



The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford

2023 Annual Meeting will be held

Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas



is our guest speaker and will discuss

“Early Voting in Connecticut”

A brief Annual Business Meeting will follow the speaker.

The meeting will be in Hubbard Hall at

**St. John’s Episcopal Church
679 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford**

2022-2023 Annual Meeting

May 11, 2023, 6:00 pm.

Welcome

Guest Speaker: Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas

Business Meeting

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

**League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford
Board of Directors 2022-2023**

Administrator	Libby Swietek	2021-2023
Membership	Libby Swietek	2021-2023
Secretary	Alison Scherer	2022-2024
Treasurer	Karen Licht	2021-2023

Committees

Advocacy	Joan Twiggs	2021-2023
Communications (Membership)	Emily Hofstatter	2022-2024
Communications (Social Media)	Doretta Andonucci	2022-2024
Program	Karen Licht	2021-2023
Voter Service	Carole Mulready	2021-2023

At Large

Debbie Ducoff-Barone		2022-2024
Cassie Bachmann		2022-2024

Nominating Committee-Elizabeth Lane
Appointed Directors- at-Large
Ellen Carter
Christine Mclaughlin
Elizabeth Wilcox

Credentials Report

Members in Attendance _____

There is/is not a quorum present _____ (23 members needed for quorum)

Results of the 2021-2022 Annual Meeting were approved by the Board at its meeting in June 2022.

Membership Report 2022-2023

As of April 10, 2023, we have 114 members representing 17 Towns in the Greater Hartford region.

In Memory of

Rhoda Bannon
Anne (Kiki) Eglinton
Elaine Title Lowengard
Beth Owens
Libby Pearl

New Members:

Barbara Ausiello
Ann Bobbitt
Vera Clements
Edward Chiucarello
Beth Curley
Cecily Isbell
Katie Kenny
Karen Lurie
Elizabeth Massaro
Martha Parish
Carole Savitsky
Nicole Sousa
Sally Tresselt
Palma Vaccaro
Michael Vogel
Denise Weeks
Elizabeth Wilcox
Gail Zemantic

2022-2023 Annual Report

LWVGH Board 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. All meetings are open to members; contact any Board Member for information.

2022 Annual Meeting / Annual Gathering

Since we could not meet in person, our 2022 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, 2022.

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:

1. 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 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. using Zoom. Secretary of State Denise Merrill spoke about improvements in the registration and voting process. She mentioned automatic voter registration on the DMV website and same day registration as making registration easier and improving the accuracy of voting lists. Due to attempted cyber-attacks in 2016, her agency worked with Homeland Security and each town updated their information technology. Secretary Merrill explained that the business registry system and the Connecticut Voter Registry had been updated. She pointed out that there would be a referendum on a constitutional amendment to allow early voting in the fall 2022 election. She said that the wording of this referendum was clearer than the prior measure that failed. If the referendum passes, the legislature will then have to agree on the method of early voting, such as allowing voting for one week or one weekend. The legislature will also be considering amending the provision for absentee voting in the next session and if it passes, residents will vote on the change in 2024. Secretary Merrill is concerned about the erosion of trust in elections being made a major political issue, which could negatively affect our country and our democracy. She suggested that the LWV could be a source of information about voter referendums. While she said that new voting tabulators would need to be purchased in the next 2-3 years, she also said that our voting lists were more accurate than ever.

LWVUS Convention 2022

The 55th League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) National Convention took place in June 2022. This was a hybrid convention with over 1000 members attending, including LWVGH member Emily Hofstatter. There were dozens of sessions on a variety of topics and motions to vote on. (Read the [decision summaries](#).) All members have access to the [2020-2022 biennium report](#) which illustrates the League's impact over the past two years. The 2022 Convention was high-energy, inspiring and a reminder of how important and powerful the work of the League of Women Voters is for everyone.

