



2023-2024 LWVMC Priorities

The National League of Women Voters is recommending that the Campaign for Making Democracy Work[®] continue for 2022-2024 and encourages Leagues at every level to continue to work to protect and advance voting rights and election reform at this critical time for democracy, as well as fight efforts in Washington, D.C. and state legislatures to suppress voters. The Priorities for LWVMC for 2023-2024 will serve these purposes.

As a nonpartisan, grassroots, volunteer organization, we will work to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. To achieve this, we will:

- Maintain a strong focus on our core voter service activities
- Respond and act on LWVMI and LWVUS defending democracy action alerts as resources allow
- Implement recommended LWVMI defending democracy projects and educational programs as resources allow

Voter Services

Our core voter service projects are designed to encourage informed and active participation in government and they will include but are not limited to:

- If there are contested local races, present candidate forums and conduct Get Out the Vote activities
- Publish the on-line voter guide, VOTE411.org, for all elections
- Continue outreach to local clerks
- Increase civic and voting awareness and voter registration among Marquette County youth and among residents in long-term care facilities
- Coordinate with local groups to inform incarcerated people about their voting rights

National Popular Vote

LWVMI is encouraging local Leagues to educate members and the public about the National Popular Vote and why the League is supporting it. LWVUS also elevated this issue within the Making Democracy Work Campaign at the 2022 Convention. LWVMC will engage in activities including the following to support these efforts:

- Offer an educational program at a membership meeting
- Monitor, through LWVMI, any legislation introduced in Michigan and recommend member advocacy as LWVMI alerts are received
- Consider offering an additional education or advocacy program for the public as legislation is being considered

Organizational Development

- Continue to clarify and solidify the new local organizational structure by:
 - Developing Board and Leader job descriptions
 - Updating the Organizational Descriptions and Contact to reflect the changing structure and goals of our Leaders, Directors and Committees
- Create a plan for leadership development and succession planning which includes expanding opportunities for all members of our League to have equal chance to engage in League activities and leadership roles
- Support development of Committees:
 - Enhance and reinvigorate our Observer Corps activities
 - Assist our new Fundraising and Environmental Committees to develop their meeting structure, times/places, record of members, Organizational Description, and goals
 - Request that the Fundraising Committee include a goal of developing a fundraising plan to submit to the Board
 - Ask all Committees to review and update their Organizational Descriptions, member lists, and goals on a yearly basis and report these to the Board

Our stated priorities will be accomplished through the work of the Board of Directors, our Committees and the talents, energy and commitment of all of our local League members. In all of our efforts, we reaffirm our commitment to our nonpartisan policy and diversity, equity and inclusion policy. Refer to our "Organizational Descriptions and Contact" list for a more detailed description of our on-going efforts.

Approved by membership on _____