

Proposed LWVTLC Program for Advocacy, 2016-17

The League of Women Voters of Toledo/Lucas County:

Election Reform

- * Supports election reform that guarantees no citizen is disenfranchised.
- * Supports reforms to ensure that the Lucas County Board of Elections exhibits responsible management of elections, including adequate and continuous training of poll workers, fair and equitable distribution of the population among polling places and precincts and voting machines within precincts, as well as thorough and accurate counting of all votes.
- * Supports election reform that promotes sufficient pre-election planning to mitigate long election lines and provides post-election evaluation of each election.
- * Supports legislation that will permit the appointment of qualified electors who are not members of either of the two major political parties as precinct judges and election officers.
- * Supports reforms that promote best practices in voter education.

Local Government Funding

- * Supports adequate, fair and equitable funding for local government programs and services.

The Environment

- * Supports organizational, financial and technical methods of preventing environmental pollution.
- * Supports cooperation and coordination among governmental agencies and the private sectors involved with water management, air quality, toxic waste issues and land use that include the principals of smart growth and public participation in land development decisions plus other services not pertaining directly to the environment, such as economic development.
- * Encourages personal responsibility toward environmental conservation.
- * Supports the designation of Lake Erie as "impaired" according to the Clean Water Act.

Education

- * Encourages schools receiving public funds to be accountable to the public through locally elected officers and to comply with state educational standards.
- * Supports efforts to prevent students from being bullied.

Healthcare

- * Encourages the city of Toledo and Lucas County to continue financial support to programs such as CareNet that provide healthcare services to low-income residents of Lucas County who do not have health insurance and do not qualify for governmental healthcare programs.
- * Supports local cooperation and coordination among governmental agencies and medical providers to expand programs for the uninsured and underinsured.

Juvenile Justice

- * Supports the principle that children under the age of 18 are not adults and that their treatment within the juvenile justice system should relate to their stage of development. No child should be held in adult prisons or detention facilities.
- * Supports the use, development and coordination of local diagnostic and treatment resources for children at-risk as well as juvenile offenders.
- * Supports programs assisting youth who are transitioning from foster home placements to the adult world.

* Supports gender-specific treatment programs that meet the specific needs of each child, particularly programs with effective services, education and treatment.

* Supports the development of a comprehensive county system of children's services for the prevention and treatment of children at-risk, as well as juvenile offenders. Such a comprehensive system would require the intentional collaboration of families, schools, libraries and other community agencies and the courts to use the resources of the extended community to give each child a continuum of care.

Human Trafficking

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Domestic Violence

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