Voter Service

Early Voting voter information panel and discussion

In October 2022, the LWVGH in collaboration with West Hartford Community Interactive (WHCI) sponsored a panel discussion on Early Voting. The panel members consisted of: Professor Walton Brown-Foster, an internationally acclaimed professor of Political Science at Central CT State University whose specialty is Democracy and movements to expand or limit it; Adrienne Cochrane, JD, President of YWCA-Hartford; Valeriano Ramos, Director of Strategic Alliances for Everyday Democracy; and Patricia Rossi, VP of Advocacy and Public Issues for LWVCT. Each panelist focused on how Early Voting is a tool to expand access to the right to vote. Professor Brown-Foster adeptly integrated each panelist's remarks, followed by a round of questions that had been submitted in advance. Carole Mulready, LWVGH Voter Service Chair, moderated the panel. [See the recording here.](#)



Plans to use Vote411 for the upcoming municipal elections are underway. This will be a major emphasis for Voter Service and a great way to get involved. Vote411 is an online voter information and voter guide website created by LWVUS. Vote411 usage is subsidized for CT Local Leagues by the LWVCT. Beginning this year with the municipal elections, the work has been divided into 5 regions. LWVGH falls into Region 4. Joan Twiggs will be the Region 4 administrator. If you are interested in working on Vote411 please contact Joan Twiggs and Carole Mulready. As we go to press with this Annual Report, Joan is getting her arms around the details and will be sharing more soon!

We do know volunteers will be asked to give a few hours during September and early October to call candidates in one town to assist and encourage them in getting the candidate information and response to questions uploaded to Vote411.org. Volunteers are not responsible for the uploading of data.

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

2022 LWVGH PARTICIPATED IN DEBATES AND VOTER REGISTRATION



LWVGH assisted LWVCT in its collaborative effort with CT Public to put on debates for all the state offices in the election of 2022. We covered timing duties and information table coverage at the debates for the 1st Congressional District and the office of the Secretary of the State. LWVCT and LWVUS former president Kay Maxwell trained several CT Public hosts in the basics of debate moderating as part of the collaboration.

National Voter Registration Day Sept. 20, 2022





LWVGH hosted a Democratic Party **primary debate** for District 17 in **Simsbury** in cooperation with the library and Simsbury Access TV. The turnout for this event was excellent. Post-COVID Simsbury voters were ready to meet the candidates in person. Our debate moderators were *Deb Polun and Eileen Leo*.

Farmers Markets and Open Streets Hartford were a big part of LWVGH activities to try to inform and engage voters during the 2022 election cycle. The referendum question was “Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide early voting?”



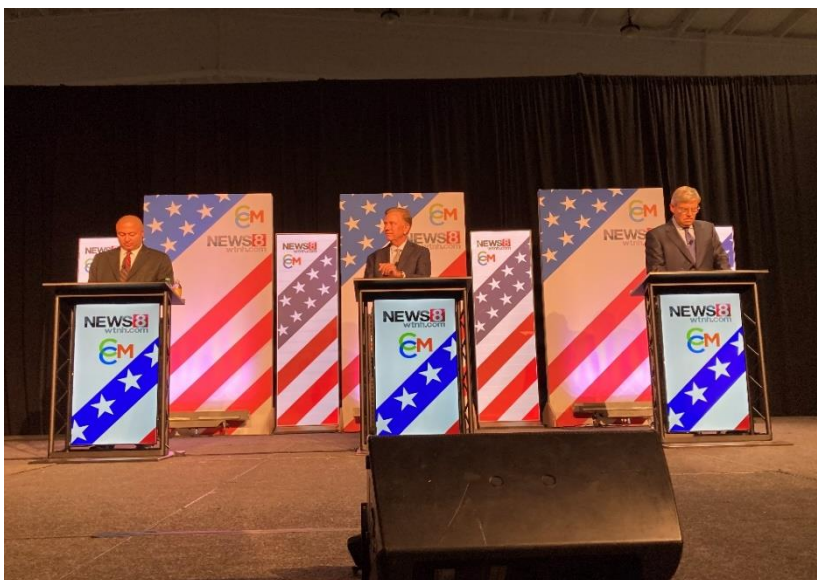
Debbie Ducoff-Barone and Ilze Krisst speak with a voter in August at a Farmers Market in West Hartford about the referendum question.



