



League of Women Voters® of the Flint Area

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

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Questions for OUR LWV Flint Area Members

1. *Are you a good steward of the LWV?*
2. *Are you helping the League achieve goals?*
 - a. *Volunteering*
 - b. *Reading newsletters*
 - c. *Sharing FB posts*
 - d. *Encouraging others to participate*
 - e. *Serve on a committee or board*
3. *What activities are of most interest to you?*

We want you to be involved.
We need you to be involved.



VISION Statement

(LWVUS) We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

(FA) To empower citizens to participate in the improvement of their communities.

Our Mission & Goals

Mission

(US) Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

(FA) The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Value Statement (US)

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

Goals (FA)

1. Encourage informed and active participation in government.
2. Increase understanding of major public policy issues.
3. Influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Annual Meeting Procedures

The Annual Meeting is open to members of the League of Women Voters of the Flint Area, their guests and visitors. Only members in good standing are allowed to speak and vote.

Roberts Rules of Order will govern the general conduct of the meeting, except where superseded by the Bylaws or Annual Meeting Rules.

The Secretary, or Chair, may request that motions or amendments be put in writing.

Each year our local program must be approved by the membership. The Board recommends approval of the program as printed in this report. A majority vote of members attending the meeting is needed for approval.

Our Bylaws provide for election of officers and appointment of directors. Election of the slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, is by majority vote. The Nominating Committee consists of two Board members, appointed by the board. All remaining members are elected at this 2018 Annual Meeting.

Some Basics on Robert's Rules:

The method used by members to express themselves is in the form of moving motions. A motion is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue.

Types of Parliamentary Procedure	
Main	The purpose of a main motion is to introduce items to the membership for their consideration. They cannot be made when any other motion is on the floor, and yield to privileged, subsidiary, and incidental motions.
Subsidiary	Their purpose is to <u>change or affect how a main motion is handled</u> and is voted on before a main motion. (higher than main, lower than privileged) Postpone indefinitely; Amend; Postpone to a certain time; Limit or extend debate; Previous question; Table
Privileged	Their purpose is to bring up items that are urgent about special or important matters unrelated to pending business, they are not debatable. Call for the orders of the day; Raise a question of privilege; Recess; Adjourn; Fix the time to which to adjourn
Incidental	Their purpose is to provide a means of questioning procedure concerning other motions and must be considered before the other motion. Point of order; Appeal; Suspend the rules; Objection to the consideration of a question; Division of a question; Consideration by paragraph or seriatim; Division of the assembly; Motions relating to methods of voting and the polls; Motions relating to nominations; Request to be excused from a duty; Requests and inquiries (Parliamentary inquiry, Request for information, Request for permission to withdraw or modify a motion, Request to read papers, Request for any other privilege)

Some specific motions and their purpose:

- Point of Order: Infraction of the rules, or improper decorum in speaking (#4)
- Divide the Question: Divides a motion into two or more separate stand-alone motions (#4)
- Withdraw/Modify Motion: Applies only after question is stated; mover can accept an amendment without obtaining the floor (#4)
- Suspend the Rules: Allows a violation of the assembly's own rules (except Constitution); the object of the suspension must be specified (#4)
- Point of Information: information desired from the speaker: "I should like to ask the (speaker)..." (#4)
- Recess: allows for a brief break from debate (#3)
- Adjourn: ends the meeting (#3)
- Point of Privilege: Noise, personal comfort, etc. - may interrupt only if necessary! (#3)
- Orders of the Day (Agenda): A call to adhere to the agenda (#3)
- Take from the Table: Resumes consideration of item previously "laid on the table" (#2)
- Reconsider: Can be made only by one on the prevailing side who has changed position or view. Until the motion to reconsider is disposed of or lapses, the effect of the original vote is suspended, and no action may be taken to implement it. (#2)
- Postpone: State the time the motion or agenda item will be resumed (#2)
- Table: Temporarily suspends further consideration/action on pending question (#2)
- Previous Question: Closes debate if successful and moves to the previous motion (#2)
- Rescind: may be made at any later meeting, but until passed, has no effect on the original decision
- Extend/Limit Debate: Applies only to the immediately pending question – for a specific time (#2)
- Postpone Indefinitely: Kills the question/resolution for this session - exception: the motion to reconsider can be made this session (#2)
- Refer to Committee: State the committee to receive the question or resolution (#2)
- Amend: Inserting, striking out, or substituting words or paragraphs (#2)

