

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS  
67 East Madison St., Chicago 60603

LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur

CIVIL RIGHTS - EQUAL HOUSING STATE PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT  
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Protection of the individual in his civil rights and liberties:

1. Study of equal housing opportunities.
2. Support of legislation to equalize employment opportunities.
3. Preservation of constitutional liberties.

1. Resource study committee: Number of members, months during which committee met, approximate number of meetings held. **8 members, meeting August thru. January, 10 meetings held.**
2. Meetings involving League members in general. Please report for both 1965-66 and 1966-67.
  - (a) General Meetings: When? **Oct. & Nov..** Program? (speakers, panel, etc.) **Discussion with representatives of local organizations.**
  - (b) Unit Meetings: When? **Jan. '67** How many units? **4 units, each meeting twice in Jan.** Format for presentation? **1st meeting, resource group presentation, 2nd meeting, discussion.**
  - (c) Consensus meeting: When? **Jan. 24-5** Had members at consensus meeting attended earlier meetings? **Yes** Estimate what per cent had? **75% of total attending**  
How many members participated in your League's consensus? **41 members**
3. Membership interest.
  - (a) Estimate how many members of your League attended at least one meeting on this subject. **54 members**
  - (b) How many of your committee were new to League since the item was adopted in spring of 1965? **Four**
  - (c) Would you think the housing item brought any new members into your League? **Without a doubt.**  
How many? **Hard to estimate. At least 5 or 6, and indirectly probably more.**
4. Community.
  - (a) Have you a related agenda item or CR at the local level? **Yes**  
Please state it: **Civil Rights: Study of Equal Housing Opportunities in Decatur.**
  - (b) Has your work on the item developed any informal communication with local groups in the same field? **Yes. Human Relations Commission, N.A.A.C.P., Council of Community Services, School Superintendent.**
  - (c) Have you suggestions for community action on a state position? **Mostly educational.**
5. Materials. (Housing Kit, EHO Publications #1 and #2, tapes, regional meetings)  
Which of these were helpful? What improvements would you have liked? **All used, except tapes and found to be well selected and extremely helpful.**  
Did you have problems related to the materials? **Late publication of EHO Publ. No.1 gave little time for thorough study before final meeting date. Also felt that publications could have been geared more to answering some of the consensus questions.**
6. Comments: