**Annual Report 2022 of LWVCC Advocacy**

Your League of Women Voters of Cook County continues to monitor Cook County governments and agencies in the areas of transparency, ethics, and good governmental practices.

* We have sent testimony letters to Cook County officials regarding filling of vacancies, ethics violations, mismanagement, redistricting, and use of ARPA funds from the federal government.
* Our League has worked on transparency and effectiveness of Board meeting procedures at Cook County Board, Health and Hospital System and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.
* In the criminal justice area, we have continued to question stakeholders regarding criminal justice reform as stated in our 2015 and 2019 studies on the subject.
* We have advocated for our League positions when applicable and supported initiatives that aligned with them. The upcoming Forest Preserve referendum, which we support, is one of them.

For more detail on our advocacy, go to our website [lwvcookcounty.org](http://lwvcookcounty.org)

under the About section.

What areas look to be on our radar for the near future? Criminal justice reform, spending of money on new and existing programs, Shakman oversight, effectiveness and efficiencies of departments and transparency of procedures.

LWVCC believes that our governments are more effective, transparent, responsive, and ethical when citizen groups such as ours pay attention and take action when needed.

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