Methods of voting:

1. By Voice
2. By Roll Call
3. By General Consent: membership shows agreement by their silence, however if one member says, "I object," the item must be put to a vote.
4. By Division: members raise their hands or stand.
5. By Ballot

2017-2018 BOARD of the LWV of the FLINT AREA

OFFICERS

President (2017-19)	Linda Hoff
Administrative Vice President (2017-19)	Rhina Griffel
Program/Advocacy Vice President (2016-2018)	Doris Sain
Secretary (2017-2019)	Jeanette Hall
Treasurer (2016-2018)	Norma Sain

DIRECTORS

Natural Resources (2017-18)	Mike Haley
Voter Registration (2017-18)	Clara and Bill Brooks
Webmaster & Technology (2017-18)	Linda Hoff

2017-18 Nominating Committee

Doris Sain, Rhina Griffel, Pegge Adams, Katie Kiacz, Edith Robbins

Annual Meeting Proposed Agenda

- 1:30pm Registration, Refreshments, social time, receipt of program materials for review
- 2:00pm **Welcome & Serving of Tea**
- 2:30pm **Business Meeting:**
- Acceptance of 2017 Minutes
 - Motion to Accept, Questions, Vote
 - Treasurer's Report LWVFA FY17-18
 - Receive for audit
 - Presentation of Proposed Budget FY18-19
 - Motion, Questions, Vote
 - Report of 2017-18 Program Activities
 - Presentation of Proposed Program
 - Motion, Questions/Comments, Vote
 - Presentation of Revised Bylaws
 - Report of the 2018 Nominating Committee (Doris Sain)
 - Open Nominations from the Floor
 - Election of 2018 Officers & Directors for LWVFA
 - Election of the 2018 Nominating Committee
 - New Business
 - LWVFA Member Remarks
 - THANK YOUs
 - Adjournment

2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE FLINT AREA
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2017
Doris Sain Community House – Flint, Michigan

Welcome: Rhina Griffel and Doris Sain served as meeting chairs. President, Linda Hoff, absent due to illness.

Speaker: Speaker, Prof Deegan-Krause of WSU on Redistricting and the Problem of Gerrymandering

Business Meeting

Call to Order: The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Flint Area was called to order.

Purpose: The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to approve a budget for the next fiscal year, to elect League officers, directors and nominating committee members, and to approve Local League Positions. The agenda and meeting procedures were approved as printed in the Annual Report.

Acceptance of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes: The Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Attendees were referred to the 2016-17 Treasurer's Report. Checking balance as of May 30, 2017 was \$8,038.58.

Proposed Budget: The proposed budget for 2017-18 was presented to the membership, moved for approval and adopted without change.

Nominating Committee Report: Nominations for expiring and vacant positions were presented. No additional nominations were made.

Election of Officers: The slate was unanimously elected by the membership body, as presented.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Hall, Secretary

