

LWVTLC Program for Advocacy, 2011-2012

Election Reform

- Support election reform that guarantees no citizen is disenfranchised.
- Support reforms to ensure that the Board of Elections exhibits responsible management of elections, including adequate and continuous training of poll workers, fair and equitable distribution of the population among polling places and precincts and voting machines within precincts, as well as thorough and accurate counting of all votes.
- Support election reform that promotes sufficient pre-election planning to mitigate long election lines and provides post-election evaluation of each election.
- Support legislation that will permit the appointment of qualified electors who are not members of either of the two major political parties as precinct judges and election officers.
- Support legislation giving counties the option of using split shifts for poll workers.
- Support reforms that promote best practices in voter education.

Local Government Funding

- Support adequate, fair and equitable funding for local government programs and services.

The Environment

- Support organizational, financial and technical methods of preventing environmental pollution.
- Support cooperation and coordination among governmental agencies and the private sectors involved with water management, air quality, toxic waste issues and land use that include the principals of smart growth and public participation in land development decisions plus other services not pertaining directly to the environment, such as economic development. Encourage personal responsibility toward environmental conservation.

Education

- Support the best utilization of human and physical resources to provide a high quality system of publicly supported educational systems in the county.
- Support efforts to ensure that all schools are accessible, responsive and accountable for student performance: that they exhibit responsible management: that they are accountable to the public through locally elected officers and they comply with the same laws, rules, standards and policies.

Healthcare

- Encourage the city of Toledo and Lucas County to continue financial support to a program such as CareNet that provides healthcare services to low-income residents of Lucas County who do not have health insurance and do not qualify for governmental healthcare programs.
- Support local cooperation and coordination among governmental agencies and medical providers to expand the programs for the uninsured and underinsured.

Juvenile Justice

- Support the principle that children under age of 18 are not adults and that their treatment within the juvenile justice system should relate to their stage of development. No child should be held in adult prisons or detention facilities.
- Support the use, development and coordination of local diagnostic and treatment resources for children at-risk as well as juvenile offenders. Support programs assisting youth who are transitioning from foster home placements to the adult world. Support gender-specific treatment programs that meet the specific needs of each child, particularly programs with effective services, education and treatment.
- Support the development of a comprehensive county system of children's services for the prevention and treatment of children at-risk, as well as juvenile offenders. Such a comprehensive system would require the intentional collaboration of families, schools, libraries and other community agencies and the courts to use the resources of the extended community to give each child a continuum of care.