

2021-2022 Annual Gathering May 18, 2022, 6:30 pm.

Welcome

Business Meeting

- Announcements
- Membership Report
- Annual Report
- Proposed Advocacy Agenda
- Proposed Programs
- Nominations
- Treasurer's Report
- Proposed Budget
- Other Business

Guest Speaker: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill

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League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford Board of Directors 2021-2022

Administrator Membership Secretary Treasurer	Libby Swietek Libby Swietek Doretta Andonucci Karen Licht	2021-2023 2021-2023 2020-2022 2021-2023
Committees		
Advocacy	Joan Twiggs	2020-2022
Communications (Membership)	Cassie Bachman	2021-2023
Communications (Social Media)	Doretta Andonucci	2020-2022
Program	Karen Licht	2021-2023
Voter Service	Carole Mulready	2021-2023
At Large		
Emily Hofstatter		2021-2023

Credentials Report (based on electronic survey results):

Number of members voting 35 for the budget and board, 38 for the bylaws.

There was a quorum (24).

Results of the 2020-2021 Annual Meeting were approved by the Board at its meeting in June 2021.

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Membership Report 2021-2022

As of April 10, 2022, we have 100 members.

New 50-year Members

Mary Everett Susan Fellman Beverly Curry

In Memory of

June Rosenblatt Anne (Kiki) Eglington Anne Steele John Darcey Beverly Greenberg June Rosenblatt kindly remembered the League in her will. If you would like to leave a gift to LWVGH as part of your estate plan, please contact our treasurer, Karen Licht at karen_licht@yahoo.com or 617-905-1912.

New Members:

Anne Schenk
Alison Scherer
Cheryl Cementina
Martha Parish
Christine McLaughlin
Catherine Williams

Members of the former Glastonbury LWV (as of March 26,2022)

Ellen Carter Leslie Ohta Beatrice Maslowski Asha Shipman Kamla Srinvasan Luther Weeks

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2021-2022 Annual Report

LWVGH meetings have been virtual since March 21, 2020 to adhere to Connecticut and the CDC's guidelines to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. The virtual meetings included all regularly scheduled meetings, with the exception of the Elected Officials Reception that is held in November. All meetings are open to members; contact any Board Member for information.

2021 Annual Meeting / Annual Gathering

Since we could not meet in person, our 2021 annual meeting was conducted through email and the U.S. Postal Service. (League members are both committed and innovative!) Pursuant to our Bylaws, the Annual Meeting must be completed by the end of May, and so voting was conducted online and by phone, concluding on May 31, 2021.

Members received both the Annual Report and Bylaws with Proposed Amendments by email (or hard copy, as needed). Members were asked to vote on four agenda items:

- The Board sought approval for a Bylaws change to add language supporting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) into Article II: Purposes and Policy. DEI has been added at all levels of the LWV
- 2. The Board sought approval of the proposed programs.
- 3. The Board sought approval of the proposed slate of officers and Board members.
- 4. The Board sought approval of the proposed 2021 budget.

All items were passed by a vote of our membership.

Our annual gathering was held on May 4, 2021 at 7 p.m. using Zoom. We heard from Senator Blumenthal about his priorities for the upcoming year.

These were some of our members' questions Senator Blumenthal responded to:

- Will a commission be appointed to study the January 6 insurrection?
- What changes might be considered for making changes to the Supreme Court and ending the filibuster?
- What opportunities he expects for the job market based on the impact of the pandemic.







Karen Licht, Program Chair

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LWVCT Convention 2021: Celebrating the last century, building toward the next.

The 2021 State Convention, like the previous year, was held via Zoom. Dr. Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer was the keynote speaker. Her speech was entitled: *Trust and Truth: Fundamental to Civility and Democracy*. Dr. Lukensmeyer was the first Executive Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, an organization that works to reduce political dysfunction and incivility in our political system. As a leader in the field of deliberative democracy, she works to restore our democracy to reflect the intended vision of our founding fathers.

During her remarks, Dr. Lukensmeyer spoke of the study and strategy entitled *Our Common Purpose: Reinventing Democracy for the 21st Century.* For more on the latter, read on!

