

LWVCC PROPOSED PROGRAM 2025-2026

PROPOSED AREAS OF FOCUS

Voter Service Committee

1. Educate voters in general, and Cook County Local Leagues and members in particular, on election information and the County offices, candidates, and County-wide referenda for upcoming elections
2. Work with the Cook County Clerk's election division and the Chicago Board of Elections to improve the voting process and information provided for all Cook County voters

Observer Corps

Observe and report on the meetings of the Boards of Cook County, Forest Preserve District, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on our website under "Observer Reports"

Budget & Structure Interest Group

Continue to learn about, monitor, examine, and take action when appropriate regarding Cook County and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District governments, focusing on

- a. Transparency and effectiveness of Board operations
- b. Boards' oversight of spending programs, including use of appropriate performance objectives and measures
- c. Inspector General and Auditor reports and follow-up
- d. Actions the MWRD may take regarding "forever chemicals"

Criminal Justice Interest Group

1. Monitor the implementation in Cook County of the provisions of the SAFE-T Act, particularly those concerning pretrial procedures.
2. Monitor and examine within Cook County
 - a. Diversion programs and Electronic Monitoring
 - b. Mental health issues within the criminal justice system
 - c. Equal justice throughout the criminal justice system
 - d. Objective and uniform data collecting, sharing and reporting among all stakeholders
 - e. Restorative Justice Courts throughout Cook County

Forest Preserve District Interest Group

1. Monitor
 - a. land acquisitions and restoration efforts by the FP
 - b. capital improvements made and proposed by the FP in the preserves and at Brookfield Zoo
2. Offer guided walks in the woods to League members

SUMMARY OF LWVCC POSITIONS

For the complete positions see Where We Stand at 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, inter-governmental cooperation, and performance management.

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.