DominGo – Open Streets in Hartford found members Alison Scherer, Nancy Rion, Joan Twiggs, Irene Scheibner and friends (Call to Action) engaging with Hartford voters. This day 25 citizens were registered to vote! Some of the workers spoke Spanish which was a help. And as you can see, they had fun with passer-bys. Most of the volunteers reported that the electorate and folks in general were not aware of the referendum question for a constitutional change to allow for early voting. That is why we are still an important presence and contributor to the education of voters!! :-)

LWVGH assisted WTNH-TV with the timing of the **Gubernatorial Debate** hosted with CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM) at Mohegan Sun. League members Libby Swietek and Carole Mulready were timers for the debate.

Libby Swietek holds the electronic timer.



Candidates Robert Hotaling (I), Ned Lamont (D) and Bob Stefanowski (R)

LWVCT secretary of the state debate at University of Hartford with LWVGH timers *Chris McLaughlin, Ilze Krisst, and Vickie Albert.*



Election Day Fun!

Okay, so it wasn't Election Day...but the Saturday before when The Old State House revived the 100-year-old tradition of celebrating Election Day with Cakes! The Old State House staff created an Election Day Cake bakeoff. The public was invited. Music was provided by the [Band of Steady Habits](#) including a number written especially for the occasion. Former SOTS Denise Merrill and the outgoing Kid Governor were among the judges. League members Joan Twiggs and Irene Scheibner attended. Under the auspices of her day job with the Old State House, LWVGH member Nicole Sousa was instrumental in organizing the program for this fun day!



League members gathered in January 2023 to evaluate debates during 2022. There was resistance by candidates to participate in sponsored debates. This sub-committee of Voter Service determined that it was not the LWVGH formats that were at issue. Recommendations included sending invitations directly to candidates instead of to political party chairs; review of the invitation templates; explaining formats in the first invitation; and sending invitations out early in the election cycle, probably in July after conventions. This would include possible primary activity.

Pictured are sub-committee members *Deb Polun, Libby Swietek, Chris McLaughlin, David Pettyjohn, and Carole Mulready*. Missing is *Cassie Bachman* who took the photo.



Poll Reporting for Associated Press

Other Election Day fun was had by members who did poll reporting for both the primary and November 8 election for Associated Press (AP). LWVGH received \$50 for each of the precincts we covered for a total of \$1350. It is interesting to see democracy in action when the tallies are announced. Participants are named below thanking all volunteers.

Thank you -

The following members did things large and small throughout the year. Without the many hands, the mission of the League to encourage and build informed and active participation in government cannot be accomplished. Doretta Andonucci, Joan Twiggs, Irene Scheibner, Leta Marks, Cassie Bachman, Alison Scherer, Sharon Conway, Christine McLaughlin, Carole Savitsky, Nicole Sousa, Carole Mulready, Libby Swietek, Leo Harrington, Karen Harrington, Deb Polun, Eileen Leo, Dami Singh, Carol Lennig, Vicki Albert, David Pettyjohn, Sandy Fry, Ilze Krisst, Vickie Albert, Kathy Wilson, Madeline Hexter, Nancy Ryan, Hilary Silver, Jackie Johnson, Mary Everett, Cheryl Cementina, Karen Licht, Debbie Ducoff-Barone, Emily Hofstatter, Ellen Carter, Kay Svrinivasan. In hopes that we haven't left anyone out*Thank you!*

Administration

LWVGH Strategic Planning

In 2022, LWVGH embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning project made possible by a generous Technical Assistance Grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving that is being augmented with League funds. A Strategic Planning Committee was convened and consultants from Cross Sector Consulting were engaged. The plan, which is nearing completion, looks out three-to-four years and will be shared with members after board approval in late Spring, 2023. Four overarching goals have informed and shaped this project, including:

- Revitalizing and contemporizing LWVGH.
- Embracing in practice diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Clearly defining a desired future state and value proposition.
- Establishing a viable regional footprint.

In preparation for developing the strategic plan, extensive background information was collected involving interviews and data analysis conducted with board members, a survey sent to current members, focus groups with community organizations, discussions with sister Leagues in Connecticut and other states, and research at the LWVUS level into best practices.

