

LWV-ALACHUA 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. ELECTION LAW:

- a. Oppose any efforts that might be made to limit convenient voter registration or to limit access to the polls by limiting early voting locations, days, or hours or by requiring photo IDs.
- b. Support automatic restoration of voting rights for former felon offenders.

2. EDUCATION:

- a. Oppose expansion of corporate tax credit scholarships. Require the same accountability for private schools and charter schools receiving public funds directly or indirectly.
- b. Require greater fiscal management and accountability of charter school contracts and subcontracts with stronger oversight by local school boards.
- c. Support stronger measures to ensure protection of civil rights in student admission and dismissal policies.
- d. Support measures to restore to districts cuts in capital outlay funding authorization and fairly allocate PECO funding for school maintenance.

3. NATURAL RESOURCES:

- a. Pass comprehensive water quality and quantity bills that concentrate on cleaning up pollution at the sources and conserving our aquifer with no net additional withdrawals.
- b. Support state legislation for energy conservation and greater use of renewable sources such as solar energy.

4. HEALTH CARE:

- a. Expand health care access and coverage for low-income, uninsured and underinsured Floridians.
- b. Restore full funding for critical health care programs and services that were negatively impacted by the 2015 and 2016 budgets, i.e. KidCare, free clinics, emergency transport, substance abuse treatment, mental health etc.

5. SOCIAL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE:

- a. Support expansion of mandated background checks and three day waiting periods for ALL gun sales or transfers, including gun shows and unlicensed gun sales. Ban assault weapons and regulate ammunition sales.
- b. Support increased use of civil citations and reduce direct files (limit prosecutorial discretion and increase judicial oversight of decisions to transfer juveniles to adult court).