March On for Voting Rights!

This heading aptly describes both a specific event of LWVGH in the past program year and also well summarizes a key theme of the League at all levels as we continue to fulfill the League mission to **Defend Democracy** and **Empower Voters**. Thus under this heading we group and report on both discrete activities such as rallies we organized or participated in and comprehensive initiatives such as Redistricting. We present these activities in roughly chronological order.

Rally for Voting Rights - Saturday, August 28

The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford partnered with the grassroots West Hartford network "ROAR" to host a local March On for Voting Rights event in West Hartford.

This day marked the 58th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s historic March on Washington. We were part of a national Day of Action to focus attention on the urgent need for Congressional action to protect voting rights. Close to 75 people attended. League member Joan Twiggs—who also serves as LWVCT People Powered Fair Maps Redistricting Champion—distributed information about redistricting and how to get involved.

Several members took the <u>online pledge</u> to continue promoting and protecting voting rights for all.

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Democracy Reinvented - Member Event - September 23, 2021

Guest speaker Mary-Jane Eisen, Ed.D. JD spoke to us about the report, Our Common Purpose: Reinventing Democracy for the 21st Century (published in 2020). The OCP strategy was developed by the Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship, a bipartisan, skill-and-viewpoint diverse group of scholars, thought leaders, former and current officials, practitioners, journalists and media experts, and philanthropists assembled by The American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The OCP strategy is a set of six strategies with detailed recommendations. Three of its strategies concern government institution reforms and three concern civil society reforms. Mary-Jane provided an overview of the strategy by guiding us through its excellent internet-enabled structure. Did you know, for example, that the U.S. House of Representatives was capped at 435 members in 1929? The OCP authors recommend expansion of the House and the institution of multimember districts in some cases. Want to know more? You can access the OCP report here.



Redistricting

Every ten years, following the completion of the decennial Census, states undertake redistricting. LWVCT participated in the LWVUS redistricting campaign called *People Powered Fair Maps*. LWVGH member Joan Twiggs served as the PPFM Champion in its final year of operation. League members from LWVGH responded to calls for action throughout the process. Thanks in particular to Nina Gero and Emily Hofstatter for submitting testimony. Although redistricting is now completed, League advocacy continues. The LWVCT is now calling on the GAE committee to pass a Redistricting Study bill. See the Action Alert from LWVCT. To see what other actions the LWV took this cycle, check out the Redistricting Action Map.



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Local Redistricting: Voting Districts and Polling Locations - Newington

In January, the Registrars of Voters in Newington proposed reducing the number of voting districts from eight to three. Our League submitted written testimony, written by Carole Mulready and approved by the Board, which asked the Town to consider how this drastic reduction could affect voter access.

Advocacy lead Joan Twiggs participated in a follow-up press conference, asking Town leadership to consider preserving voter access in their plans. The event was organized by Rep. Gary Turco and supported by Sen. Matt Lesser. Secretary of the State Denise Merrill sent a four-page letter to the Town including a number of points to consider and requiring responses. As a result of public attention, the two registrars reworked their proposal and presented it at a town meeting on February 22, with a public hearing on March 7.

Vigil of Remembrance - January 6, 2022

Our League was represented at the vigil remembering the January 6, 2021 attack and insurrection on the U.S. Capitol, held on the steps of the West Hartford Town Hall. Speakers included Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, State Senators Derek Slap and Matt Lesser, and West Hartford Representatives Jillian Gilchrest and Kate Farrar. Poet Nadia Sims gave a moving rendition of her poem *Our Flag Still Waved*. "...each of us is a thread in the flag, and the flag is unraveling." But she went on to say there is hope. "For our flag still waves, and through us Democracy still lives." Member Joan Twiggs held our sign.





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Voting Freedoms Letter to Legislators

Our League Chapter is a coalition member of *Hartford Votes* which has a primary focus of voter engagement and education in the city of Hartford. A request came from Teran Loeppke, organizer of Common Cause (another coalition member), to support a letter to legislators urging their active support in the 2022 legislative session for bills that will allow for early voting and no-excuse absentee voting in Connecticut. The main items are the referendum question (that will be the constitutional change permitting the General Assembly to devise and implement a specific early voting plan), and a bill to study ranked choice voting. The third item is a loophole in current legislation having to do with banning foreign contributions to state referendum campaigns. LWVCT signed on to the letter; LWVGH added our voice.

