

## 2018 - 2019 Proposed Draft Program Priorities LWV La Crosse Area

### **LWV US: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.**

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate. The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

**LWV La Crosse will be recognized as a leader in citizen empowerment to actively participate in the democratic process and to promote positive solutions to public policy issues through education and advocacy.**

Priority Program Issues	LWV Action Opportunities
<b>LWVUS / LWV WI Redistricting</b> <i>Congressional districts and government legislative bodies should be apportioned substantially on population. We oppose partisan and racial gerrymandering that strips rights away from voters. We promote transparent and accountable redistricting processes and to end hyper-partisan practices that don't benefit constituents. We believe responsibility for fair redistricting should be vested in an independent special commission, with membership that reflects the diversity of the unit of government</i>	--Advocacy for state legislation --Census issues -- advocacy to insure all persons are counted -- "Politics of Resentment": rural/ urban/ suburban impact on politics
<b>LWV US Voting Rights</b> <i>Voter rights protection and mobilization; oppose voter suppression  Voter Registration: Wisconsin Online Voter Registration education and outreach  Wisconsin election laws should provide citizens with maximum opportunity for registration, voting at the polls, and absentee voting.</i>	--Ed / Advocacy re: WI Election Commission -- OVR and voter outreach --Study innovative voter registration models from other states
<b>LWVUS Campaign Finance/ Money in Politics</b> <i>Support positive campaign finance reform proposals and fight attempts to cut back on existing campaign finance laws. LWVUS also supports the We the People Democracy Reform Act of 2017 which includes legislative solutions to many of the money in politics issues the U.S. faces. Provisions include small dollar fundraising, disclosure, defining coordination and overhauling the Federal Election Commission (FEC).</i>	--Build on April City of La Crosse United to Amend referendum --Ed/ Advocacy "We the People" Democracy Reform Act of 2017
<b>LWV Advocacy—Citizens Right to Know</b> <b>Transparency and accountability for government and elected officials.</b> <i>Public education and outreach to empower citizens to effectively advocate, monitor, and act on public policy with elected officials</i>	Local issues examples: City Housing plan; juvenile justice reforms/ models; budget impact in UW system and WTC; regional transportation
<b>LWV WI Environment Protection</b> <i>Effective citizen engagement in natural resource protection such as water issues and protecting the Upper Mississippi River Basin</i>	--LWV ILO UMRP participation --Watershed Plan for La Crosse and Monroe Counties --Advocacy re: regional groundwater