In 2023-2024 LWV Wilmette is focusing on six core advocacy issues.

<u>Community Education, Engagement & Empowerment.</u> Our goal is to advocate for open and transparent governing bodies and to facilitate community understanding of the workings of our local governing boards.

**Environment**. Through research, collaboration and advocacy, the LWV Wilmette will contribute to robust Village initiatives stemming from the Sustainability Plan; Continue work to protect our local environment; Promote cleaner, quieter lawn care practices; Reduce plastics; Protect the Great Lakes; Promote renewable energy sources, Oppose reliance on fossil fuel and support clean energy and water policies.

<u>Inclusive Community</u>. We will continue to proactively educate the community and facilitate a deeper understanding of inclusivity; Advocate for local government policy to ensure greater inclusivity; and Monitor progress towards achieving their stated diversity, equity and inclusion goals. We will continue to actively monitor Village efforts to develop more affordable housing.

<u>Fair Elections</u>. There will be a special focus on misinformation and disinformation, as well as advocacy for Voting Rights and other topics that ensure every citizen has the right to participate in our electoral process.

<u>Reproductive Rights</u>: Educate members and the community on the state of reproductive choice in Illinois and at the federal level; Advocate for policies that protect reproductive freedom at the local, state and federal level and in areas where reproductive rights are endangered

<u>Gun Violence Prevention</u>: Participate in gun violence prevention coalitions on the state and local level; Plan education and advocacy opportunities.