

1974-1975

**League
of
Women Voters
of Decatur, Illinois**

The **PURPOSE** of the League of Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

POLICY: The League may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

LEAGUE PRINCIPLES

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens.

The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in his right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.

The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies.

The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.

The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems, and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

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Board meetings are held once a month as announced in the Decatur Voter. They are open to members.

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PROGRAM

Program in the League of Women Voters means government issues which members have chosen to consider and on which they may act after thorough study and discussion and after consensus of the membership is reached.

Program selection at all three levels (local, state and national) begins with suggestions by individual members. From these suggestions the appropriate board prepares a proposed program on which members vote-personally on local program at the annual meeting of their league, and through delegates on state and national program at conventions.

The "Program for Action" adopted by the 1974 national convention incorporated this introductory statement:

"Citizen participation in government is basic to the democratic process and is therefore the cornerstone of the League's political purpose. The League acts in the public interest on political issues. We also act to enlarge citizen participation; to open up electoral and other government processes, to make facts on issues and on the political process more

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accessible, to protect the right of every citizen to vote, and to protect the individual liberties established under the Constitution.

The League uses many forums and techniques in pressing for change. We take legislative, litigative and administrative action at all levels of government. To get things done, we also act directly in the community. Simultaneously, in preparation for future action, we take up new issues identified by members as targets for research and decision.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

competent personnel with
clear responsibilities

coordination among agencies
and levels of government

adequate financing

effective enforcement, and

well-defined channels for
citizen input and review."

NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR 1974-75
(Adopted at National Convention, May 1974)

Environmental Quality

Action to achieve a physical environment beneficial to life, including improvement of water and air quality, promotion of wise use of water resources, progress in recycling and reduction in generation of solid wastes.

Land Use

Action (to be determined)
Focus: Land use policies and powers needed to foster an optimum balance between human needs and environmental quality.

Human Resources

Action to achieve equal rights for all, combat discrimination and poverty and provide equal access to housing, employment and quality education.

International Relations

Action to achieve liberal trade practices, to promote sound international development and to strengthen the United Nations, in recognition of the need for cooperation among nations in an interdependent world.

Representative Government

Action to promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive to all citizens, emphasizing comprehensive reforms in campaign financing and in congressional structure and procedures.

An evaluation of the role of the executive branch.

STATE PROGRAM FOR 1973-75
(Adopted at State Convention, April 1973)

Constitutional Revision and Implementation

Initiation and support of legislation to implement the 1970 Constitution in areas of League consensus. Action to achieve other consensus positions not embodied in the 1970 Constitution.

Local Government

Support of measures to improve the structure and operation of local government, to include action on the recommendations of the County Task Force.

Civil Rights and Liberties

Support of the individual in his civil rights and liberties in relation to private and public record keeping. Continued appraisal of record keeping systems.

Child Welfare

Support of improved services of Illinois state agencies serving children and their families.

Election Laws and Procedures

Support of improved election laws and procedures.

Land Use

Support of a statewide land use policy for Illinois to include a study of how the tax system might be revised to encourage sound land use decisions.

Correctional Procedures

Support of improved correctional procedures in Illinois.

School Finance

A study of the distribution of money for public education in Illinois and of alternative methods for financing schools to achieve greater equity for students and taxpayers.

LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1974-75
(Adopted at Annual Meeting, March 1974)

County and Township Governments

Support for elimination of townships in Macon County with their functions transferred to general purpose governments, such as the county or municipalities.

Support for Home Rule status for the county with establishment of an elected county executive. (If necessary we would support appointment of an administrator by the County Board until an executive can be elected.)

Support for elimination as elective offices those at the county level which do not set policy, such as Auditor, Recorder of Deeds, and Coroner.

Decatur's Environmental Quality

Support for adequate storm and sanitary sewers.

Council-Manager Form of City Government

Support for Council-Manager form of city government.

Decatur Public Schools

Support of the middle school grade organization (5-3-4, 4-4-4) and concept as best meeting our educational goals. Support of increased funds to provide quality education and adequate space. Emphasis on local community responsibility to require the school system to develop each child's potential.

Human Resources and Civil Rights

Support for provisions for enforcement of the Fair Housing Ordinance in Decatur. Support for funds for the Decatur Human Relations Commission.

MEETINGS FOR 1974-75

(See Monthly Decatur Voter for details)

- September 10 (Wed.) 7:30 p.m.
All-member Meeting - Land Use
Speaker-Mr. Charles Cherches, Director
of Community Development
- September 24 (Tues.) 12:30 p.m.
Simple Luncheon-U.N. "Concern for World
Hunger"
- October 2 (Wed.) 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Regional Meetings in Decatur
- October (Late in the month.)
Candidates Meeting and/or Voters Service
Activity
- November 5 ELECTION DAY
- November 26 (Tues.) 7:30 p.m.
All-Member Meeting: Panel discussion on
School Finance.
- December 10 (Tues.) 10:00 a.m. Brunch
All-Member Meeting: Day Care and Illinois
Public Aid Update
Welcome to New Members - State Program
Suggestions
- January 7 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Land Use Consensus
- February 4 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
School Finance Consensus
- March 11 (Tues.) 7:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting, Dessert
- April 8 (Tues.) 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Informational units on National Study -
Evaluation of the Role of the Executive
- April 25-27 STATE CONVENTION Chicago
- May 13 (Tues.) 7:30 p.m.
All-Member Meeting: Panel discussion -
Housing in Decatur
- May 20-21 Legislative Seminar - Springfield

*Bring donations for Food Banks.

MEMBERSHIP

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