

Adopted Program 2018-2019
League of Women Voters The Villages/Tri County Area

Local Government- promote an open government that is responsive to the people of the tri-county area.

- Monitor local government actions in the tri-county area.
- Educate members on structure of local governments including community development districts (CDDs).
- Support transparency in local government.

Voter Service-continue to provide information about elections, election process, redistricting, amendments, and changes in the election law regarding voter access.

- Support and promote the state-wide initiative on nonpartisan popular vote interstate initiative
- Support and promote the state position on the integrity of the election process.
- Support and promote the issue of restoration of voting rights for former felony offenders.
- Promote the Speaker's Bureau varied topics to include but not limited to the constitutional amendments
- Publish and Promote the online voter's guide in even-numbered years
- Promote voter registration -
- Publish information about local elections

ISSUE FOR ACTION

- Promote awareness of constitutional amendments on the ballots

- Education**-continue to focus on universal access to public schools with support for equality in academic requirements and funding.
- Keep informed about the local impact of Federal and State initiatives.
- Review and Monitor charter schools and school vouchers issues.
- Monitor the impact of state funding on local school districts.
- To ensure that all 4-year-old children in Florida have access to high-quality pre-Kindergarten programming, as mandated in the Florida Constitution. Toward that end, to advocate for a substantial increase in per-child base allocation and allocation of new monies for State-provided, intensive, on-site in-service training for VPK teachers in instructional design, lesson planning, and other teaching skills.
- Research the feasibility of changing the Sumter County Superintendent of Schools from a partisan election to an appointed position

Justice in Florida-support juvenile justice actions that emphasize civil citations, rehabilitation, and other alternatives to incarceration.

Natural Resources-promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationship of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources and monitor legislation.

Issue for Action:

- Monitor requests for water withdrawal for bottling in the local area.

Social Policy-secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all citizens.

- Support accepting federal funding for the expansion of Medicaid eligibility.
- Support action to enforce and strengthen consumer protection laws