



2026 - 2027 Program Priorities (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027)

Our Program Priorities are guided by the Oath of the League of Women Voters.

“We do solemnly swear that we will empower voters and defend our democracy and we will faithfully execute our civic responsibility as nonpartisan advocates. We do this fearlessly, reflectively, and collectively. We act from a place of hope and collective power. We affirm that we will work to provide democracy education and election administration support, restore and defend voting rights protections, abolish the Electoral College, protect democracy organizations, and fight for reproductive freedoms. We will not be deterred from these tasks. Join us to protect life, liberty, freedom, and justice.”

1. Voter Outreach and Awareness-Raising

- Continued voter education and action, including civics education and voter registration drives in a variety of venues and for varying populations. Voter registration efforts include high schools and when asked colleges, and universities, often training students to help others register. This

outreach includes:

- Education about requirements for voter ID, voting by mail, and early voting.
- Education about and advocacy against voter suppression methods (voter ID requirements, limiting early voting, barriers to voting by mail, mis- and disinformation about voting security and voter fraud).
- Actively countering voting mis- and disinformation in real time, using social media and other channels.
- Ongoing monitoring of meetings of Boards of Elections in Buncombe, Madison, McDowell and Transylvania counties with the possibility of adding additional counties.

- Efforts to increase access to voting by all eligible citizens.
- Outreach to voters also includes raising awareness about:
 - The importance of redistricting, advocating for an independent redistricting commission, encouraging the LWVNC to be active in this area.
 - Vote 411: Publicize the utility of Vote 411 for voters to get a wealth of information and assistance in both English and Spanish: voter registration, checking voter registration status, determining where and when to vote, finding information on candidates and their responses to questions from the LWV. Use a variety of means to convey this message – social media, print media, broadcast media, billboards, etc. Encourage candidates in all parties to participate for the primary and general election.

2. Civic Engagement

- Civics education for League members and the public about:
 - Structure of government (Executive, Legislative, Judicial) at the federal, state, and local levels.
 - How to contact elected officials
 - Raising awareness about threats to democracy, including education about mis/disinformation, news literacy, and the impact of artificial Intelligence
- Establish a Civic Observer Corps and encourage members to attend and report on a variety of boards and commissions, for example - County Commission, City Council, Library, Education, Water Resources Department, and Health & Human Services

3. Election of the President by Popular Vote

- Support the Moonshot effort as articulated by the LWVUS to include five steps starting with the adoption of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and culminating in the abolition of the Electoral College by constitutional amendment. Actively support the One Person/One Vote campaign of the LWVUS with the goal of enacting NPVIC by 2028.
- As part of LWVNC Election of the President by Popular Vote Action Team, the League will advocate for the North Carolina General Assembly to replace the current Winner-Take-All law with the National Popular Vote Bill.

- Educate League members, other League Chapters, voters, candidates for NC House and Senate, and NC senators and representatives about the National Popular Vote Bill.

4. Equity for All

- Continue to push for the completion of the process to enact the Equal Rights Amendment and for the North Carolina General Assembly to ratify the amendment and address women's rights at the state level.
- Advocate for equity for all in pay, access to health care, education, employment, social services, and housing.
- Protect the Constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.
- Advocate for individual rights now protected by the Constitution.
- Continue to push for ratification of the ERA Constitutional Amendment

5. Public Education

- Encourage broad support for public schools as fundamental to a democratic society.
- Raise public awareness of the issues affecting public schools via social media, letters to the editor of local newspapers or other means.
- Collaborate with other non-partisan organizations advocating support for public schools.
- Advocate for legislation that supports public education at town halls, in community meetings, and through letters/emails/calls.

All League activities including Board meetings, Action Team and Committee meetings, and other activities will incorporate the guidelines below to the fullest extent possible to further the League's mission and values. All of our efforts are guided by a consideration of diversity, equity, and inclusion – the DEI lens. As necessary **in-person** and/or remote participation will be facilitated. To that end, we will:

- **Continue** to build awareness through all available outlets including Member meetings, emails, website, Instagram, Facebook, BlueSky, YouTube, and letters to the editor for local publications.

Use the website to promote transparency by including Board meeting minutes and reports of meetings **of County Election Services/Boards of Elections**

- **Continue to fundraise** via solicitation of individual donations, in-kind donations, grants from the L WVNC and L WVUS, and underwriting of major efforts.
- Outreach and alliance with external groups that expand the League's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion values
- **Engage** a variety of groups, including youth, young adults, new and prospective voters.