



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF GEORGIA

Recommended Program 2017-2019

As defined in the bylaws, Article XI Section 2, Program is “shall consist of action to implement the principles and those governmental issues chosen by the national and state convention for concerted study and action.”

Under this same section, it is the duty of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Georgia to recommend a proposed program to the convention.

For the 2017-2019 biennium, the State Board recommends that the League of Women Voters of Georgia join Leagues across the country in the Campaign for Making Democracy Work for All as adopted at the National Convention in 2016. Through this Campaign the Leagues in Georgia will work to:

1. Protect Voters by ensuring that all eligible voters – particularly those from traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities – have the opportunity and the information to exercise their right to vote. With a state-wide and Federal election year coming up, we will register voters in High Schools and Community Colleges and at Naturalization Ceremonies. We meet with our local election officials to ensure that voters in our communities have an equal opportunity to cast their ballots; we will observe our local election boards and report out to our members what actions taken that could impact the ability of voters to cast ballots in our communities.
2. Educate and Engage Voters: The leaders we elect make the decisions that affect all of us. We will help voters get registers, get to know the candidates and the issues and get out and vote. We will create and promote a state-wide League Voter Guide and use all available resources including our National Website Vote411.org to ensure voters have the information they need to when they go to the polls this November in local elections and next November in State and Federal elections. We will work in coalition with a diverse group of partners to promote as many opportunities as possible for votes to engage directly with candidates.
3. Reform Our Political System: The League is deeply committed to reforming our state’s political system by reducing the influence of money in politics at the state and local level and by educating and advocating for reform of our state’s redistricting process. We will take every opportunity to increase civic engagement in our communities to increase participation in voting and to increase our understanding of the power that organized civic engagement to change the political conversation in our state. We will take every opportunity to inform our communities about the importance of the upcoming census and the need for transparency and reform of our redistricting process.