

LWV Wilmette Local Program 2025-2026

Program Planning Process

March 2025 - full membership survey - input on continuing and new focus areas

April 16, 2025, planning meeting - prioritized the survey issues with 75% + support

- Selection based on local impact and local League interest
- State and/or national League support

Approved at the Annual Meeting, May 21, 2025.

Proposed Advocacy Areas

1. Good Governance
2. Environment
3. Inclusive Community
4. Fair Elections and Voting Rights
5. Healthcare (Including Reproductive Rights and Gun Violence Prevention)

Good Governance

- Advocate for open and transparent governing bodies
- Facilitate community understanding of the workings of our local governing boards
- Coordinates Observer Corps activities

Environment

- Contribute to robust village initiatives stemming from the Sustainability Plan
- Strengthen ecology-based management of Park District natural areas
- Work with partner organizations to protect local environment & the Great Lakes

Inclusive Community

- Educate and advocate for policies that ensure greater inclusivity
- Proactively advocate for local government policies to ensure greater inclusivity
- Actively monitor the efforts to develop more inclusive and affordable housing

Fair Elections

- Combat mis- and disinformation
- Educate the community on electoral reforms
(such as abolishing the Electoral College, ranked choice voting)
- Advocate to address Voting Rights and fight voter suppression efforts.
 - ensure every citizen has the right to participate in our electoral process

Access to Healthcare

- Identify potential educational and advocacy opportunities regarding equitable access to healthcare and access to healthcare information including but not limited to:
 - reproductive healthcare
 - mental healthcare
 - gun violence prevention
 - public health issues and concerns

Approved by a vote of the membership at the LWV Wilmette Annual Meeting, May 21, 2025.