LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MICHIGAN

Purpose

This is the first step in the process that ends with the adoption of program at the LWVMI Convention in Lansing, May 21-23 2027

Your Response is Due March 1, 2027

Program Materials

Program Planning Guidance for Virtual Meetings

Find the .pdf of the response form on the LWVMI Members-Only site

Response Form: Online Survey

Useful Links

LWVMI Government Policy Positions

LWVMI Natural Resources Policy Positions

LWVUS Impact on Issues

Questions???

Send them to Ellen Lafferty at program@lwvmi.org

Welcome to the Program Planning Process for 2027-2029!

Program Planning.The Program Planning process is part of what makes the League a grassroots organization: each League member has the opportunity to influence the selection of issues where the state League can focus its time, talent and funds.

In preparation for the 2027 LWVMI Convention, local Leagues are being asked to review our current state positions and recommend to LWVMI whether; any need revisions, any new studies are needed or if there are any existing League positions to adopt by consensus. Responding with no recommendations is absolutely fine. We don't want this to be a burden for any local League.

Positions at the State and National level are what allow LWVMI to take action when an issue reaches the Michigan Legislature. An applicable position authorizes us to testify, write letters, make calls, and issue public statements when the need arises. This allows all of us to speak with one voice!

Two examples of suggestions sent from local Leagues were demonstrated at the last state Convention in 2025. A motion to update the LWVMI Election Law position was passed, resulting in a subcommittee currently working on that language update. At the same convention. the Medical Aid in Dying position from LWV of Utah was recommended for concurrence and passed unanimously.

Here is where we are asking for your help. We want to know your League's recommendation for LWVMI Positions for 2027-29 by March 1, 2027. Before your League volunteers start their discussion, make sure they're familiar with the positions of LWVMI and LWVUS. An excellent resource is the LWVUS Program Planning Guidance for Virtual (or in-person) meetings. All materials needed for your discussion can be found under the LWV-Only link on the LWVMI website.

Key Dates

Jan - Feb 2027: Local Leagues hold Program Planning meetings.

March 1, 2027: Your completed Google form is due

March 2027 LWVMI Board reviews local feedback

April 9, 2027: Recommended and non-recommended Local League proposals are circulated to all Leagues (six weeks before Convention, per LWVMI bylaws)

May 21-23, 2027: State Convention: delegates vote on Program

Thank you all for the time you give to the League of Women Voters!