

Program

League of Women Voters of Illinois

Issues Briefing, Saturday, February 10, 2018 9:30 am - 4 pm

Bridging Divides

Cultivating Common Ground for Action

9:30-10:00 Check-in and Networking

10:00-10:15 Welcome and Introductions

Bonnie Cox, President, LWVIL^[1-1]_{SEP}

10:15-11:15 Morning Plenary – Bridging the Partisan Divide

Honorable State Representative Elaine Nekritz, 2001-2017

Honorable State Representative Mike Fortner

Honorable State Representative Steve Andersson

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30 - 12:30 Morning Breakouts

A) The Cost of Segregation

Kendra Freeman, the Metropolitan Planning Council

B) Focusing Our Communities on a Common Goal: Clean, Clear, Safe, Abundant Water for Everyone^[1-1]_{SEP}

Beth Baranski, Architect at Baranski Hammer Moretta & Sheehy Architects & Planners

Krista Grimm, President LWV Lake Michigan Region ILO

Rosemary Heilemann, LWV UMRR ILO

C) The Role of Property Taxes in Funding Education: Local, State and Federal Implications

Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations for Harlem School District 122 in Machesney Park, IL.

Ginger Ostro, Executive Director of Advance Illinois

12:30-1:15 Box Lunch - Find your choice and eat where you wish:

A) Fair Advocacy Toolbox -- **Alex Wiesendanger**, Responsible Budget Coalition

B) Sharing the Wisdom: Attracting and Keeping New Member – LWVIL MLD Co-Chairs

C) Networking with Fellow Leaguers

- 1:15-1:30 Break
- 1:30-2:30 Plenary Criminal Justice: Reforms Accomplished and Reforms Still Needed
Michael G. Nerheim, Lake County State's Attorney.
Sharlyn Grace, Senior Policy Analyst and Staff Attorney
Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice
Anthony Lowery, Director, Policy & Advocacy, Safer Foundation
Honorable State Senator Don Harmon
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:45 Afternoon Breakouts
- A) Public Health Approach to Preventing Firearm Injury and Death
Maryanne Mason, Assistant Research Professor, Northwestern University
Kathleen Conlon Wasik, Director LWV Lake County
- B) Making All Votes Count - Redistricting Update and Implementing Automatic Voter Registration
Cynthia Canary, nonprofit policy consultant
Abe Scarr, Director Illinois Public Interest Research Group
- C) ERA advocacy and activism
Honorable State Representative Lou Lang, Lead House ERA Sponsor
Honorable State Senator Heather Steans, Lead Senate ERA Sponsor
- 3:45-4:00 Thank you and Call to Action
- 4:00-5:00 Cocktail Party and Social (Congress Hotel lounge)

Thank you for attending the 2018 Issues Briefing. You will be receiving an electronic survey via email this week. Please give us feedback to improve future events.