

LWVOR Local Program — July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015

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 local study and action program* for 2014-2015 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, and school security.

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

Monitor state funding resources for RSCC: (1) to ensure sufficient resources are available, accessible, and inclusive to all local (regional) residents; (2) to ensure that career development and certification is readily available in a wide range of occupations; (3) to engage in programs fostering community development; and (4) to ensure availability of life-long learning.

Study issues associated with in-state tuition rates for advanced training and education for Tennessee high school and GED graduates regardless of their immigration status, with the possibility of reaching consensus.

Voting/Election Issues

Track election law legislation.

Continue to monitor various methods of voting.

Cooperate with the Voter Services Committee.

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, and Healthy Start of Anderson County. Educate the membership and the public as appropriate.

Other Areas of Interest

*Along with the local study and action program stated above, Board-sponsored committees may be organized (e.g., in the areas of Transportation, Environment, Housing, Healthcare, and the Justice System), if there is sufficient interest. Action determined to be appropriate in these areas will be taken following LWV procedures and may include collaboration with other groups.