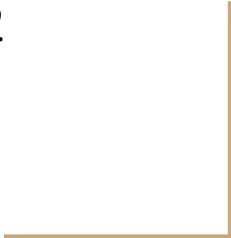




Program Planning 2022-23

April 13, 2022

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Local Program Planning

Program planning happens within the context of the overall League mission:
“encouraging informed & active participation in government;
influencing public policy through education & advocacy”



Voter Services:

- Protect the citizen's right to know and facilitate informed understanding and public participation in government decision-making.
- Disseminate accurate and timely information on community issues to our membership and the public

Advocacy:

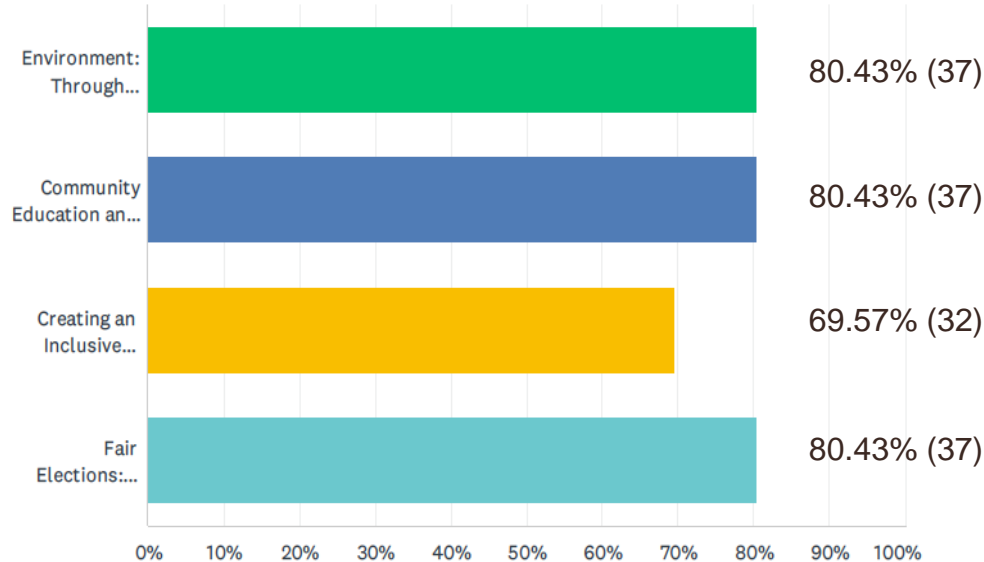
- In addition to our core work on voting and elections, the League of Women Voters advocates for issues that its membership chooses.
- In order to advocate for an issue, the League must have a position that has been adopted at the state or federal level or studied and come to consensus on as a local League.

Planning Process

- 45 members responded to input survey
- Reviewed input at Program Planning meeting 4/13
- Board approved Program recommendation 4/19
- Identify Action Foci Leaders in nomination process
- Post for member review 5/11
- Adopt final Program at Annual Meeting on 5/25

Member Survey Results – 2022

Survey Respondents Believe Our 2021-22 Action Foci Should Continue



Question: Below are the Action Foci for 2021-22. Please indicate whether you believe any of these should be a continued focus in 2022-23. Check all that apply.

Member Survey Results - 2022

Top Votes *

- Community Engagement & Education: Good Governance (37)
- Fair Elections (37)
- Environment (37)
- Inclusive Community (32)
- Affordable Housing (21)
- **Reproductive Rights** (21)
- Fair Maps (21)

* Each received support from 50+% of respondents; based on 46 total respondents

Fewer Votes *

- Abolish Electoral College (16)
- Gun Violence Prevention (15)
- ERA (14)
- Immigration (9)
- Criminal Justice (9)
- Immigration (8)

* Each received support from <50% of respondents; based on 41 total respondents

Member Suggested

- Money in Politics
- Reduce Govt Units
- Fiscal Policy
- Landlord-Tenant Disputes
- Transgender Rights
- Civic Engagement/
Critical Thinking for
Young People

Recommendation Overview

Include in Program

- Community Engagement & Education: Good Governance
- Fair Elections
- Environment
- Inclusive Community
- Reproductive Rights **Needs leader

Roll Into Other Action Foci

- Affordable Housing - Inclusive Community
- Fair Maps (21) - Fair Elections
- Abolish Electoral College - Fair Elections

Potential Member Led Initiatives Supporting State and US Program

- ERA (Leader identified)
- Fiscal Policy (Leader Identified)
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Immigration
- Criminal Justice

Other Member Suggested Topics

- Reduce Govt Units – Not selected
- Civic Engagement/ Critical Thinking for Young People – Not selected
- Landlord-Tenant Disputes – Affordable housing
- Transgender Rights – Inclusive Communities

Recommended Program: Local Issues

Continue this year's local action foci, which are of high interest to members and have a significant local impact. Leaders have been identified for these areas.

- Community Engagement/Good Governance
- Environment
- Inclusive Community

Recommended Program: State/US Issues

Local leaders will liaise with LWV-IL and LWV-US on these action foci, which were selected by 50% or more of survey respondents. They will recruit and lead members interested in developing local education programs and identify ways that members may take action at the local, state, and national level.

- Fair Elections –will encompass Voting Rights, Fair Maps/Redistricting, Abolishing the Electoral College, and other topics (e.g. Ranked Choice Voting) that ensure every citizen has the right to participate in our electoral process. (Leaders identified)
- Reproductive Rights – this new action focus will work with interested members to develop a local education plan and to identify potential advocacy opportunities at the state and US level. (Leader needed)

Other Advocacy Issues

While not selected by members to be part of the LWV Wilmette Program, members interested in leading these areas may support the following issues as part of State and/or U.S. Program:

- Fiscal Policy (Leader identified)
- Equal Rights Amendment (Leader identified)
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Immigration

Next Steps

This Program Recommendation will be presented for approval by a vote of the membership at Annual Meeting.

Please plan to attend the meeting on May 25th.

Questions? Email: preslww21@gmail.com