelle is a licensed architect and currently manages her thirty-year architectural practice that served primarily state and local Illinois governments and non-profits. Through her practice, she has donated time and resources towards providing affordable housing across Illinois. In addition, she serves as a project manager for Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance and focuses on research, education and workforce development, with outreach to underrepresented communities across the Midwest. As a volunteer, Michelle has served as the president and interim treasurer of the DuPage Care Center Foundation, elected council member for the Village of Glen Ellyn, Chair of the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission, President of the Glenbard Wastewater Authority, Municipal Representative for the DuPage County Stormwater Committee and Director of Childrens Ministry at her local church. Michelle is a 35-year resident of Glen Ellyn. She and her husband Steven have 3 children.

#### **WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE LWVIL BOARD**

The work that the League of Women Voters does is critical for our democracy. I believe my experiences will serve the members of the LWVIL well. As co-president of the LWV of Glen Ellyn I have been surrounded by so many talented members, but it was clear, we needed each other to achieve our many goals; this is true for any great organization. Working as a team player, listening first, being thoughtful, remaining flexible and staying organized is what I will bring to the LWVIL Board. The lessons I have learned pertaining to the technical requirements of running a non-profit will be instructional for serving on the LWVIL Board; communications, budgets and understanding legal ramifications for a non-profit organization are all important for leadership to understand.

#### **WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS AN LWVIL BOARD MEMBER**

I hope to utilize my skills and experience to advance the mission of the LWVIL. During the multiple years of the pandemic, we learned new ways of doing business that can connect us better and help us to accomplish more. The greatest enjoyment I have had through my experiences is being able lift up others with different individual skills and lead them in a common goal to reach new heights than could ever have been imagined. The LWVIL members have great passion, talent and drive and I hope to do my part in embracing the mission of the League by supporting each local League. As a good friend of mine often says, "together we are stronger."