

2022-2023 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 2022-2023 will serve these purposes.

We, a nonpartisan, grassroots, volunteer organization, 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 and the 2022 Election

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

- Conducting candidate forums for primary and general elections
- Offering VOTE411 on-line voter guide for all elections
- Offering a printed voter guide for the general election
- Providing member and community outreach and education about what's on the ballot
- Providing community information on registration facts and deadlines and voting rights and deadlines
- Participating in "get out the vote" activities
- Increasing voting awareness and registration among Marquette County youth
- Coordinating with local groups advocating for incarcerated people to get voter information into our prisons and jails

Promote the Vote 2022

LWVMI is encouraging local Leagues to participate in the Promote the Vote 2022 Ballot Proposal activities including petition circulation, providing educational materials and hosting education events. LWVMC will engage in the following activities:

- Encourage League members to volunteer with PTV2022 to circulate the petition to gain signatures for the ballot proposal that will continue to build a voting system that works for all
- Utilize LWVMI approved materials to help educate the community about the petition and ballot proposal

Climate Change

In 2020 LWVUS indicated that Climate Change was the next highest priority following the Campaign for Making Democracy Work and members approved a resolution "that calls for an immediate, wide-scale, mobilization by the United States" to address this issue. Given local member interest, we would like to consider making this a local area of focus. As we explore this we will:

- Review, update and vet Climate Action Plan LWVMC power point to be presented to local groups and community
- Explore member interest in forming a LWVMC Climate Study and Action Committee
- Local League member will continue participation on LWVUS Climate Action Plan Team and/or Climate Interest Group
- Adopt a LWVMC Climate Resolution

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. It is an ongoing goal to enhance our organizational development through purposeful efforts to improve member engagement, leadership development and new recruitment. In all of our efforts, we reaffirm our commitment to our non-partisan policy and diversity, equity and inclusion policy. Refer to our "List of Board Portfolios, Committees, and Groups" for a more detailed description of our on-going efforts.