

LWVOR Local Program – July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016

As part of its ongoing local program, the Oak Ridge LWV provides voter education and registration, candidates' forums, other forums on public issues, and programs such as Breakfast with our Legislators and Lunch with the League. In addition, the League takes action when appropriate based on current local, state, and national positions and, after study and consensus, on newly identified local study items.

The proposed local study and action program for 2015-2016 is:

Education

Study and monitor the quality of the Oak Ridge Public Schools, especially as impacted by local, state, and federal mandates and community factors; emphasis should include State and Federal standards, alternatives to public education, school security, Oak Ridge Preschool, and the school calendar.

Continue the Partner in Education program with the Oak Ridge High School Social Studies Department.

Monitor the potential changes in the Basic Education Program and the effect on Oak Ridge Schools.

Monitor issues associated with in-state tuition rates for advanced training and education for Tennessee high school and GED graduates regardless of their immigration status.

Voting/Election Issues

Track election law legislation.

Continue to monitor various methods of voting.

Cooperate with the Voter Services Committee.

Action Groups

Survey membership for areas of interest and develop corresponding action groups to educate the public and take action, as appropriate, on League positions. This survey will include Climate Change, Education, Insure Tennessee, Immigration, Mental Health, Human Trafficking, and other positions depending on member interests. These action groups will enter into partnerships with other organizations with like interests to share information and decide on action. The survey will also include areas of local interest where there are no League positions (e.g., review of small modular reactor programs and monitor implementation of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park).

Observer/Monitoring Corps

Continue the Observer/Monitoring group, following the City Council, County Commissions, School Board, Planning Commission, Environmental Quality Advisory Board, Industrial Development Board, Senior Advisory Board, Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, Healthy Families of Tennessee, and State funding resources for Roane State Community College. Educate the membership and the public as appropriate.

New Mexico Foundation Environmental Management Education Initiative Grant

Continue with the implementation of the New Mexico Foundation grant for the LWVOR Environmental Management Education initiative in partnership with the ORUUC Rainbow Camp and the TCWP Citizen's Academy.