The final strategic plan will lay out goals, strategies, and objectives for the League. Its implementation will result in a change journey that the Strategic Planning Committee hopes will touch every member of the organization. If you are interested in more information on, or joining this important effort, please contact a member of the committee: Doretta Andonucci, Debbie Ducoff-Barone, Meher Shulman, or Palma Vaccaro.

Finance Drive

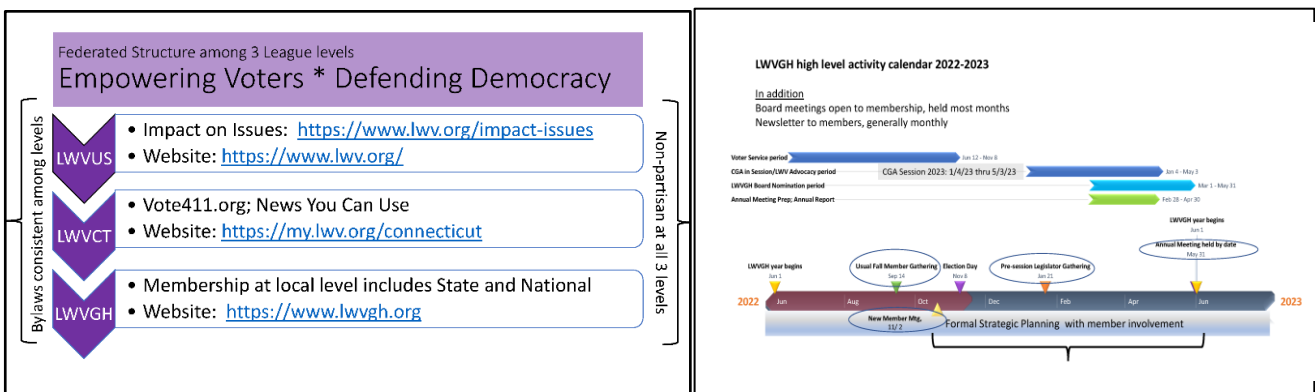
Each year, we ask our League members and friends to support us financially. This year was no exception. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide voter education and advocacy events across the Greater Hartford region.

Membership Outreach

The Executive Board held two meetings, November 2022 by zoom and February 2023 in person, to welcome our newest members and discuss their interest in our League. Several have already become active in voter service activities, program opportunities and organizational development. In the accompanying photo from **L to R** are members *Debbie Ducoff-Barone, Karen Licht, Libby Swietek, Karen Lurie, Sally Tresselt, Palma Vaccaro, Gail Zemantic, Ed Chuicarello, Alison Scherer*



During these new member meetings, we shared two graphics to help new members orient to the LWV generally as well as be aware of the LWVGH program year. See images [here](#):





As a part of Communications and Membership Outreach, LWVGH placed a small ad in Northend Agent's (<https://www.northendagents.com/>) online bi-monthly newspaper (March 1 issue). Below is an image of our ad. Embedded in the image is a link to the LWVGH website page designed for those new to LWVGH: <https://my.lwv.org/connecticut/greater-hartford/check-us-out>

Legislative Webinar - January 2023

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 9 representatives from 7 towns speak to members and guests. Legislators who attended were Speaker of the House Matt Ritter; representatives Jeff Currey, Jillian Gilchrest, Kate Farrar, Mike Demicco, Gary Turco, and Kerry Wood; and senators Matt Lesser and Derek Slap. Cassie Bachmann moderated the conversation. As usual, interesting discussions occurred on numerous topics including Early Voting proposals, Affordable Housing, Gun Safety, Mental Health resources for both children and adults, and energy costs in the state. Our representatives want to hear from us as LWV members and individuals. The easiest way to contact your representatives is through email to their www.cga.ct.gov addresses. Scroll down to *Find Your Legislators*.