LWVFA Financial Statement 2017-18 and Proposed Budget 2018-2019

		Proposed 2017-2018		Actual 2017-18		Proposed 2018-2019	
		Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
	Beginning Balance			\$ 8,038.58			
A.	Administration						
1.	P.O. Box		\$ 102.00		112.00		\$ 120.00
2.	Postage		\$ 100.00		69.40		\$ 100.00
3.	Insurance LWVMI		\$ -		43.50		\$ 50.00
4.	D&O Insurance		\$ 100.00		100.00		\$ 100.00
5.	Programs		\$ 500.00		454.83		\$ 500.00
6.	Website fees*		\$ 200.00		310.51		\$ 250.00
7.	PayPal fees		\$ 20.00		17.97		\$ 20.00
8.	Constant Contact		\$ 780.00		999.00		\$ 540.00
9.	Marketing (signs, banners, etc)		\$ 100.00				\$ 200.00
10.	Fundraising/Appeals/Donations	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,345.00		\$ 3,130.00	\$ 300.00
11.	Meeting Space (CSVNP)						\$ 200.00
12.	Miscellaneous		\$ 225.00				\$ 100.00
B.	Membership						
1.	Individual @ \$65	40 \$ 2,600.00		35 \$ 2,240.00		60 \$ 3,900.00	
	LWVMI PMP @\$23		\$ 920.00		759.00		\$ 1,380.00
	LWVUS PMP @32		\$ 1,280.00		1,056.00		\$ 1,920.00
2.	Household @ \$35 (additional)	10 \$ 1,000.00		10 \$ 1,000.00		10 \$ 350.00	
	LWVMI PMP @\$11.50		\$ 345.00		80.50		\$ 115.00
	LWVUS PMP @\$16.00		\$ 465.00		112.00		\$ 160.00
3.	Student @ \$25**	8 \$ 200.00		2 \$ 50.00		10 \$ 100.00	
	LWVMI @ \$11.50		\$ 92.00		57.50		\$ -
	LWVUS @ \$15.50		\$ 124.00		80.00		\$ -
4.	LWVLMR		\$ 25.00				\$ 25.00
C.	Meetings						
1.	Annual Meeting	\$ 750.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 530.00	239.83	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 700.00
2.	State Workshop		\$ 90.00				\$ -
3.	State Convention				170.00		\$ 1,800.00
4.	National Convention		\$ 1,750.00				\$ -
5.	Making Democracy Work	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,432.00	\$ 805.00	911.03		\$ -
6.	Other						
D.	Grant Activities						
1.	Public Advocacy/Voter Protection			\$ 176.94	176.94	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00
2.	Voter Registration			\$ 250.00		\$ -	\$ -
E.	OTHER						
1.	Scholarship			\$ 10.00			
2.	Education Fund			\$ 100.00	100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
		\$ 9,350.00	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 6,506.94	5,850.01	\$ 8,730.00	\$ 8,730.00
	Ending Balance			\$ 8,695.51			
	Savings Balance			\$ 101.65			
	Education Fund Balance			\$ 583.80			

*Regarding A.6, website fees: the domain name is renewed every three years. Current registration is scheduled for renewal in 2020.

** Regarding B.3, Student memberships: in 2018, LWVUS and LWVMI made a commitment to waive student fees through the 2020 program year. At which time, it will be determined if that will continue. LWVFA will continue to collect \$10/student as a means to fund our outreach to high schools and post-secondary.

2017 – 2018 Program in Review

JUNE	Redistricting update with LWVMI
JULY	Disability Network Picnic – Voter Registration and Education. Thank you to Rhina Griffel for heading up the effort to greet nearly 1,000 visitors.
AUGUST	Voter Registration events – thanks to Clara and Bill Brooks for their continued leadership!
SEPTEMBER	Voter Registration at MCC Planning for Making Democracy Work event Redistricting Conference calls with LWVMI
OCTOBER	Voter Registration – Flushing HS (Brooks) Voting Rights Community Presentation (PAVP) (with NBC 25 news coverage) Video capture of slide presentation posted to LWVFA website Michigan Environmental Council annual meeting Radio show WFLT – re: Flint Elections Making Democracy Work event: honoring Ingrid Halling and Doreen Fulcher
DECEMBER	LWVMI files Gerrymandering lawsuit
NOVEMBER	Public Advocacy and Voter Protection – final conference call Poll watching – City of Flint (by request of Clerk, Inez Brown)
JANUARY	Letter to Principals for HS Voter Registration Voter Registration Training Planning for Kickoff of Promote the Vote
FEBRUARY	Permission from LWVMI and commitment to working with Thumb Region Program Planning and Consensus Meeting for Migrant/Agricultural Worker Position Promote the Vote kickoff & training HS Voter Registration begins!
MARCH	HS Voter Registration Voter Registration Training – Lapeer volunteers
APRIL	Equal Pay Day – Lansing HS Voter Registration – throughout Mid-Michigan Panelist for Flint Area Public Affairs Forum - #US TOO event Voter Registration Training – Brown City
MAY	Final HS Voter Registration Events

Reports from the 2017-2018 Program Year

From the President

The work of the League of Women Voters is more important now, than perhaps at any other time in our history. We are working diligently to protect voting rights, public education, environmental protections and more. Most importantly, we are conducting our efforts in a civil, non-partisan manner. We are working to engage voters from all walks of life and encourage them to become educated on issues before making decisions at the polls. We are reminding all voters that we offer a non-partisan, non-endorsing educational site that they can reference to learn more about candidates and issues. Most importantly, we are engaging people at the grassroots – true to the roots of our organization.

