

14 WAYS TO BECOME A MORE POLITICALLY ACTIVE CITIZEN



Making Democracy Work

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<p><u>Local politics and activism</u></p>	
<p>1. Know how to get in touch with your legislators to voice your concerns.</p>	<p>League of Women Voters is working to publish a contact list of elected officials. We also interview local legislators to get to know their views on important issues. We work with them and give citizens opportunities to meet with them.</p>
<p>2. Identify an issue you care about and pursue it.</p>	<p>Jackson League currently working on: Voter Rights, Prison Reform, Public Education, Local Government and Environment issues</p>
<p>3. Attend City Council Meetings –experience what is important to your city's legislators and fellow citizens.</p>	<p>The League works to have our elected officials be more responsive and transparent to us. We need more volunteers to help with this.</p>
<p>4. Find ways to improve your community</p>	<p>Attend the next League of Women Voters meeting and see what we are doing. Dates are posted on FACEBOOK</p>
<p>5. Attend or organize rallies and events</p>	<p>Last year the Jackson League held Candidate Forums of local politicians, supported voter registration rallies, had a town hall on "Voting the whole ballot", registered voters at dozens of events</p>
<p>LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.</p> <p>WE HAVE FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS AND STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS</p>	
<p>6. Mobilize people to support your cause – make a difference. Get a group together to act on an issue.</p>	<p>This is what the League of Women Voters does.</p>
<p>7. Join a voting league or political organization</p>	<p>Empower yourself: Join the League of Women Voters – we are non-partisan</p>
<p>8. Volunteer to work at a polling place</p>	<p>Over the years, the league has had poll observers helping city/county clerks for years – we need your help</p>
<p>9. Volunteer to register voters</p>	<p>A major activity of the LWV. Last year the Jackson League registered hundreds of voters at many events, including high school and college students. Ask us to register voters at your workplace or other venue or charitable event.</p>
<p><u>Political Education</u></p>	
<p>10. Subscribe to a paper or publication that provides good information and facts.</p>	<p>The League provides timely, accurate information via our local, state and national websites and FACEBOOK pages and newsletter. LWV alerts you to actions you can take with your legislators regarding pending legislation and other events. Our political information is non-partisan (we take no sides, just provide facts.)</p>
<p>11. Read up on American history and civics</p>	<p>Join the Jackson League of Women Voters Book Club. Read and discuss non-fiction books related to American history and civics</p>
<p><u>Community Outreach</u></p>	
<p>12. Volunteer to educate High School students on importance of voting, how to register and how to vote</p>	<p>The League has a program to do this but we need more volunteers</p>
<p>13. Donate to improve your community.</p>	<p>Membership dues help support League activities. In addition, the League accepts tax deductible donations for the education fund.</p>
<p>14. Make a difference in Jackson</p>	<p>Attend our next meeting. Find the Jackson League of Women Voters on FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvotersjacksonmi</p>

Mission of the League of Women Voters: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

MORE INFORMATION ON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON OTHER SIDE

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For More Information you can check out the state and national LWV websites...

LWV-MI: www.lwvmi.org

LWV: www.lwv.org

To become a member of the League of Women Voters, just fill out this form and send it in with your check. Make check payable to League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area and mail to:

JACKSON UNIT
LWV-LA
P.O. Box 971
East Lansing, MI 48826

NAME _____

NAME(second name for household membership only) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

(For second name in household membership)

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Membership Dues Enclosed (check one):

- \$65 Individual Membership (annual) \$32 going to LWV-US, \$23.00 for LWV-MI and \$10.00 for our local League
- \$97.50 Household Membership for 2 (annual)
- \$32.50 Student Membership (annual)

Additional donations: We are a 501(c3) organization. Dues and donations for general league activities are not tax deductible. However, tax deductible donations can be given to the LWV Education Fund for local use. If you wish to donate to the Education fund please use a separate check made out to LWV Education Fund and mail to the above address. This money can be used by our local Jackson League for voter services.

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