



LVWN 2017-2018 Strategic Focus

In addition to the Positions adopted by LWVTN for 2017-18, the membership of LVWN adopts the following areas for its Strategic Focus 2017-18:

I. LOCAL PROGRAM OF VOTER SERVICES

The League's non-partisan voter services will:

- Provide voter information through a variety of platforms including print, social media, and television.
- Conduct candidate forums.
- Promote voter registration of all eligible voters in cooperation with Davidson County Election Commission.
- Conduct poll watching and report results to the public.
- Provide voter outreach to citizens under-represented as voters including newly naturalized citizens, high school, and college students.
- Support timely restoration of voting rights for ex-felons.

II. STUDY AND ACTION PROGRAMS

The League also engages in strategic and effective advocacy of public policy issues based on positions reached by the membership after careful study and discussion. The goal is to promote broader, more diverse citizen participation in decisions affecting public policies in Nashville. In addition to current national and state priorities, local strategic focus includes:

A. EDUCATION

- Support policies and funding needed to provide quality public education, pre-k through high school.
- Support efforts to expand community involvement in public education.
- Monitor the impact of the authorization and operation of publicly funded charter schools.

B. ELECTORAL PROCESS

- Work with the Davidson County Election Commission to promote voting systems, consistent with LWVUS best practices, that are secure, accurate, re-countable and include voter-verified paper ballots.
- Support adequate resources for the election process including acquisition, testing, and security of voting machines and equipment; training for election officials; and improvements to the failsafe process.
- Promote the implementation and equitable distribution of federal allocations for the Help America Vote Act of 2002 in Nashville.
- Support full implementation of the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

C. ENVIRONMENT

- Support a coordinated approach to land use, growth and development, such as the Metro Open Space Plan. Support environmentally friendly building design, construction, and operation.
- Support expansion of efficient and accessible transportation options including biking, walking and mass transit.
- Support efforts to reduce and manage waste in environmentally responsible ways including Metro's Waste Management Plan for recycling, composting, and hazardous waste disposal.
- Support sustainable food production and agriculture practices.
- Support energy and water conservation and renewable energy generation.
- Support efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change such as the Metro Planning Organization's climate readiness endeavors.
- Inform the community about federal, state, and local issues impacting the Nashville environment, including air and water quality, energy generation and conservation, pesticide and chemical use, and protection of public lands.

D. HEALTH CARE

- Promote a health care financing and delivery system that assures an appropriate level of high-quality health care for all residents of Nashville, including:
 - Health and wellness education and promotion;
 - Primary care: prevention and treatment of illness, reproduction health care, maternal and child health care;
 - Behavioral health care including substance use treatment;
 - Acute, urgent and emergency care; and
 - Long-term home and community-based care.
- Promote fiscally responsible budget decisions that improve access to health coverage and health care for Nashville residents.
- Support efforts to contain costs by using evidence-based medicine, best practices in case management, and promoting continuity and coordination of care.

E. COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Support equal access to education, employment and housing.
- Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families in Nashville, including those newly immigrated and individuals with disabilities.
- Support policy changes related to immigration consistent with LWVUS positions at the local, state and federal level.
- Support programs and policies that allow victims of domestic abuse to maintain every right of citizenship, including the assurance of safety and the ability to vote.
- Support legal recognition that victims of slave trafficking are victims, not criminals.
- Support gun control measures requiring background checks and restriction of guns in public places.

F. METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

- Support policies that provide adequate resources for public services in Metro Nashville.
- Provide information to Metro Council regarding issues supported by the League.
- Promote ethical standards for elected and administrative members of Metro Government.
- Educate citizens about their elected and appointed officials and how local government functions