What you Can Do Now

We end our March On for Voting Rights! section of this annual report with a simple and easy call to action. If you use email you can take this action! Add a signature to your email that lets your correspondents know that Early Voting will be on our CT ballot this November and that you support it! Here's what league member Joan Twiggs added to all her email accounts:

On November 8, vote "YES" on the Early Voting Referendum question on your CT ballot: "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?"

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Voter Service

Candidate Forums - September 2021

Fall 2021 was a busy season for candidate forums! Your league hosted town halls in Bloomfield and debates in West Hartford, thanks to the support of West Hartford Community Interactive community television. This is an example of how our regional league can maximize service to voters in multiple towns by bringing together cross-town resources and needs.

In Bloomfield, Deb Polun moderated two town hall sessions featuring incumbent and challenging Democratic candidates. Many thanks to Joan Twiggs for helping to organize these panels through the Democratic party leadership.

In West Hartford, Carole Mulready and Libby Swietek hosted *five* debates to include all the candidates for town council as well as a debate for Board of Education members. Thanks to LWVGH volunteers Cassie Bachman, David Pettyjohn, Eileen Leo and others for their assistance as timers and question screeners.

Residents were able to watch the debates live; many more watched replays of the debates on YouTube.

West Hartford Town Council Part One Part Two Part Three Part Four and Board of Education

Bloomfield Town Council Row A Row B

Vote411

This past fall, our state league encouraged us to use the website, *Vote411*, instead of our traditional voter guides for the municipal elections. This was a major initiative throughout the state and local league participation was



financially underwritten by LWVCT. The bottom line is that Vote411 usage was a great success. By using *Vote411*, the League was able to provide more voter guides to more voters in more towns.

Questions for Voter Guides are developed via the annual "Questions Meeting" typically held in August. Be on the lookout for the notice this year.

The Board mobilized a number of volunteers to work through town party leaders to connect with candidates for town councils and boards of education. Each Candidate for Mayor, Town Council, Alderman and Board of Education was given the opportunity to post a biography as well as answers to voters guide questions pertinent to their office. Additionally, those responses

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were used to create specific printed voters guides for select towns. The Bloomfield Voter Guide included an easy-to-find link to the Bloomfield ballot. We will urge this for every ballot this fall, especially since the Early Voting question will be on all ballots across the state.

Participating towns included: Avon, Bloomfield, Farmington, Hartford, Manchester, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South Windsor, West Hartford, and Wethersfield.

Thanks to League volunteers Doretta Andonucci, Leslie Chase, Nina Gero, Emily Hofstatter, Carole Mulready, David Pettyjohn, Libby Swietek, and Joan Twiggs.

Plans to use Vote411 for the upcoming Connecticut State and Legislative elections are underway. This will be a major emphasis for Voter Service and a great way to get involved.

If you have not yet accessed Vote411, you can find it online at https://www.vote411.org/

Legislative Webinar - January 22, 2022

Before the start of each legislative session, your League hosts a conversation with our elected representatives to hear about their priorities and to give you an opportunity to raise your concerns.

This year we again met via Zoom. We were fortunate to have 12 representatives from 11 towns speak to 32 members and guests. Deb Polun moderated the conversation. Topics included the extension of COVID-19 related executive powers, the expansion and progression of new rules regarding absentee and early voting initiatives, climate change initiatives, criminal justice reform and mental health expansion for minors.



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Ranked Choice Forum sponsored by LWV North Central/ Windsor and LWVGH March 31, 2022

Is Connecticut ready for Ranked Choice Voting? Voter Choice CT has produced a presentation to inform the voters of CT about an alternative to the standard two party primary and runoff system. This event was co-hosted by Windsor and Greater Hartford. The next step in this movement relies on the passage of a study bill by the State Legislature. With no movement in this year's session, we are looking ahead to the 2023 session.

