



LVWN 2018-19 Strategic Focus

In addition to the Positions adopted by LWVTN for 2018-19, the membership of LVWN adopts the following positions to guide its Strategic Focus 2018-19:

I. LOCAL PROGRAM OF VOTER SERVICES

The League's non-partisan voter services will:

- Provide voter information through print, social media, and television.
- Conduct candidate forums.
- Promote voter registration of all eligible voters.
- Conduct poll watching and report results to the public.
- Provide voter outreach to under-represented voters including newly naturalized citizens, high school, and college students.
- Support timely restoration of voting rights for ex-felons.

II. STUDY AND ACTION PROGRAMS

The League also engages in strategic and effective advocacy of public policy issues based on positions reached by the membership after careful study and discussion. The goal is to promote broader, more diverse community participation in decisions affecting public policies in Nashville. In addition to current national and state LWV priorities, our local strategic focus includes:

A. ELECTORAL PROCESS

- Work with the Davidson County Election Commission to promote voting systems, consistent with LWVUS best practices: secure, accurate, with voter-verified papertrail.
- Promote full implementation of the Help America Vote Act and the Federal Voting Rights Act

B. EDUCATION

- Support policies and funding needed to provide quality public education, pre-k - 12.
- Support efforts to expand community involvement in public education.

C. ENVIRONMENT

- Support expansion of efficient and accessible transportation options including biking, walking and mass transit.
- Support efforts to reduce and manage waste in environmentally responsible ways.
- Support a coordinated and sustainable approach to land use, growth and development.
- Support local efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change such as the Metro Planning Organization's climate readiness endeavors.
- Inform the public about federal, state, and local issues impacting Nashville's environment including air and water quality, energy generation and conservation, pesticide and chemical use, and protection of public lands.

D. HEALTH CARE

- Promote fiscally responsible budget decisions that improve access to high quality health care for Nashville residents.
- Support efforts to contain costs by using evidence-based medicine, best practices in case management, and promoting continuity and coordination of care.

E. COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Support equal access to education, employment and housing.
- Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals in Nashville, including those newly immigrated and individuals with disabilities.
- Support policy changes related to immigration consistent with LWVUS positions.
- Support programs and policies that allow victims of domestic abuse to maintain every right of citizenship, including the assurance of safety and ability to vote.
- Support legal recognition that victims of slave trafficking are victims, not criminals.
- Support sensible gun control measures requiring background checks and restriction of guns in public places.

F. METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

- Support policies that provide adequate resources for public services in Metro Nashville.
- Provide information to Metro Council regarding issues supported by the League.
- Support ethical standards in Metro Government.
- Educate citizens about their elected and appointed officials and how local government functions.