While some local Leagues across the state gained significant numbers of members after the 2016 election, our numbers remained relatively steady. This year, our local League made a commitment to work with new volunteers throughout the Thumb region – Lapeer, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties thus far. Our effort has resulted in 13 energetic new members. The volunteers from these communities rolled up their sleeves, learned about voter registration, studied the HS Voter Registration educational powerpoint, and then went out to their communities and engaged. Combined, these people have registered about 850 new voters!

Whether seasoned, or a newly minted member, ***we truly want to engage every member to the best of their ability.*** Please let us know what your area of interest is and what you might like to try. This is a place where ALL are welcome. We would love to work with you and help you find (or refine) that inner advocate.

Last year I reported that the demands of leading our Flint Area group, combined with Advocacy at the state level were straining my ability to do everything effectively. In January, I made the difficult decision to step down from my state board role to better serve our local region. I look forward to getting many more of our members more engaged in the outreach efforts of our League. Don't be shy, your effort will be worthwhile and supported.

InterLeague

The LWV of the Lake Michigan Region, of which we are a member group, is thriving. Their dedicated leaders continue their work protecting and educating both legislators and the public about issues relative to the Great Lakes. For more information about this group check out www.LWVLMR.org.

Advocacy

Promote the Vote: This is a ballot initiative for an Amendment to Michigan's Constitution. The same groups that are part of the Redistricting collaborative that the LWV has been working with since 2012, are part of this initiative: primarily ACLU, the League of Public Policy, NAACP (Detroit and Michigan). As of the end of May, it was reported that the threshold of signatures has been achieved. Here in the Flint Area, collection/education will continue through June 18th.

Redistricting: The LWVMI continues to support and encourage educational events on Redistricting and Gerrymandering. While available in Genesee County, there have been no requests for presentations in 2017. We like to assume that Voters Not Politicians have engaged many through their petition efforts and educational sessions. It does appear that VNP's ballot initiative will likely be on the November ballot.

Voter Engagement: Clara and Bill Brooks continue their role as Directors of High School Voter Registration efforts. They have mentored and engaged members of the Flint Area as well as our newly minted members in neighboring counties. Combined numbers from Genesee, Lapeer, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties are about 1,324 new young adult voters here in mid-Michigan. Also very important, is that many of our drives were accompanied by local clerks who are partnering with us to verify identities of these new voters so they will not have difficulties getting Absentee Ballots when they go away to college in the fall. It is very beneficial that our local Clerks are getting to know our local League and working with us to build stronger voter representation.

Poll Watching: In October we were requested to conduct poll watching in Flint precincts (Mayoral election). Normally, we don't do formal poll watching in odd-numbered years but we quickly put together a team. We had all-day coverage at the MCC's seven precincts. All told, we visited about ¾ of Flint's 60 voting precincts. Key issues continue to be staffing, preparedness of Election Inspectors to handle non-routine issues, distribution of voters in precincts (busy vs not), access for handicapped, and parking. We appreciate Ms. Brown's confidence in our work and remain dedicated to improving Election Day access for voters.

Communications / Web Based Activity

We continue to participate and grow our social media presence. Our followers have grown to 288. We continue to help educate and support our 'friends' on issues related to voting, legislative decisions, League updates, Action Alerts and more.

Our website is now 10 years old. It continues to grow in visits; according to our statistics report, we have an average of 11,000 visits per month this year. Through our website, people can continue to make use of PayPal as a convenient way to pay dues, make donations, or RSVP for events such as our Annual Meeting.

Additionally, online voter guide access through Vote411.com continues to grow. The 2016 General Election saw over 5,800 visitors. The 2017 election cycle was pretty quiet, but we still saw nearly 1,000 visitors. We are doing our best to prepare for good traffic in the 2018 mid-term election.