King Court Housing Association. Election Monitoring - April 5, 2022

LWVGH acted as an Election Monitor for the King Court Resident Board Election. As an unbiased party, we officiated as the King Court of East Hartford residents elected new Board members and ratified their bylaws. LWVGH designed the ballot after receiving submitted nominations from residents who ran for election. We also incorporated the by-laws vote language on the ballot after consultation with the law firm that worked with the resident association. Thanks to Carole Mulready and Libby Swietek.

Moderator Training

Laying the groundwork for election 2022 and beyond, experienced moderators Deb Polun and Carole Mulready hosted moderator training on January 26 via Zoom. The session was attended by 7 League members, 3 Board and 3 people interested in becoming League members. We allotted 90 minutes for this interactive presentation with attendees, plenty of time for questions.

As many of you know, an important component of what LWVGH does in Voter Service work is provide candidate debates and make presentations to educate the public. Despite COVID shutdowns the last two years, we were able to hold Zoom webinars that were streamed and seen on public access community television. So, in anticipation of election season 2022, LWVGH offered a moderator training session to increase the number of available moderators. This will help us to be up and running for State and federal 2022 midterm elections, the 2023 municipals, and the 2024 presidential election which are looking to be competitive. The session was recorded and will be available for other interested Leaguers. Information on how to host a debate was provided to those who attended and posted to our website.



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2022 Debates

LWVCT announced in March that it has joined in a partnership to broadcast televised live debates for the 2022 midterm elections. Connecticut Public and the League of Women Voters of Connecticut (LWVCT) will co-produce an unprecedented series of eight debates in advance of the November 2022 elections, including debates for the statewide offices of Governor and Secretary of the State, as well as the U.S. Senate and Connecticut's five U.S. Congressional districts.

The debate series will run every Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. for seven weeks, beginning September 15 and culminating with the Gubernatorial Debate at Fairfield University on October 27, 2022. Voter Service Chair Carole Mulready has been asked by LWVCT President Laura Smits to join her and two other experienced moderators to help design the formats and work on logistics.

The debates will be hosted by LWVCT and held in each of the candidates' home districts throughout Connecticut. Final locations will be at or in close proximity to urban centers, with the goal of including as many students and young people as possible in the debate process. Stay tuned for further details!



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Administration

Finance Drive

Each year, we ask our League members and friends to support us financially. This year was no exception. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide voter education and advocacy events across the Greater Hartford region.

Donations were made by members in honor of June Rosenblatt. Members' contributions and a bequest from June Rosenblatt's estate totaled \$9337.70.

New Website implementation

Or find us on Facebook and Twitter

Advocacy Report and Agenda 2021-22

In general, the LWVGH advocacy agenda follows the priorities of the Connecticut league with periodic extension to matters before municipalities.

The Advocacy agenda since last year's annual report consisted of continuing to support the elimination of prison gerrymandering and support for the LWVCT redistricting position and efforts.

- We are happy to report that prison gerrymandering was repealed in the 2021 session.
- On Redistricting, the LWVCT with support from local leagues worked to bring the need for public engagement and transparency to the attention of CT legislators. LWVCT is now advocating for the establishment of a Redistricting Study Task Force.

The 2022 LWVCT advocacy agenda for the legislative session includes voting rights bills, support for the Citizens' Election Program, government transparency and addressing climate change. You can find the LWVCT Advocacy priorities online https://my.lwv.org/connecticut/take-action.

Your LWVGH supported a climate resolution that came before the West Hartford Town Council.

If you have an advocacy item before your town that you think the LWVGH should consider, please contact us at wwgreaterhartford@gmail.com.

Strategic Planning Project

Our League is embarking on a strategic planning process. The process will help to reinvigorate the League as a viable and impactful regional organization. Using a Technical Assistance Grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the League will hire a consultant to help us envision a desired future state, better define what it means to be a member of the League, more clearly define our regional identity, and determine an approach for expanding and diversifying membership.

The working committee held its first session in February 2022 and meets twice each month. First steps included building a project charter and constructing an RFP to recruit local consultants. Future steps will include a survey of members.

