Supporting the LGBTQ Community

The League of Women Voters supports equal rights and equal opportunity for all. The League opposes major threats to basic constitutional rights, and it supports equal rights for all under state and federal law regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability. The League believes no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination. You can find these positions in the *LWV Impact on Issues, A Guide to Public Policy Positions of the League of Women Voters 2022-2024*. [LWV\_ImpactOnIssues2022-2024.pdf](https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/LWV_ImpactOnIssues2022-2024.pdf).

The LGBTQ community deserves respect, dignity, and the right to live in peace and safety in schools, at work and in everyday life. The League of Women Voters of Dearborn-Dearborn Heights urges all members of the community to stand up and speak in support of our LGBTQ community.

Some ways you can do this:

* Contact legislators at all levels (local, state, and federal) to ensure they are providing safety for the LGBTQ community.
* Support causes and organizations that help the LGBTQ community. Some local organizations that do this are the Affirmations LGBTQ+ Community Center in Ferndale, and the Ruth Ellis Center in Highland Park.

[Affirmations LGBTQ+ Community Center](https://goaffirmations.org/) / Phone: (248) 398-7105 - Affirmations LGBTQ+ Community Center provides a welcoming space for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and cultures and fights for acceptance and basic human rights for the LGBTQ+ community.

[Ruth Ellis Center](https://www.ruthelliscenter.org/) / Phone: (313) 252-1950 - Ruth Ellis Center provides trauma-informed services for LGBTQ+ youth and young adults, with an emphasis on young people of color, experiencing homelessness, involved in the child welfare system, and/or experiencing barriers to health and wellbeing.