

# Observer Corps LWVOA

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# Observer Corps vs Advocacy

Observer Corps is a structured way for individuals to exercise their right to know and help to make citizens aware of decisions that impact their lives. It also promotes governmental transparency.

## WATCH & LISTEN

Advocacy learns the national, state, and local positions and takes action to advocate for/against legislative action that relates to these positions.

## DELIBERATE & ACT

# Code of Conduct

## Reputation

UPHOLD GOOD STANDING OF LWV

The LWVUS and all member Leagues are non-partisan organizations

## Integrity

VALUE AND RESPECT ALL

The League's mission centers on educating voters and ensuring the right to vote for all

## Representation

LWVOA BOARD REPRESENTS LWVOA

Only the LWVOA Board can represent or authorize representation in all mediums

# Observer Corps Job Description



Attend meetings



Take detailed notes



Report back

- **Observe – don't engage**
- **Non-partisan outlook**
- **Accurate written report, including meeting metrics**
- **Attend & report consistently**

# Observer Corps Details



Attend Observer Corps Orientation and Open Meetings Act Training – YOU ARE HERE!



League President will send a letter to the school board before a new observer begins; introduces observer(s) and explains basic principles of Observer Corps



Attend the School Board meetings you've been assigned; take detailed notes about venue, attendance, topics, and any issues you observe



Use the LWVOA Observer Corps Google survey document to file your report

## Observer Corps Restrictions

- ✓ Those serving as an elected official may not be Observers; League members who serve as appointed officials should confer with the Board before serving
- ✓ Observers should not comment as a League member on issues deliberated by the governmental body they observe
- ✓ Observers should function separately from any Advocacy efforts made by LWVOA to the school board being observed
- ✓ Observers should not engage the press regarding the school board they are observing; social media posts should be clearly made as a private citizen, not a League observer

LWVOA Observer Corps Training

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# Thank you

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