The project is led by a working committee including Doretta Andonucci, Cassie Bachman, Mary Everett, Deborah Ducoff-Barone, Meher Shulman, with support from Joan Twiggs and the Board. The state league is acting as our fiscal agent.

If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact any member of the committee or our board.

Glastonbury Merger

On March 26, 2022, LWVUS approved the merger between LWV Greater Hartford and Glastonbury, strengthening our League organization in the region. Thank you to LWVGH members who approved the merger on March 6, 2022, voting online and by phone. Your active engagement in issues like these helps keep the work of the League moving forward! We welcome Glastonbury members to Greater Hartford for the remainder of our fiscal year, ending May 31, 2022.

Member approval of the 2022-23 proposed Board of Directors, Proposed Program and Proposed Budget will be conducted online and by paper ballot (for those without email).

Voting will stay open through May 31, 2022.

The ballot may be accessed online at https://forms.gle/ESycGSPXtn43VyPS9

League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford Proposed Board of Directors

Executive Committee		
President / Convener	Libby Swietek	2021-2023
Secretary	Alison Scherer	2022-2024
Treasurer / Program	Karen Licht	2021-2023
Directors:		
Advocacy	Joan Twiggs	2021-2023
Communications, Assistant to the	Emily Hofstatter	2022-2024
President		
Organizational Development	Deborah Ducoff-Barone	2022-2024
Social Media & Web	Doretta Andonucci	2022-2024
Voter Service	Carole Mulready	2021-2023
At-Large	Cassie Bachman	2021-2023
Nominating Committee Chair	Elizabeth Lane	2022-2024

Appointed Directors

Ellen Carter Christine McLaughlin Liz Wilcox

Committees

Finance Emily Hofstatter, Dhamyanti Singh

Voter Service:

Moderator Coordinator Sandy Fry

Vote411.org Carol Lennig, David Pettyjohn, Kamlah Srinvasan

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2022-2023 Program Agenda

LWVGH meetings have been virtual since March 21, 2020 to adhere to Connecticut and the CDC's guidelines to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 Virus. The virtual meetings included all regularly scheduled meetings with the exception of the Elected Officials Reception that is held in November.

Announcements of virtual or in person meetings will be made for 2022-2023 in accordance with the state's pandemic guidelines.

2022-2023 Advocacy Agenda

In general, our agenda follows the priorities of the Connecticut league:

- Protect and Expand Voters' Rights and Access. We must ensure the Early Voting Referendum is passed in November 2022.
- 2. Support the Citizens'/Clean Election Program and Campaign Finance Reform.
- 3. Ensure Transparency. The public must have easy access to the workings of government via CT-N, universal broadband access, and active distribution of the information necessary for an informed citizenship.
- 4. Reverse Climate Change. The American Rescue Plan Act Funds must be used to reduce harm and improve our air, land, and water.

The League will also take up issues affecting individual towns in Greater Hartford, such as when Newington proposed reducing the number of polling locations.

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STATE PROGRAM 2022-2023

Visit www.lwvct.org for State Positions

NATIONAL LEAGUE ISSUES

Campaign Finance Reform Election Administration
Civil Liberties Ethics and Lobbying Reform
Voting Rights Global Climate Change
Health Care Reform

For more information, check the LWVUS webpage: http://www.lwv.org

LOCAL PROGRAM CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

(Reaffirmed April 2021)

Greater Hartford League members have the opportunity to review the local consensuses prior to considering them for reaffirmation at the Annual Meeting each spring.

EDUCATION - May 2013

League of Woman Voters of Greater Hartford Education Position

Board Approved Sept 2014

A quality public education is essential for a strong viable and sustainable democratic society and is a civil right. The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford supports EQUAL and EQUITABLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CHILDREN in the areas of program, personnel, and facilities. All students should be offered high quality and developmentally appropriate learning experiences in a welcoming and multicultural environment that reflects economic, ethnic, and racial diversity.

