

PROPOSED PROGRAM OF WORK LWVSA 2023-2024

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS

Chair: Sherri Gangitano

Outlook for work 2023-2024

Citizen & Member Education/Action— Areas of interest: zoning, gentrification & displacement, impact on BIPOC & low-income residents, taxes, GMA, police sweeps, low-barrier shelter-beds; Work with groups with the same priorities such as the Spokane Homeless Coalition Stop the Sweeps subcommittee; Plan for a monthly General Meeting and VOTER articles.

Work Accomplished 2022-2023

- Letter and testimony to City Council in support of services for homeless.
- Testimony to City Council re homeless city ordinances.
- Letter in support of homeless tent city.
- Opinion piece in Spokesman Review on homeless shelters.
- Presentation of February General Meeting with guest speakers from Spokane city government.
- Action approved to have LWVSA sign onto an open letter from Jewels Helping Hand to city, county and state officials to prevent the premature closing of Camp Hope.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Chair: Amy Compestine

Outlook for Work for 2023-2024

Citizen & Member Education/Action –Track and respond to progress on strategies listed in the City of Spokane’s Sustainability Action Plan; Coordinating local league response to specific initiatives/ordinances related to Sustainability Action or other environmental issues as they arise; Track progress of key Environmental bills in the legislative session, and follow the implementation and rulemaking process for new environmental legislation.

Work Accomplished 2022-2023

- In November 2022, the Spokane LWV Environmental Issues committee drove the discussion and consensus process for the League of Women Voters of Washington Shoreline Study
- Letter to the County Planning Director and Board of County Commissioners requesting Spokane county updated Shoreline Management Plan be posted on the Spokane County’s website.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Chair: Ann Murphy

Outlook for Work

Citizen/Member Education on Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meeting process and how to get involved; survey of other WA county BoCC's and how they operate; Observe Spokane County BoCC and make recommendations for action when warranted; Plan for a monthly General Meeting and VOTER articles.

Citizen & Member Education/Action – Local Redistricting

Work Accomplished 2022-2023

- Followed and provided testimony for City of Spokane Redistricting process
- Approved an Action Statement to oppose a new jail for Spokane County
- Reconvened committee to begin work on the above item regarding the Board of County Commissioners.