

LWVLCF Program for Study and Action 2019 to 2020 approved 4/6/19**Education**

1. Build coalitions to promote public education with adequate funding and equitable distribution to all schools District wide. Educate Lee County residents on Charter schools, vouchers, and tax credit scholarships and their impact on public schools.
2. Promote the well-being and safety of all students with equitable application of the Code of Conduct. Oppose any legislation expanding the right to carry concealed weapons on a school campus. Oppose arming teachers or non-law enforcement officers.
3. Support curriculum and textbooks that are science based and developed by science, health, and other educational experts.
4. Advocate for higher teacher pay and new teacher mentoring to reduce high turnover.
5. Work cooperatively with Lee County School District and promote local control.
6. Support high quality affordable early education for all Lee County children.

Environment and Natural Resources

Encourage sustainability and promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in Lee County, including:

1. Support of initiatives that encourage the use of renewable fuels, especially solar.
2. Support of solar initiatives in communities
3. Support of initiatives to ban fracking, including deep injection wells.
4. Support of conservation initiatives including aggressive purchases of sensitive environmental lands
5. Support prohibition of development in sensitive DRGR (density reduction, groundwater resources) areas
6. Support bans on plastics, including straws and grocery bags
7. Support initiatives to reduce the flow of nutrients and pollutants entering ground water from septic systems, fertilizer, etc.

Health

1. Promote the well being of Lee County residents by ensuring that they have sufficient opportunities to obtain needed physical and mental health services within an economically viable system that assures affordable coverage of persons with pre-existing conditions. The League supports reproductive health and family planning services as essential components of health care.
2. The League supports a universal health care system. The League will advocate for more services for low income individuals (clinics and mental health). We also support early screening for children with special needs and the expansion of necessary treatment services.
3. Continue support of the Lee Health Care System Trauma Center and the Bob Janes Triage Center, including initiatives for funding deemed appropriate by the League.

Social Policy

1. Support and promote adequate funding of social and human service programs including decent, safe and attainable housing, available and affordable transportation, job training and placement that enhance the quality of life and the well being of all individuals including children and their families.
2. Collaborate with organizations that seek delivery of essential human services to all residents of Lee County.
3. Work to reduce violence, hunger, and the number of homeless persons in our community.
4. Promote gun regulation and safety initiatives.
5. Educate and work on juvenile justice issues, including the use of civil citations.
6. Work to protect the rights of all including immigrants.
7. Support restoring the voting rights of returning citizens eligible under Amendment 4 passed November 2018.

Strategies for Implementation include:**Voter Service/Education**

1. Convene and publicize Educational Program Meetings on LWV issues, including: charter schools, arming teachers in the public schools, reproductive health services, National Popular Vote, diversity and inclusion, celebration of women's suffrage, etc.
2. Support Voter Registration
3. Observe Lee County Government entities to promote transparency and to keep community informed.
4. Inform voters about issues and candidates through forums and guides, including VOTE411. Consider putting forums on line.

Advocacy

1. Participate in LWV Florida action task forces.
2. Lobby for National, State and Local legislation, including National Popular Vote and Equal Rights Amendment.
3. Encourage Letters to the Editor on League issues.
4. Work collaboratively with organizations with common objectives.