



## **LWV Jacksonville First Coast**

### **LWVJFC 2021 – 2022 Program**

**September 1, 2021**

#### **Election Law:**

#### **LWVFL Issues For Action:**

Support measures to protect, extend and encourage the use of the franchise and to advocate for fair methods of financing political campaigns including public financing.

#### **LWVJFC ACTIONS:**

- Encourage League and community members to participate in LWVFL CLE training and to volunteer to assist returning citizens. Training and volunteer sign up can be found at: <https://lwvfl.org/returning-citizens/>
- Encourage all members to participate in Voter Registration training and volunteer in all voter registration activities.
- Support notifying voters if their vote by mail ballot has been accepted or rejected and provide a remedy for ensuring the vote of those whose ballots have been rejected.
- Develop a campaign to educate the community on SB90 changes to election law and voting.
- Become more active in Get Out the Vote, observing our nonpartisan policy.
- Support Vote411 by educating candidates and community members about its existence and value. Engage candidates to participate in a questionnaire.

- Encourage League members and community members to become poll workers.
- Collaborate with community organizations and legislators to identify those without adequate identification and work in partnership with them to help these potential voters obtain identification and then register to vote.
- Collaborate with ACLU to notify voters at risk of being removed from voter rolls during list maintenance.
- Work with the local Supervisor of Elections to increase awareness of election and voting issues.
- Form an LWVJFC Action Alert Committee of members who would be willing to call and/or write various legislators and other entities in response to requests from LWVUS, LWVFL, and/or LWVJFC.

## **Education Policy in Florida:**

### **LWVFL Issues For Action:**

Support a free public secular school system for Florida with high standards for student achievement and with equality of educational opportunity for all that is financed adequately by the state through an equitable funding formula. Establish a statewide Civics Education Subcommittee under the state Education committee.

### **LWVJFC ACTIONS:**

- Mandate factual historical teaching in publicly funded schools IAW LWVF policy.
- Support requirements that state and local capital outlays and the assets they purchase must be able to be recouped by the school district before capital overlay funding can be released to a charter school.
- Promote diversity and nondiscrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, citizenship, socio-economic status, and ability status in all publicly funded schools.
- Promote adequate funding of public education with no use of public funding for the expansion of private education through a voucher program.

- Support the increased oversight of the development and implementation of charter school contracts (including clawback provisions if the charter school closes), with regard to administrative fees, facility contracts, teacher salaries and benefits, instructional innovation, independence of charter board members, and unmet needs in the district.
- Support a statewide assessment and accountability system that provides valid data at appropriate intervals to measure student progress for all students and schools that receive public funds directly or indirectly. Data should be used to identify areas where increased support is needed.
- Create public awareness of educational issues via letters to the editor, social media, Facebook groups, newsletter, educational forums, and informational flyers.
- Contact elected officials to share educational concerns and legislative priorities.
- Monitor charter schools in Clay, Duval, St. John's, and Nassau Counties for performance and student outcomes in comparison to K-12 Public Schools.
- Advertise and encourage community participation in school board forums and candidate engagement

## **Healthcare**

### **LWVFL Issues For Action:**

Support measures to implement Florida health care in a manner consistent with the LWVUS position on healthcare reform.

### **LWVJFC ACTIONS:**

- Lobby legislators to increase funding for mental health resources.
- Support the Constitutional rights of women to make reproductive choices, have privacy and have availability of services.

- Engage with the Office of Minority and Health Equity to ensure Closing the Gap grant funds provided by HB 134 are properly used to address communities with healthcare inequity.
- Maximize use of social media message to support actions.

## **Redistricting:**

### **LWVFL Issues For Action:**

Ensure that Fair District Standards are adhered to for the Redistricting of Congressional and Florida Legislative Districts.

### **LWVJFC ACTIONS:**

- Lobby legislators directly to take the Fair District Pledge to comply with fair district amendments. Provide public praise for those who sign the pledge and bring attention to those who refuse to sign the pledge.
- Recruit League members to participate in Speakers Bureau training to become public trainers.
- Conduct public training events to educate League members and the greater public about the redistricting process and the opportunity to participate.
- Determine City Council and Commissioner: Precedent/rules used in previous redistricting efforts and goals for redistricting.
- Work with local Supervisor of Elections offices to increase awareness of any changes in polling stations and other impacts of redistricting.
- Maximize use of social media message to support actions.

## **Natural Resources:**

### **LWVFL Issues For Action:**

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the inter relationship of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources. Support governmental action that results in sustainability: Meeting the needs of the present without endangering the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Environment, society and the economy must be integrated and balanced to achieve a sustainable Florida.

### **LWVJFC ACTIONS:**

- Monitor septic tank replacement in Duval County.
- Continue to develop and support local coalitions working to resolve flooding, groundwater, and land use issues.
- Educate the public on local environmental issues.
- Maximize use of social media message to support actions.

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## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy**

This policy will be observed in all aspects of work we do:

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.