2018 – 2019 LWVFA Proposed Program

At the 2016 national LWV convention, there was a request not to adopt any new studies so the LWV could focus their resources on the Democracy Agenda: Voter Protection and Mobilization; Election Reform; Money in Politics; & Redistricting. That same request will be made by the LWVUS board at the 2018 Convention later in June. At this time, we do not know if any new studies or priorities will be adopted at the 2018 Convention.

State and local Leagues across the nation are pledging to focus their programs on the Democracy Agenda as well. Partisan politics and political influence are threatening the foundation of representative democracy. We must work to educate and engage voters to ensure that democracy is nurtured, and that people discover the importance of their voice in civic dialogue and decision making.

JUNE	Forum: State Senate and State Representatives (June 18, GISD Innovation Center, 4pm-9pm)
JULY	VOTE411 information gathering for the August primary Forum: Circuit Court (7 th District), July 11, 7pm-9pm Voter Registration
AUGUST	Mid-term Primary Election; Women’s Equality Day; Update VOTE411.org; Informational Event(s); Voter Registration
SEPTEMBER	Voter Registration Training; National Voter Registration Day; Letter to HS Principals; Planning for Forums on Ballot Initiatives; Informational Event(s); Begin recruiting effort for Poll Watchers
OCTOBER	VOTE411.org; Forums on Issues; Ensuring as much candidate information as possible is posted either on website or VOTE411.org; Informational Event(s); Continue recruiting poll waters AND training
NOVEMBER	General Election
DECEMBER	Rest – Happy Holidays!
JANUARY	LWVMI Program Review
FEBRUARY	Local Position/Program Review; LWV Birthday; HS Voter Registration
MARCH	HS Voter Registration
APRIL	HS Voter Registration
MAY	LWVMI Convention
JUNE	LWV Flint Area Annual Meeting

SCHEDULED CALENDAR DATES

June 12 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk <i>Health Care Inequities</i> – Flint Public Library *LWV to do voter registration at each event
June 15 th (Wed)	5pm-?	Orientation and Discussion with Thumb volunteers and interested persons – diAngeli Library, Lapeer
June 18 th (Mon)	4pm-9pm	Forum for State Senate and State Representatives GISD Innovation Center, Torrey Rd, Flint
June 19 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji talk <i>Health Care Inequities</i> – New McCree Theatre
July 2 nd (Mon)	5pm	Deadline for VOTE411
July 8 th (Sun)		Scheduled date to ‘go-live’ with VOTE411.org
July 9 th (Mon)	5pm	Last day to register before the Primary Election
July 10 th (Tue)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: <i>Young Voices</i> – Flint Public Library
July 11 th (Wed)	7pm-9pm	Forum for Circuit Court – 7th District Harrison Conference Rm, County Admin Bldg, Flint
July 17 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: <i>Young Voices</i> – New McCree Theatre
July 24 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: Gerrymandering – New McCree Theatre
Aug 7 th (Tues)	7am-8pm	PRIMARY ELECTION
Aug 14 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: <i>Disenfranchisement</i> – Flint Public Library
Aug 21 st (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: <i>Disenfranchisement</i> – New McCree Theatre
Sept 18 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: <i>Trauma</i> – New McCree Theatre
Sept 25 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: <i>Immigration</i> – Flint Public Library
Oct 9 th (Tues)	5:00pm	Last day to register for the General Election
Oct 9 th (Tues)	5:30-7:30pm	Tendaji Talk: <i>Ballot Initiatives/Issues</i> – New McCree Theatre
Nov 6th (Tues)	7am-8pm	ELECTION

Tendaji Talks are hosted by Neighborhoods Without Borders and sponsored by CS Mott Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Flint Public Library and The New McCree Theatre

2018 LWVFA Nominating Committee Report

Those in bold are nominated for ELECTION during this Annual Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor for anyone interested in a role.

