

## **LWV TALLAHASSEE PROGRAM FOR 2025-26**

The League of Women Voters is an organization that is fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and when conducting all activities necessary for carrying out the priorities and programs adopted below.

The League of Women Voters Tallahassee (LWVT) Board of Directors recommends the following 2025-26 Program for adoption by the members:

### **Local Priorities**

- Provide voter education and registration services
- Promote and support an open local government and school board that are responsive to the community and environment
- Educate and advocate for League positions with local agencies, associations, coalitions, and public officials, including the Leon County state delegation in furtherance of League mission, vision, values, and this Program.

### **Voter Services**

Build relationships and collaborate with community groups and organizations to educate the public about voting procedures and rights for current, recently naturalized, and returning citizens, elections & election reform initiatives, and LWV positions on policy issues.

Delivery methods include social media postings, distribution of printed materials, organizing in-person workshops and presentations, attending naturalization ceremonies, conducting neighborhood canvassing, , attendance at various public events, and updating Vote411.org content (local elections).

In tandem with LWVFL, monitor, analyze, and incorporate election law changes into LWVT processes. Support Leon County and surrounding area Supervisors of Elections to advance free and fair elections and increase voter turnout in communities with historically low voter turnouts. Support citizen initiative petitions approved by the LWVFL.

Support LWVUS scouting initiative through partnership with Girl Scouts Gateway Council and its Democracy Badge program.

## **Ethical Government**

Support and monitor the work of the Tallahassee Independent Ethics Board. Hold public officials to high ethical standards.

## **Local Government**

Engage with local elected and appointed officials and staff in order to be informed of issues related to our local League programs. Learn and share information relevant to our members by monitoring Tallahassee City Commission, Leon County Commission, and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency agendas and minutes to be alerted to evolving issues. Track city and county land use and zoning planning criteria to determine the impact on quality of life in Leon County. During election years, sponsor the local government candidate forums.

## **Health Care**

Support Medicaid expansion and proposed legislation expanding access to healthcare, mental health, substance abuse and dental care services. Advocate for continued county planning and funding for health care services for the uninsured and initiatives promoting the health of the public and contributing to the reduction of disparities in health outcomes for minorities. Support women's reproductive rights and access to women's health services, including abortion.

## **Natural Resources and Clean Energy**

Monitor and participate in the development and implementation of local and regional policies that impact the environment and long term sustainability. Coordinate such activities with other organizations that share the same interests and goals. Educate League members and the community with respect to protecting our local land and water resources and how we can do our part to ameliorate climate change.