

League of Women Voters of Glenview-Glencoe



APPROVED LWVG2 2024-2025 PROGRAM PLAN

RETAIN EXISTING GLENVIEW AND GLENCOE POSITIONS as noted on pages 24-26 of the 2023-24 Yearbook

VOTER SERVICE (Sue Swaringen, Chair)

- Establish an official Voter Service committee with defined scope of responsibilities and assignment of ownership to members for key areas like registration technology, candidate forums, voter education.
- Build Voter Service corps through training, participation and delegation of responsibilities for various aspects of the voter engagement process.
- Continue with proven methods and find new ones for increasing local voter participation in elections via these channels:
 - Voter registration
 - Voter education
 - Election participation / voter turnout
- Solidify LWVGG as definitive source of voting education and information in the community via these actions:
 - Presence at community events during election season
 - Host voter education seminars for public
 - Partner with other organizations to build awareness of Voter Service efforts
 - Offer a series of election-related Lunch & Learns on topics like Ranked Choice Voting and How Federal Judges Get on the Bench
- Increase voter registration and education for seniors, e.g. recent resident relocations
- “Build education around the ballot” to support more informed choices for judicial races or other races where candidate information may not be readily available

GOOD GOVERNMENT: Understanding, Transparency, Accountability & Access

(Sheri Latash, Chair)

- Better government in Glenview: Convene an interest group to define scope of work and goals to identify best management practices (for example):
 - Building trustee training/expertise
 - Trustee input to Board agendas
 - Appointment process when a trustee is replaced
 - Criteria for establishment of Commissions and appointment qualifications
 - Public input to government decisions and responsiveness to that input
- Provide education to Glencoe members and to the public about the concept of “home rule” as they consider a future referendum on making Glencoe a home rule community
- Consider adapting the current ‘How To’ Guide to Local Government (Glenview) for other communities

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OBSERVERS

(Ann Yoshida, Chair)

- Engage members to become Glenview Observers; support establishment of Observer corps in Northbrook and Glencoe – no progress in Northbrook or Glencoe
- Host monthly Observer meetings to review and discuss government business and policy decisions
- Publish LWVGG and LWVCC (highlights) Observer Reports on the LWVGG website
- Increase Observer understanding of municipal budget structure

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN GLENVIEW, NORTHBROOK AND GLENCOE

(Pam Hay and Debbie DePalma, Co-chairs)

- Collaborate with Glenview Public Library to develop a pilot Civic Engagement Hub
 - The aim of the hub is to provide resources, educational programs & skills training that promote civic engagement such as voting, elections, interacting with local government bodies and public employees, civil discourse etc.
- Document civic engagement policies and practices for local officials
- Communicate findings to the community

WELCOMING COMMUNITY / EQUITY AND INCLUSION

(Sue Gregory, Chair)

- Member engagement
 - Provide mentoring and education for new members
 - Invite input from members to LWVG2 annual Program Planning
 - Increase opportunities for members to build advocacy skills, e.g. programs with retired/current state legislators
 - Educate members about laws and regulations, e.g. Open Meetings Act (OMA) and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Affordable and Fair Housing
 - Monitor local government policies, plans, and practices and advocate for adherence to current state and federal laws
 - Support legislation and calls to action initiated by LWV-IL and LWV-US

SPECIAL INTERESTS: Areas of advocacy aligned with LWVIL issues and interests

- Support legislation through education and calls to action, initiated by LWV-IL Issues and Advocacy specialists, e.g. Illinois SB /end of life medical support, LWVUS study/position on judicial oversight, including the Supreme Court

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- Prioritize areas of focus for advocacy
 - Criminal and Juvenile Justice
 - Gun safety and Gun Violence Prevention
 - Electoral College abolition
- Support Environmental and Sustainability initiatives
 - Greener Glenview
 - Cook County Forest Preserves