

**Annual Report of the Voter Service Committee  
of the League of Women Voters of Cook County  
May, 2022 – April, 2023**

This Annual Report is organized pursuant to the two aspects of the approved Program for 2022-23:

**1. Educate voters in general, and Cook County Local Leagues in particular, on election information and the County offices, candidates, and County-wide referenda for upcoming elections.**

- In May, 2022, arranged a virtual meeting with the Cook County Clerk's office for all local Leagues' voter service chairs to go over specifics for the June 28 Primary, particularly regarding vote-by-mail, early voting, and registering to vote on election day, including use of the "Super-Sites" (aka "voting centers"). Provided the recording of this meeting to all Local Leagues' voter service chairs.
- Provided suggested questions for Cook County and MWRD candidates for the LWVIL's Illinois Voter Guide for both the Primary and General elections, as well as providing contact information for the candidates.
- Worked with WTTW to again produce a video-voter's guide for the public to view candidates for the Primary and General elections.
- Worked with the Cook County Newsletter Editor/Web Master to provide voter information and results for both Chicago and Suburban Cook County residents for the Primary and General Elections in 2022 and the local elections in 2023.
- Monitored the web sites of the Cook County Clerk and of the Chicago Board of Elections and updated local Leagues' voter service chairs on changes for the 2022 and 2023 elections.
- Met with the local Leagues' voter service chairs following the General Election to discuss any problems with elections and suggested improvements.
- Periodically communicated questions from local Leagues to the League contact at the Clerk's office and then shared information with all the local Leagues.

**2. Work with the Cook County Clerk's election division and the Chicago Board of Elections to improve the voting process for all Cook County voters.**

- Observed and documented the processing of vote-by-mail ballots in the Primary by the Clerk's office to make sure the process has safe-guards to prevent fraud. Conclusion was that there are sufficient safe-guards in place.
- Expect to be compiling a list of issues and suggestions for improving the process and conveying information for review by the local Leagues' voter service chairs to send to the Clerk's office with a follow-up meeting this summer.

A note of thanks to all the local Leagues' voter service chairs and to the LWVIL voter service chairs Kathy Kenny and Melissa Lieb.

Members of the Committee: Carolyn Cosentino, Diane Edmundson, Helene Gabelnick, Georgia Gebhardt, Jennifer Manning, Nancy Marcus, Priscilla Mims (Coordinator), and Cynthia Schilsky