

# **LWVCC PROPOSED PROGRAM 2021-2022**

## **PROPOSED AREAS OF FOCUS**

### **Voter Service Committee**

1. Educating citizens on sources of voting information through the LWVCC website at [www.lwvcookcounty.org](http://www.lwvcookcounty.org) and other means.
2. Continue to review and evaluate the new election equipment and process.

### **Observer Corps**

Observe and report on Cook County Board, Health and Hospital Systems, Forest Preserve District and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on our website under “Observer Reports”

### **Budget and Structure Interest Group**

1. County and MWRD government organization and oversight, including ethics and compliance with the Shakman decision principles
2. Transparency and effectiveness of board operations
3. Observing/reporting and assessing budget processes
4. Follow-up on applicable LWVCC positions and past studies (e.g., performance management and the results of the Recorder/Clerk December 2020 merger)

### **Criminal Justice Interest Group**

1. Pre-trial screening and assessment and Bond Court
2. Diversion programs and Electronic Monitoring
3. Mental health issues within the criminal justice system
4. Equal justice throughout the criminal justice system
5. Objective and uniform data collecting, sharing and reporting among all stakeholders.

### **Cook County Health Interest Group**

1. Monitor Independent Board and its committees
2. Monitor effect of 2020 changes made to the 2008 Enabling Ordinance.
3. Monitor quality of services at Stroger/ Provident Hospitals, and its Ambulatory Care Centers
4. Monitor growth efforts, budget, and sustainability of CCH
5. Monitor the efforts of the Public Health Department’s Covid response and vaccination program for suburban Cook County

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## **SUMMARY OF LWVCC POSITIONS**

For the complete positions see Where We Stand at [www.lwvcookcounty.org](http://www.lwvcookcounty.org)

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT**—Supports measures that improve the structure and function of Cook County government, including retention of single-member districts, separation of powers, a timely budget process, government transparency, standards for elected vs. appointed offices, and/or consolidation of offices, and inter-governmental cooperation, and performance management.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**—Supports measures that improve adult corrections and the criminal courts, increase and improve diversion programs, and improve judicial sentencing and oversight of correctional facilities.

**HEALTHCARE**—Supports measures that provide public health facilities that are accessible to those who need services, and provides for citizen input in planning for health care with emphasis on cost containment and consumer involvement.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE, TOWNSHIP SCHOOL SYSTEM**—See Where We Stand for position wording, LWVCC not active at this time.