

## Elections and Government

The League promotes an engaged, informed electorate to ensure a representative government and a fair and impartial judiciary. We advocate:

- Election administration reforms that remove barriers to voting including:
  - ⇒ Improved procedures, training and recruitment of poll workers.
  - ⇒ Removal of restrictions on voting such as difficult voter ID requirements.
  - ⇒ Allowing provisional ballots to be counted for applicable races and issues even if cast in the wrong precinct.
  - ⇒ Making voting fully accessible to all voters with disabilities.
  - ⇒ Ensuring adequate options for early voting.
- Judicial election reforms that improve independence and impartiality of courts.
- Enforcement and reform of campaign finance laws, full and timely disclosure of contributions, and public financing of campaigns.
- Independent and transparent redistricting/reapportionment procedures.
- Repeal of legislative term limits.
- Ensuring the public's right to know and promoting citizen participation in the political process.
- Fair and equitable taxation.
- Open and accessible primary elections.

**The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate, but the League does take political action on issues where member agreement has been reached.**

The **League** of Women Voters of Ohio, a **nonpartisan** political organization, encourages **informed** and active participation in government, works to increase **understanding** of major public **policy** issues, and influences public policy through **education** and **advocacy**.

## League Activities

Since 1920 the League of Women Voters has been a leader in working to ensure that all citizens have a role in making democracy work. Year in and year out, the League provides many kinds of voter service and pursues education projects, such as:

- Voter registration and petition drives.
- Printed and electronic voter guides.
- Nonpartisan candidate and issue forums.
- Presentations on radio, on television, and to school and community groups.
- Information on the LWVO website about political reform issues.
- Letters-to-the editor and op-eds on election reform and good government issues.
- Monitoring election procedures.
- Working with coalitions to protect citizens, communities and the environment.

## Contact Information

The League is dedicated to helping citizens become informed and active participants in government at all levels. For further information:

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# Advocacy Agenda

## Advocacy Priorities

The Advocacy Agenda reflects the advocacy priorities for the League of Women Voters of Ohio. The League will provide leadership in Ohio, particularly on judicial reform, voting and elections including fair districts issues, women's reproductive health, gun safety, education and water-related concerns. The LWV of the United States has additional priorities for advocacy at the national level ([www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)), and many local Leagues have local advocacy priorities.



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## Meeting Basic Human Needs

The League supports policies and programs to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

We advocate:

- Affordable and accessible health care for all, including mental health services and reproductive health care.
- A strong workforce-development system that provides training, support services and jobs leading to self-sufficiency.
- Sufficient revenues to provide basic human services.
- Support for services and programs designed to prevent unintended pregnancy.
- Programs designed to promote self-sufficiency and prevent or reduce poverty.
- Sustainability of affordable housing programs at the state and federal levels.
- Stopping human forced labor and sex trafficking.

### Ohio Local Leagues

Akron Area	Kent
Ashtabula County	Lake County
Athens County	Lima Area
Bowling Green	Marion
Canton Area	Northern Portage County
Chillicothe/Ross County	Oberlin Area
Cincinnati Area	Oxford
Clermont County	Portsmouth/Scioto County
Metro. Columbus	Tallmadge
Greater Dayton Area	The Perrysburg Area
Greater Cleveland	Tiffin Area
Greater Youngstown	Toledo-Lucas County
Delaware County	Trumbull County
Geauga County	Wayne County
Hudson	

### LWVO At-Large Units

Darke County	Findlay/Hancock County
	Licking County

## Natural Resources

The League supports responsible use of Ohio natural resources, including energy.

We advocate:

### Energy

- Conserving energy and providing environmental protections for air and water quality.
- Using alternative forms of energy.
- Protecting state parks, wilderness areas, wetlands, and state forests from exploitation of natural resources.
- Environmentally sound use of energy resources.

### Water

- Responsible interbasin transfer of water projects that reflect public input.
- Protection of water quality by promoting environmentally sound farming practices and preventing contamination.

## Justice and Community Safety

The League supports a restorative juvenile justice system, citizens' rights, gun control, reproductive rights and abolition of the death penalty. We advocate:

- Appropriate care and protection for the satisfactory physical, mental, and educational development of children in the juvenile justice system.
- Protecting civil and human rights, equality of opportunity and equal protection under the law.
- Strong gun control measures at the state and federal level.
- Protecting a woman's constitutional right of privacy in making reproductive choices.
- Abolition of the death penalty and a moratorium on executions until the death penalty is abolished.

- Protecting and restoring Great Lakes.
- Implementing a permanent ban against drilling for oil and for natural gas under Lake Erie.
- Stricter and uniform regulation of fracking.

### Air

- Reducing air pollution through stronger regulations and enforcement.

### Waste

- Emphasizing reclamation, reduction, recycling and proper storage of solid and hazardous waste.

### Land Use

- Smart growth, urban revitalization, historic preservation, zoning and farmland preservation.
- Limited use of "eminent domain" after all other methods of acquisition fail.

## Education

The League supports equitable financing and uniform educational standards for public elementary and secondary schools, advocates for affordable access to public higher education, and opposes the use of public funds for nonpublic schools. We advocate:

- A high quality early child care and education system for Ohio.
- A funding system for public elementary and secondary education that is adequate, equitable, accountable and responsive to the taxpayers.
- State education standards that are developed in a timely and open process, include appropriate multiple forms of assessment and apply to all schools, public and nonpublic.
- Adoption of a uniform statewide performance evaluation tool.
- The use of public funds only for public schools. Public funds should not be used to support nonpublic schools through tuition tax credits, voucher programs, transportation reimbursements, administrative cost reimbursements, or auxiliary funds.
- Improved accountability and performance of community (charter) schools, as users of public funds, by requiring that they comply with all state standards.
- Access to affordable higher education for all qualified Ohioans.

