

PROPOSED 2008-2009 LOCAL PROGRAM
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

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This program is identical to the program approved at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

The board proposes no changes.

- I. HUMAN RESOURCES:** Promote equality of opportunity for all persons in Champaign County.
- A. Promote responsible and effective human relations commissions in Champaign County.
 - B. Encourage and support local school districts in the maintenance of appropriate facilities and in the development of programs which enhance the quality of education for all children.
 - C. Promote effective library service for all residents of Champaign County.
 - D. Support and encourage the provision of public health services to all Champaign County residents.
 - E. Promote public understanding of the need to invest in programs that promote the welfare of children.
 - F. Support a Living Wage Policy for Champaign County.
- II. NATURAL RESOURCES:** Promote responsible, carefully considered use and conservation of our natural resources and environment.
- A. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:
1. Support efforts to maintain and improve water quality with special emphasis on intergovernmental agreements.
 2. Support measures that contribute to the solution of solid waste disposal problems and are consistent with environmental protection.
 3. Encourage and support public taxing bodies in the acquisition and conservation of open spaces, woods, prairies and waterways with special emphasis on cooperative inter-agency working arrangements.
 4. Support improved drainage operations, encourage cooperation among the involved units of government, and promote open space and sound environmental quality along drainage ways and streams.
- B. LAND USE:
1. Support comprehensive and long-range planning within and for Champaign County, with emphasis on preservation of prime farm land, orderly growth, and open spaces.
 2. Support responsible zoning encompassing improved visual environment, citizen education and participation in zoning decisions.
- C. PARKS AND RECREATION: Support continued improvements in administration, financing, program and facilities of parks and recreation in Champaign County.
- III. LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Promote measures to improve structure, quality, and responsiveness of local government, including county government. Encourage intergovernmental cooperation through neighborhood revitalization and through integration of economic, political and social issues.
- IV. JUDICIAL SYSTEM:**
- A. Support maintaining and improving the judicial system in Champaign County including provision for:
1. Courthouse facilities which meet Illinois Supreme Court standards; establishment of the security for the courthouse and individual courtrooms; establishment of special and safe accommodations within the courthouse complex for children connected with judicial proceedings.
 2. Adult and juvenile detention Center facilities and programs which meet state standards, including procedures for identification and care of mentally ill detainees.
 3. Equal access to the system for all individuals.
 4. Balanced and Restorative Justice
 5. Alternative Sentencing
- B. Promote equity in the juvenile justice and educational systems of Champaign County.