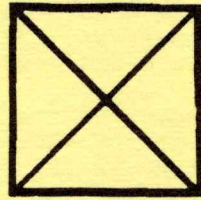


1975 - 1976

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

(Concepts of government, supported by the League as a whole, which constitute the authorization for adoption of national, state and local program.)

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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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 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 1974-76

(Adopted at National Convention, May 1974)

Environmental Quality

Carol Campbell, Chrn.

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 (Consensus of 3/75)

Carol Campbell, Chrn.

Members agreed that land ownership implies responsibilities of stewardship and consideration of both public and private rights. While every level of government must share responsibility for land management, it is essential, at a minimum, that one level of government determine and regulate critical land areas and activities. The federal government should exert a special leadership role through policies, standards, incentives, and sanctions for state and local land management with attention to inter- and intra-governmental coordination and more effective citizen participation.

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

Lola Smith, Chrn.

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.

Milli Protzman, Chrn.

STATE PROGRAM FOR 1975-77
(Adopted at State Convention, April 1975)

Handgun Control

A one-year study of handgun control in Illinois and of pending and future legislation pertaining to such control.

State Budget

A two-year study of the State of Illinois budget by a League Task Force.

School Finance

Support of a public school finance system that achieves greater equity of student and taxpayer without diminishing local control of program and budget.

Assessment Practices

Support of measures to achieve fair assessment practices in Illinois.

Land Use

Support of a statewide land use policy for Illinois.

Carol Campbell, Chrn.

Child Welfare

Support of improved services of Illinois state agencies serving children and their families with a study of the current level of services.

Karen Jensen, Chrn.

Election Laws and Procedures

Support of improved election laws and procedures to include a study of nominating procedures with emphasis on primary elections and voter registration by mail.

Local Government

Support of measures to improve the structure and operation of local government.

Correctional Procedures

Support of improved correctional procedures in Illinois.

Civil Rights and Liberties

Support of the individual's civil rights and liberties in respect to privacy and record keeping.

Constitutional Amendments

Support of constitutional amendments to achieve: merit selection of judges, single member districts, and reduction in the size of the legislature; continued support of an appointed State Board of Education, an appointed Superintendent of Education; and flexible annual legislative sessions.

LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1975-76
(Adopted at Annual Meeting, March 1975)

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.

Support for improved surface drainage of the City of Decatur, as proposed by the Surface Drainage Task Force and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Improved Storm Drainage.

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.

LEAGUE MEETINGS IN 1975-76

(See monthly Decatur Voter for details.)

- September 9
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. All Member Meeting. Child Welfare.
Speakers from Council of Community
services.
- October 7
Tuesday
9:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m. Unit Meetings on Role of the
Executive Branch.
- October 22
Wednesday
12:30 p.m. United Nations Day - Special Update.
Potluck Luncheon.
- November 11
Tuesday
9:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m. Unit Meetings on Role of the
Executive Branch.
- December 9
Tuesday
10:00 a.m. Brunch. Review of National Program;
program suggestions for National
Convention. Financing the League.
- January 13
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. All Member Meeting on Handgun Control.
- February 10
Tuesday Review of local program and program
suggestions for 1976-77.
- March 9
Tuesday Meetings on Registration by mail.
- April 13
Tuesday Annual Meeting of Decatur LWV.
- May 11
Tuesday Meetings on Child Welfare.

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