Advocacy 2022-2023

In general, the LWVGH 2022-2023 advocacy approach follows and amplifies LWVCT advocacy priorities. You can read the summary of 2022 legislative advocacy on the LWVCT website: <https://my.lwv.org/connecticut/article/what-happened-during-2022-legislative-session>. Of note, the legislature passed changes to align statutory language about eligibility for absentee voting with constitutional language. This alignment allows the voter to determine when “sickness” and “absence” from their town impedes their ability to vote and therefore qualifies them to vote absentee.

The 2023 legislative session got underway in early January (see also our report of the LWVGH Legislative Zoom webinar gathering). As you know, the League-supported Early Voting referendum question was approved by 60% of voters in November 2022. Now attention has moved to creating a meaningful program to be implemented in all 169 towns. League members have been active in testifying on bills under consideration. In particular, the League has advocated for state funding so that Early Voting does not become an unfunded mandate, for 10-15 days of Early Voting statewide and for population numbers to serve as the trigger for required provision of additional early voting locations. By the time this Annual Report goes to press more will be known!

Another voting access priority is passage of the No Excuse Absentee Voting measure to present it to voters on the 2024 ballot. Because it passed without a super majority, it must be approved again by the legislature elected in November 2022 and seated this past January. We may have news about this before the Annual Meeting.

Finally, LWVCT has joined the CT Voting Rights Act Coalition. This coalition seeks passage of a measure to advance voting rights for marginalized communities in CT. This is particularly important due to the evisceration of the federal Voting Rights Act. For additional information, you can check out this [ACLU press release](#).

If you have a local advocacy matter in which you think the LWVGH should be involved, please contact lwvgreaterhartford@gmail.com.

Redistricting

Redistricting work in 2022 involved providing resources to Leagues to inform them of the new districts. LWVGH member Joan Twiggs, serving as Redistricting Champion for the LWVCT, made multiple resources available. LWVCT contracted with Trinity College professor Kyle Evans to create spreadsheets summarizing the new districts. Kyle also conducted a statistical “ensemble analysis” that analyzed how protection of incumbency is embedded in the district maps created by the legislature. These resources are available through the LWVCT website’s People Powered Fair Maps page (<https://my.lwv.org/connecticut/people-powered-fair-maps-connecticut>). Joan and LWVCT President Laura Smits wrote an op-ed about this analysis which was published in the CT Mirror (<https://ctmirror.org/2023/01/31/representative-democracy-redistricting-process-election/>).

2023-2024 Program Agenda

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Announcements of virtual or in person meetings will be made for 2023-2024 in accordance with the state's pandemic guidelines.

2023-2024 Advocacy Agenda

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

1. 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.
5. Affordable Housing.

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

STATE PROGRAM 2023--2024

Visit www.lwvct.org for State Positions

NATIONAL LEAGUE ISSUES

Campaign Finance Reform

Civil Liberties

Voting Rights

Health Care Reform

Election Administration

Ethics and Lobbying Reform

Global Climate Change

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

LOCAL PROGRAM CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

(Reaffirmed May 2022)

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 decision-making 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.

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.

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 of Greater Hartford
Proposed Board of Directors**

Executive Committee		
Co-Presidents	Debbie Ducoff-Barone Libby Swietek	2023-2025 2023-2024
Secretary	Alison Scherer	2022-2024
Treasurer / Program	Karen Licht	2023-2025
Membership	Libby Swietek	2023-2025
Directors:		
Advocacy	Chris McLaughlin	2023-2025
Communications	Emily Hofstatter	2022-2024
Social Media & Web	Doretta Andonucci	2022-2024
Voter Service – co-chairs	Carole Mulready	2023-2025
	Liz Wilcox	2023-2025
At-Large -Voter Service	Cassie Bachman	2022-2024
At-Large – Finance and Program	Gail Zemantic	2023-2025

Appointed Directors

Ellen Carter – at large
Ed Chiucarello- voter service and social media
Karen Lurie – voter service

Nominating Committee Chair	Elizabeth Lane	2022-2024
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Committees

Finance: Emily Hofstatter, Dhamyanti Singh, Gail Zemantic

Voter Service:

Debates and Registration Coordination: Liz Wilcox, Sandy Fry, Ed Chiucarello, Karen Lurie, Palma Vaccaro

