



2019-2020 Adopted Program 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
- Research the feasibility of changing the Sumter County Superintendent of Schools from a partisan election to an appointed position.
- Research the status and feasibility of changing county partisan positions to non-partisan.
- Research the differences between charter and non-charter counties in Florida.

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 voter interstate initiative.
- Support and promote the state position on the integrity of the election process.
- Promote the Speaker's Bureau.
- Publish and promote the online voter's guide in even-numbered years.
- Promote voter registration.
- Publish information about local elections

Issue for Action

Support and promote the implementation of the voting rights restoration amendment.

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-in-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.

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.

- Recognizing the interrelationship of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources, monitor legislation affecting these.
- Identify and promote legislative priorities that address both state-wide and local initiatives that could reduce the predicted negative impact of climate change.
- Identify and promote both personal and local governmental initiatives in the Tri-County region that could contribute to reducing the predicted negative impact of climate change within the Tri-County region and throughout the state.
- Add a question to the Vote411 Profile that asks about the candidate's position and priorities with regard to reducing the predicted negative

impact of climate change within the Tri-County region and throughout the state.

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.
- Support and promote a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.