

## **LWV TALLAHASSEE PROGRAM FOR 2026-27**

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 of Tallahassee (LWVT) Board of Directors recommends the following 2026-27 program for adoption by the members:

### **Local priorities**

Provide voter education and voter 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 citizens, elections & election reform initiatives, and LVW positions on policy issues.

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

In tandem with LWVFL, monitor, analyze, and incorporate election law changes into LWVT processes. Support Leon and surrounding Counties' 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, and educate the public on local government issues on the ballot.

## **Natural Resources and Clean Energy**

Actively support and amplify initiatives that aim to protect the environment and promote long-term sustainability. Work with Tally100 and local government to support a transition to clean energy. Support Keep Tallahassee Beautiful through the Adopt-a-Street project, Clean Sweep, and shoreline cleanups. Engage with local agencies and educate League members and the broader community on reducing waste through our campaign sign recycling project and recycling center tours. Provide election year support for the Big Bend Environmental Forum to educate voters on candidates' approaches to clean energy and preservation of our natural resources. Work with our district school system as we continue efforts to employ sustainable practices. Propose, promote and support sustainable practices in hosting League events and communicating with members.