



**2020-2021 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 and support transparency in local government actions in the tri-county area.
- Publicize citizen academies in the tri-county area for an educated membership on the workings of local government.

**Voter Service** - 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 LWVFL position on the integrity of the election process.
- Promote the LWVTRI Speakers Bureau.
- Publish and promote the online voter's guide in even-numbered years.
- Promote voter registration.
- Publish information about local elections
- Sponsor Meet and Greet and/or Candidate Forums for local elections in each of the three counties, Lake, Marion and Sumter.

### **Issue for Action**

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

Spread the message of our Be A Voter campaign through the many platforms of social media.

Inform the local population on constitutional amendments and other election issues through the Speakers Bureau.

Register voters and encourage voting among underrepresented populations in the tri-county area.

**Education** --Promote adequate funding for public schools. Promote equality in academic and reporting requirements for all schools that receive public funds.

- 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.
- Ensure that all 4-year-old children in Florida have access to high-quality pre-kindergarten programming, as mandated in the Florida Constitution by advocating 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 interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources.

## CLIMATE

- Identify and promote both personal and local governmental initiatives that could reduce the predicted negative impact of climate change within the Tri-County region area and Florida.
- Promote the reduction of carbon emissions by joining with the LWVFL's "Clean Energy Action Team" to speed up the transition to cleaner and cheaper-to-operate cars.
- Support public education to promote electric vehicles and additional charging stations.

## WATER

- Identify LWVFL's partners working for the betterment of Florida's water sources and support their actions. Monitor actions and legislation by tri-county government entities as well as legislators representing the tri-county area in state government.
- Monitor requests for water withdrawal by commercial bottlers in the local area; and identify negative outcomes which may result from such withdrawals and educate others about issues.

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

- Support implementation of the **Federal Health Care Reform Law** in Florida, emphasizing access for all and control of costs **including** Medicaid expansion and mental health coverage.
- Support action to enforce and strengthen consumer protection laws.
- Support and promote a ban on all semiautomatic assault weapons and large-capacity feeding devices
- Encourage local League members to respond to calls for action that come from the State and National League.