OFFICERS

President (2017-19)

Linda Hoff

Administrative Vice President (2017-19)

Rhina Griffel

Program Vice President (2018-2020)

Pegge Adams and Jan Seinborn

Secretary (2017-19)*

Jeanette Hall

Treasurer (2018-20)

Norma Sain

DIRECTORS

Natural Resources (2018-20)

Mike Haley

Voter Registration (2018-20)

Clara and Bill Brooks

Director at Large (2018-20)

Doris Sain and Edith Robbins

2018-19 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elected Board Officers

Pegge Adams and Rhina Griffel

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY THE 2017-2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rhina Griffel, Doris Sain, Pegge Adams, Katie Kiacz & Edie Robbins

* The term of Secretary got off schedule at some point, the date indicated is the correction to put the position back on schedule.

SINCERE THANKS to Our Contributors

Your membership dues go far in the League of Women Voters. When you join a local chapter of the League, your dues provide membership at the state and national levels. It is through the state and national levels that local Leagues benefit from research, continuing education, leadership development, and advocacy opportunities/guidance.

As a grassroots organization, we rely on financial and in-kind support from our donors. We are always thankful to our donors because your generosity allows us to continue MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK in our community. We thank you, very sincerely.

Donors from June 1, 2017 to May 30, 2018:

Bill & Clara Brooks	Rhina Griffel
Ingrid Halling	Linda & Craig Hoff
Ann Kraft	Vicki Leland
Doris Sain	Norma Sain
Tamara & Howard Schultz	Mary Ann Smith
Anonymous	

In Memoriam and Honorarium contributions are a meaningful way to celebrate the memory of a loved one or pay tribute to someone who cares about Making Our Democracy Work. Donations may be sent to LWVFA, PO Box 230, Flint, Michigan 48501-0230.

* It is our goal to be as accurate as possible with our records. If our members identify any errors or omissions, please identify them to us and we will be happy to make necessary corrections.

Tax Deductible Gifts

Tax deductible gifts may always be made to the LWV Education Fund. For tax purposes, these funds get forwarded to the LWVUS and are held in trust for our League to use for educational/outreach programs.

LWV Flint Area – Consensus statement on proposed Agricultural Migrant Worker position

Question:

A person should be allowed to apply for or secure and renew a driver's license or obtain an identification card regardless of immigration status.

Reply:

The decision and comments from the Flint Area are below. We discussed this at some length, however, I am sorry to say that our consensus was to DISAGREE with the proposed change in the position statement. We would like to thank the LWV of Leelanau for their effort and continued diligence for this underserved community.

Comments:

From a humanitarian point of view, everyone agreed that helping others, regardless of status is a 'good thing.' However, in the interest of good public policy, our decision was not to support the proposed change.

- Following are the key arguments for our decision:
Here in Genesee County, we have many people earning minimum wage who cannot afford to register and insure a vehicle - cannot imagine the very low wages of these residents will make that a likely outcome;
- By definition, these residents are 'migrant' which means their address changes - meaning they would need visit the SOS office (in-person or on-line) every time they moved. Failure to change your address can result in revocation of a driver's license (didn't see that in the material). These people could, realistically, end up in trouble for driving with a suspended license because they didn't understand the law.
- The MI SOS requires a fair amount of documentation to get a license/ID. Offering undocumented residents access to documents that citizens need a higher level of 'proof' would not be good public policy.
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/DE40_032001_20459_7.pdf
- In this political climate, making the job of ICE easier does not make sense.
- By definition, this position statement would ONLY apply to the Agricultural Migrant/Seasonal Workers; it would not apply to any other undocumented resident which is not fair at its very foundation.

What YOU Can DO



1. Join the LWV—everyone is welcome

- a. Connect with people who share your democratic values
- b. Share in decision making and work
- c. Know you are part of bigger coalitions

2. Learn About Issues

- a. Improve your general knowledge of issues—learn from others
- b. Focus on issues important to you—share your knowledge
- c. View issues from a broader perspective—respect people's right to different viewpoints

3. Strengthen Our Voice & Establish Relationships

- a. Engage
- b. Mentor
- c. Demonstrate
- d. Advocate

4. Be Realistic—build bridges, not walls

- a. Compromise
- b. Non-partisan solutions (stick to issues)

5. Stay Positive

- a. Hard work needs positivity—remember to have some fun
- b. Avoid burnout—take time for yourself and your loved ones