

## **Proposed Local Program 2025-2026**

### **Citizens Right to Vote - Making Democracy Work**

- \* Provide voter information during voter registration drives, tabling events and other LWVSC activities in person, on the LWVSC website and on social media
- \* Support and provide voter education to youth in high schools and colleges
- \* Advocate for local government transparency and monitor activities of local governmental units
- \* Support improving local, state, and national elections
- \* Meet with the Commissioners of the Schenectady County Board of Elections on a regular basis
- \* Maintain the Citizenship Mentoring Group program that helps prepare immigrants for the US Citizenship Exam and attend Naturalization Ceremonies when possible to register new citizens

### **Children and Education**

- \* Collaborate with other organizations to identify the needs of children
- \* Encourage the availability and affordability of day care services for young children
- \* Advocate for adequate and equitable funding for all public schools
- \* Advocate for the strengthening of programs that improve the capacity, quality, and speed of connectivity to the internet, especially in rural and low-income communities
- \* Advocate for the active recruitment by all school districts in Schenectady County of teachers of color
- \* Support the annual LWVNYS's Students Inside Albany program

### **Health Services**

- \* Advocate for national/state/local health care reform that provides quality physical and mental health care for all citizens

### **Justice and the Law**

- \* Support restorative justice programs such as the Center for Community Justice
- \* Improve accessibility to police complaint procedure and support Schenectady police reform efforts
- \* Register eligible voters in the Schenectady County Jail and encourage them to vote

### **Environmental Issues**

- \* Advocate for the protection of environmental resources, land, water and air in Schenectady County
- \* Advocate for energy conservation and development of renewable energy alternatives
- \* Advocate for solid waste management programs that promote Reduce, Reuse, and Recycling in the City and County