

LWVS LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 2019 - 2020

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) shall be to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

The following Local Program for 2019 - 2020 is a listing of issues the LWVS will monitor, and may promote via public education, and/or study and take to action. The League of Women Voters has local, county, state, and national positions, which are the basis for League action. Our Local Program supports these county, state, and national League positions where applicable. Each issue listed below has an "Outlook For Work" that identifies its specific actions. The order of the following issues and action items does not denote priority and thus leaves the LWVS the flexibility to act as circumstances warrant and as the board and membership see fit. The full version of the Local Program for 2019 - 2020, including all "Outlook for Work" action items can be found at our website, www.lwvs.org.

VOTER SERVICE

Voter Service is fundamental to all League work, providing nonpartisan education and factual information on registration, voting, candidates, ballot issues, and elections to our membership and the public, and promoting adult and student citizen participation and voting in elections.

ADVOCACY

Monitor issues that have been or are currently being studied by the LWVS or by the League of Women Voters on the county, state, and/or national levels. Inform our membership of developments and, from time to time, study and take action on certain issues. Identify and propose new issues that may be of interest to LWVS membership for study.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

Actively create and seek opportunities to engage, partner, and collaborate with local schools and youth groups to educate and raise the awareness of students in the areas of civics and political engagement, including voting and political advocacy.

VILLAGE ELECTION SYSTEM

Monitor and evaluate the nonpartisan nominating and election process for the election of the Mayor and trustees of the Village Board, including study of the nominating and election processes.

SCHOOL ELECTION SYSTEM

Monitor and evaluate the nonpartisan nominating and election process for the election of members of the School Board, including study of the nominating and election processes.

VILLAGE BUDGET

Monitor and evaluate development of the Village budget and financing, including bond proposals, Village-wide property revaluations, and other Village policies, processes, and procedures.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Monitor and evaluate development of the Scarsdale Schools budget and financing, including bond proposals, and other School District policies, processes, and procedures.

PLANNING & ZONING

Monitor and, from time to time, study and take action on issues related to planning and zoning in or affecting Scarsdale.

ENVIRONMENT/SUSTAINABILITY

Monitor and, from time to time, study and take action on issues related to environmental/sustainability issues affecting Scarsdale.

LWVS COMMUNICATION

Actively use various written and electronic means to keep LWVS members and the community at large informed about League of Women Voters activities, events, advocacy issues, and developments and action alerts.

MEMBERSHIP

Actively recruit and retain LWVS members and cultivate member participation in League work.

PROGRAM/EDUCATION

In coordination with LWVS portfolios where appropriate, develop, and plan educational programs of interest, including identifying relevant speakers for LWVS's Food for Thought Luncheon in the fall and the Annual Meeting Luncheon in the spring.

DEVELOPMENT

Identify, organize, and execute activities and events to raise funds, in addition to membership dues and donations, to sustain the work of the LWVS.