

League of Women Voters of Cook County Advocacy Report May, 2020-May, 2021

The County League has had another year of active advocacy regarding Cook County governments and their departments. Because all meetings since COVID shut-downs have been virtual, our common practice of live testimony at meetings was curtailed. However that did not prevent us from advocating on various concerns we have had. Through letters, emails, phone calls, and virtual meetings, we were able to successfully convey our concerns, praises, suggestions, and recommendations. Almost all of this action originated from our Interest Groups or Committees—Budget and Structure; Health and Hospital System; Metropolitan Water Reclamation District; Criminal Justice; or Voter Service. Our Observers at various County Governmental Board Meetings provide valuable information to these groups.

Areas we were involved with this past year included the following:

- County Clerk/Recorder of Deeds Merger
- Redistricting
- Inspector General Reports
- Performance Management
- Reports origination and process
- Budget Process
- Board of Review
- Ethics
- Health and Hospital System Meetings and Audit
- Vote by Mail and Fraud Prevention
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District roll-call voting and Ethics ordinance

For short summaries of testimony and other advocacy of these topics, please read them on our website under heading ABOUT subcategory ACTION AND TESTIMONY.

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