Children learn at different rates, have different learning styles and different life experiences; therefore, to facilitate development of each child's full potential we support and encourage:

 Access to high-quality pre-school programs that meet the needs of children and their families so that children come to school (K-12) prepared to learn. Quality, developmentally appropriate and voluntary early learning experiences should be available to all children with opportunities going first to families in poverty or to children of special need as funding and space become available;

- Adoption of a rigorous, effectively articulated standards based curriculum;
- Flexible methods of instruction in all areas of curriculum that address student differences
 and assure growth at every level including acquisition and application of knowledge, critical
 thinking skill development and higher order thinking skills;
- Nutrition, wellness and physical education; foreign language; career and technical education; fine and performing arts; and extra-curricular activities as integral parts of a comprehensive program that builds on core academic disciplines;
- Flexible class size that enables effective teaching and learning, and sufficient additional support for classrooms which include highly impacted special needs children;
- Development of technological competency in all students through incorporation of technology applications wherever appropriate throughout the curriculum;
- Use of the best available local, state, and national data and research to drive decisionmaking in order to address student needs and improve student learning;
- A substantive and qualitatively different gifted program for grades one through twelve;
- Exposure to possible career opportunities at all levels of education; including opportunities such as mentoring, job shadowing, internships, cooperative work experience;
- Implementation of an intensive program in spoken and written English for non-English speakers at all levels;
- Preparation of students to actively participate in the civic and political life of the community and nation, and in the global economy.

In order to ensure high quality teaching we support:

- Rigorous and appropriate training and state certification for all educators in the areas in which they teach and supervise;
- Effective, ongoing supervision and evaluation of all teachers, principals and administrators (tenured and non-tenured);
- An ongoing program of curriculum evaluation and improvement;
- Curriculum and staff evaluation programs that incorporate specific, measurable criteria of performance and effectiveness;
- A strong, ongoing staff improvement program which includes opportunities from outside of the school system as well as from within;
- A technologically-literate staff;
- A cohesive, comprehensive, and user-friendly system for assessing and reporting student performance;
- Providing the assessment results and information to students and their parents on how to improve performance;
- Innovative utilization of all staff, whenever and wherever possible, to maximize student learning and experiences.

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Children need an appropriate, safe and orderly facility in which to learn. Therefore we support:

- Well-maintained school buildings with spaces appropriate to the programs offered, flexible learning spaces, and sufficient classroom and building supplies;
- Infrastructure to support the integration of technology into teaching, learning, and administration:
- Relevant resources, up-to-date texts, and media centers;
- A safe environment for students, teachers and families, one in which self-discipline, personal responsibility and respect for others are taught, modeled and expected.

Recognizing that education begins in the home and that the community plays an integral role in the successful education of its children, we encourage:

- Schools, families, and community to assume supportive and cooperative roles in meeting
 the needs of children, including pre-school; parent education to support effective strategies
 for student learning; access to services such as mental health care; nutritionally adequate
 food; home-school partnerships; school-business partnerships; before and after school
 extended day; and summer school programs;
- A shared role for all in addressing and meeting the challenges of funding.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FOR TOWN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

Approved January 2020

(Modified to reflect name change of name to LWV Greater Hartford (2019)

The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford supports long-range comprehensive planning which protects appropriate growth. The League wishes to preserve the character of the towns and city within its area, while recognizing that optimal use of commercial areas is necessary for economic well-being. We support a diversity of dwellings, including multi-family units, located in areas which provide ease in shopping and access to public transportation. Special attention should be given to traffic safety, adequate parking, provision for open space, and buffering.

The League favors preservation of as much open space land as is realistically possible, and places priority for acquisition in the most densely developed sections of town. We support diligent maintenance and the judicious use of open space. Every Town Plan of Development should include an open space plan.

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SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - January 2020

(Modified to reflect name change to LWV Greater Hartford (2019))

The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford supports the concept of the Special Development District as a means of allowing flexibility in land development while maintaining strict control.

The League feels that such use of Special Development Districts should be minimized. By revising and updating a town's zoning ordinances, new zone_districts can be created that would protect community interests in these mixed-use areas.

The League believes the procedure for applying for and obtaining a Special Development District designation should be modified to encourage interaction between the developer and the affected community's interests before the Council receives the formal petition. Such modification should not attempt to simplify the application and approval process; instead, its purpose should be to eliminate some of the problems which prolong the process.