Vote411.org: Joan Twiggs, David Pettyjohn, Carol Lennig, Sally Tresselt, Kamlah Srinivasan

Program/Events: Karen Licht, Gail Zemantic,

Organizational Development: Debbie Ducoff-Barone, Palma Vaccaro

League of Women Voters Greater Hartford Budget 2022-2023

Fiscal Year	Budget 2021-2022	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023	Actual 2022-2023	Budget 2023-2024
Beginning Balance	\$9,800.00	\$12,799.60	\$23,171.18	\$20,579.18**	\$17,929.97***
Revenue					
Dues	\$4200.00	\$3590.00	\$4000.00	\$4445.06	\$4500.00
Finance Drive/Donations	\$2500.00	\$9337.70	\$2500.00	\$840.00	\$1000.00
Deposit from the ED Fund	\$850.00	\$774.99	\$600.00	0	\$500.00
Poll Reporting Assoc Press	\$600.00	0	0	\$2555.00	0
Annual Meeting	\$1500.00	0	0	0	\$600.00
Grant LWVCT	0	0	0	\$226.58	0
Bank of America PO BOX Refund				\$25.00	0
LWV Glastonbury Merger				\$1484.41	0
Refund from LWVCT for PMP				\$115.50	
Voter Service	\$200.00	0	0	0	0
Total	\$19,650.00	\$26,502.29	\$30,271.18	\$30,270.73	\$24,529.97
Expenses					
Annual Meeting	\$2000	0	0	0	\$600.00
Annual Meeting Report Print/Mail	\$50	0	0	\$55.93	\$75.00
Legislative Breakfast Food/room	\$225	0	0	0	0
Potluck – Room/Supplies	\$150	0	0	0	\$75.00
Reception for Elected Officials	\$100	0	0	0	\$100.00
New Member Mtg- Food/Room	\$100	0	0	\$51.89	\$75.00
Voter Service Newspaper Ads	\$100	0	0	\$3668.00	\$1,500.00
Early Voting Handouts				\$49.00	\$100.00
Early Voting Info Printing				\$136.13	\$200.00
Early Voting Printing				\$84.02	\$100.00
Renewal member letter print/mail				\$145.09	\$175.00
Hartford Votes Membership				\$75.00	\$75.00
Membership Directory Print + Mail				\$188.62	\$200.00
Early Voting Printed Info				\$154.21	\$200.00
Incorporation	\$50	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$50.00
PMP CT	\$1300	\$1348.50	\$1500.00	\$1229.25	\$1300.00
PMP LWV US	\$2300	\$2592.00*	\$2,600.00	\$2160.00	\$2300.00
Contributions/Gifts WHCI TV	\$100	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Conventions	\$250	0	0	\$300.00	\$400.00
PO Box Rental fee	\$140	\$202.00	\$225.00	\$241.00	\$215.00
Printing .25 per page	\$200	\$233.62	\$250.00		\$100.00
Postage/Stamps	\$225	\$295.36	\$400.00	\$12.00	\$50.00

Supplies for Meetings	\$125	\$29.53	\$100.00	0	\$50.00
Website MyLo	\$400	\$562.00	\$650.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
League Liability Insurance				\$12.00	\$12.00
Zoom	\$150	0	0	\$103.62	\$110.00
D&O Insurance	\$350	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Viux - Domain Name & Hosting				\$25.00	\$25.00
Cross Sector Consulting				\$2,500.00	0
Advertising Northend Agent				\$200.00	0
Viux Web Hosting					\$18.00
Total Expenses	\$8315.00	\$5863.01	\$6300.00	\$12,340.76	\$9005.00
ED Fund					
Beginning Balance LWV US	\$1011.47	\$1419.47	\$1474.48	\$1474.48	\$1719.48
Contributions – Finance Drive	800	830	800.00	245.00	250.00
Withdrawals	-1,500	-774.99	-1000.00	0	1000.00
Balance	\$311.47	\$1474.48	\$1274.48	\$1719.48	\$969.48

*LWVUS PMP 2023 check cashed after Budget submitted **checking account balance 6/1/2022

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