

**Annual Report of the Voter Service Committee
of the League of Women Voters of Cook County
May, 2023 – April, 2024**

This Annual Report is organized pursuant to the two aspects of the approved Program for 2023-24:

- 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.**
 - Provided suggested questions for Cook County and MWRD candidates for the LWVIL's Illinois Voter Guide for the Primary, 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 election.
 - Partnered with the Chicago League to produce videos of candidates for the Cook County Board of Review and Cook County Clerk of the Court.
 - Partnered with the Chicago League and ABC/Channel 7 and Univision for a televised debate between the Democratic candidates for Cook County State's Attorney.
 - Worked with the Cook County Newsletter Editor/Web Master to provide voter information, including who may sign nominating petitions, who was running for County and MWRD offices, and results for both Chicago and Suburban Cook County residents for the Primary in 2024.
 - 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 2024 Primary election.
 - Met with the Cook County Clerk's Election Division in the fall and shared information with the local Leagues' voter service chairs.
 - Periodically communicated questions from local Leagues to the League contact at the Clerk's office and then shared information with all the local Leagues as appropriate.
 - Worked on the program, including drafting questions, for the May 2024 LWVCC Annual Meeting featuring the Chair of the Chicago Board of Elections and the Deputy Clerk for Elections.
 - Reviewed the Election Omnibus Bill for 2023 and conveyed key elements to the Local League Voter Service Chairs.

- 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.**
 - Suggested a new topic of "Voting on Election Day" for the web site of the Chicago Board of Elections, which was added.
 - Have reviewed and compared the information and layout of the web sites of the two election authorities on key topics and plan to meet with them to discuss possible improvements.
 - Also noted differences in some dates and key procedures between the two election authorities and will be following up to see if can get more consistency.

A note of thanks to all the local Leagues' voter service chairs and to the LWVIL voter service chair Jennifer Manning.

Members of the Committee: Carolyn Cosentino, Diane Edmundson, Helene Gabelnick, Priscilla Mims (Coordinator), Cynthia Schilsky, Lisa Slankard, and Jeanne Turner