The League also feels that a distinction should be made in the Special Development ordinance between minor and major changes in established Special Development Districts. The procedure for a minor change should be simplified, but notification to the public and opportunity for public input should be required in the process.

MENTAL HEALTHCARE POSITION - Spring 2003

We support comprehensive community-based mental health systems for children and adults. These systems should include early detection and intervention with a range of services to facilitate recovery.

We support a public health education initiative on mental health.

League of Women Voters Greater Hartford Budget 2022-2023

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	Budget 2020-2021	Actual 2020- 2021	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023
Income					
Beginning Balance	\$9,600.00	\$9593.72	\$9,800.00	\$12,799.60*	\$23,171.18
Dues	\$3,500.00	\$4015.00	4200.00	3590.00	4000.00
Finance Drive/Donations	\$2,000.00	\$2454.00	2500.00	9337.70	2500.00
Deposit from the ED Fund	\$900.00	\$830.00	850.00	774.99	600.00
Voter Services	\$500.00	\$779.00	200.00	0	0
Poll Reporting	\$700.00	\$1880.00	\$600.00	0	0
Annual Meeting	\$2,000.00	0	1500.00	0	0
Grant	\$200.00	0	0	0	0
Mask refund LWVCT **	Ψ200.00	\$135.00	0	0	0
Total	\$16,815.00	\$19686.72	\$19,650	\$26,502.29	\$30,271.18
Expenses	ψ10,010.00	ψ10000.12	Ψ.ο,οοο	Ψ20,002.20	Ψοσ,Σ71110
Meetings					
Annual Meeting (Pond House)	\$2,000.00	0	2000	0	0
Annual Meeting Invitation Printing	\$100.00	\$152.71	50	0	0
Legislative Breakfast - Food	\$150.00	0	175	0	0
Legislative Breakfast - Room Fee	\$75.00	0	75	0	0
Pot Luck – Supplies	\$70.00	0	50	0	0
Pot Luck – Room Fee	\$75.00	0	75	0	0
Reception for Elected Officials	\$125.00	0	100	0	0
New Member Meeting	\$100.00	0	100	0	0
Voter Service	ψ100.00		100	Ŭ	-
Voter Service	\$500.00	\$1069.23	\$100	0	0
Voter Guide	\$1,200.00	0	\$500	0	0
LWV Publications	\$200.00	0	0	0	0
Civic Engagement Projects	\$200.00	\$56.08	\$50	0	0
League Business	Ψ200.00	φου.σσ	ΨΟΟ		
Incorporation	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50	\$100**	50
PMP CT	\$1,200.00	\$1150.00	\$1300	\$1348.50	1500.00
PMP LWV US	\$2,220.00	\$2208.00	\$2300	***	2,600.00
Contributions/Gifts	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$100	\$200.00	200.00
Conventions	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$250	0	0
PO Box Rental fee	\$150.00	\$134.00	\$140	\$202.00	225.00
Printing	\$250.00	\$205.86	\$200	\$233.62	250.00
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Postage	\$300.00	\$442.07	225	\$295.36	\$400.00
Supplies	\$200.00	\$74.17	125	\$29.53	\$100.00
Website	\$400.00	\$600.00	400	\$562.00	\$650.00
League Liability Insurance	\$20.00				
Zoom		\$129.00	\$150	0	0
Refund (Member or Ed fund)		\$30.00	0	\$60.00	0
D&O Liability Insurance	\$300.00	\$336.00	\$350	\$300.00	\$325.00
Total Expenses	\$11,010.00	\$6887.12	\$6865.00	\$3331.01	\$6300.00

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ED Fund					
Beginning Balance LWV US	\$226.45	\$1056.45	\$1011.47	\$1419.47	\$1474.48
Contributions – Finance Drive	800.00	785.02	800	830	800.00
Withdrawals	-800.00	-830.00	-1,500	-774.99	-1000.00
Balance	\$226.45	\$1011.47	\$311.47	\$1474.48	\$1274.48

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^{**} check to reimburse for this credit card payment - check for 2021 cashed June 2021 + check for 2022 cashed in April 2022

^{***}PMP LWVUS (\$2592) uncashed at time of this Budget