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This year has been a year of uncertainty as well as challenges. It started with our virtual convention in June 2022, when new Board members were elected. We did not know when the Board would be able to meet in person, but never expected that it would take until March 25, 2022 to do so. There was uncertainty whether we would be able to hold the four in-person regional meetings throughout the state. Fortunately, we were able to hold all four.

There was uncertainty whether SIA would be held in Albany and what changes would be needed to be made to the program due to COVID. Unfortunately, SIA had to be cancelled at the last minute due to surge of COVID! There was the uncertainty if the Independent Redistricting Commission would hold the public meetings, use community input, and be successful drawing fair maps. They did not. Maps need to be redrawn and we do not know when the primaries will be held. More uncertainty! Then too there was and is the greater uncertainty about voting rights, about reproductive rights, and in fact, all rights. Could we empower voters and protect our democracy which clearly is in peril?

Even in this year of uncertainty, some things were certain. The LWVNY continued to fulfill its mission to encourage informed and active participation in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. In spite of the Board not being able to meet in person for nine months, we were able to work together, albeit virtually, with our local Leagues as well as with LWVUS on Building Our Power Together.

At LWVUS Council held in June 2021, we learned the importance of 'asset framing.' Asset framing focuses on strengths and aspirations rather than weaknesses and deficiencies and keeps a positive focus and looks at accomplishments. We began our work as a new Board by looking at our strengths. The Nominating Committee had been successful and given us a highly motivated and a more diverse Board than in the past. Members brought their individual talents and experiences. Then too, LWVNY as well as local Leagues had become experienced in using Zoom during the first year of the pandemic. Our new Board knew the strengths of using this technology, how it enabled us to reach out to and engage more people than we ever could in person. The pandemic had forced us to learn new ways of engaging people. As a result, LWVNY and local Leagues had been reaching out and forming relationships with other organizations and groups, especially in underserved communities.

Yes, our past year had been successful, but we did not stand still. We needed to grow, to build on our strengths. We expanded the use of committees and rather than each having a chair, now each has co-chairs, sharing responsibilities, and offering a greater opportunity for leadership development.

- We had the experience of how well the Voter Service Committee worked with local Leagues during the past two years. They continued to do their work but now with co-chairs and putting major focus on updating materials and GOTV.
- We always had a youth chair, but now we formed a Youth Committee, meeting on Zoom with local youth chairs, and putting together a tool kit.

- Though we already had a DEI task force, this was expanded to include more members, offering webinars and challenges to all Leagues and offering DEI success stories from local Leagues.
- A new statewide Criminal Justice Committee was formed after passage of the new criminal justice position at the 2021 Convention.
- A Local League Support Committee was formed with their very first project setting up a survey to find out from the Leagues themselves what they needed.
- An Elections Administration Structure Committee to research and provide materials for a consensus study to see if LWVNY can adopt a new position on Election Administrations and the Voting for the Incarcerated.

Each committee set short-term goals as well as long-term goals. Setting and then evaluating our goals would help us measure our successes and know what works, what doesn't.

As President, I realized importance of us all working together if we were to increase our visibility and influence. All LWVNY Board members have been invited to attend the three President's Zoom Calls we have held. The first, held in August and entitled "Build Our Power Together: Increasing Membership, Visibility and Influence," was an opportunity for League presidents, both experienced and first timers to meet, discuss goals, hear successes, share concerns and challenges. The second held in November focused on Membership and the third held in January was on Leadership Development. The meetings were well attended. They were recorded so that even those who could not attend would have an opportunity to listen to the discussions. In each, Leagues that had been successful were asked to present what they had done. There was time allotted for other Leagues to share and ask questions. The meeting recordings were posted on the LWVNY website. Feedback was positive.

In March and April, there were no Zoom meetings planned, as we held regional trainings in Rochester, Albany, Westchester, and Ithaca. Workshops were selected to give Leagues the information and tools to help them succeed in their missions. The one all members attended - "It's All About The Ask: Tactics for Increasing Membership and Cultivating Leadership - also included a section on the Nominating Committee. The other workshops that were offered were: The 411 on Vote411; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Engaging Youth Through Civic Collaborations; Zooming into 2022; Hacking Social Media; and Let's Take Action. Attendees were all given and asked to complete evaluation surveys. All of the workshops got high marks; the comments and suggestions that were offered will be used in setting up future workshops and programs. As always, we appreciated and will use the feedback from Leagues to continue to do better. It is certain, no matter how well we did, there is always something to be improved upon.

In times of uncertainty, and especially in times of uncertainty, voters looked towards the LWV to find the answers regarding voting and elections. What was certain was that LWVNY would continue to provide facts. We did. We educated the voters about changes as they happened, whether it was where to vote, how to vote, or deadlines. We educated voters about referendums on the ballot. We adhered to our non-partisanship, never supporting or opposing a candidate or a party, but we did take positions on the proposals where we had positions. We were upset when the Election Law referendums failed in November 2021, but we have not given up on election reform in NYS. We continued and will continue to educate and lobby for election reforms that will give greater access to the ballot that will make voting easier.

We have always believed that voters should choose their legislators, rather than legislators choosing their voters. Redistricting and People Powered Fair Maps have been a major focus this year. Much time and work have been devoted to educating voters and advocating for fair maps. LWFVNY met with redistricting delegates from our local Leagues. We offered mapping training sessions and provided materials so that local League members could do the work in their communities and testify at hearings. We had supported the Independent Redistricting Commission in 2014, **but when the Commission failed to agree on one set of maps to submit and then the Legislature passed its own gerrymandered maps**, the LWFVNY filed an Amicus Brief asking the Appellate Court to invalidate the congressional and State Senate maps. We were pleased when the Court did just that and ordered the NYS Supreme Court to draw new constitutional maps. We will continue to follow up and keep our Leagues and public informed of progress and when scheduled, new primary dates.

In April of this year, we were pleased when the NYS Budget included many of the League's priorities for which we had lobbied: TAP funding for incarcerated individuals, reimbursement money for local Board of Elections for cost of prepaid postage, and expansion of early voting polling places on college campuses. However, when the NYS Budget approved a new state Ethics Committee which has serious deficiencies in the selection process, we submitted a letter with other good government groups to Senate and Assembly leaders highlighting the deficiencies. Yes, we are nonpartisan, but we take positions seriously and act accordingly.

In these uncertain times, I believe our effort, our work, our influence, and our successes have been noticed. The amount of grants money we received this year has increased. The grants have enabled LWFVNY to give pass through grants to our local Leagues. The donations we have received have grown. We even received a \$1,000,000 donation from one member, by far the largest donation we have ever received. The funds we received have allowed us to increase our staff which in turn will allow us to continue to do even more, to meet any and all challenges we face. We know that even with the best preparations, things can happen, things can change. We also know that LWFVNY will work together to Empower Voters and Protect Our Democracy.

My heartfelt thanks to the LWFVNY staff, LWFVNY Board, Issue Specialists, committee and task force members, local Leagues, ILOs, MALS, as well as our donors. Without your dedication, motivation, and effort, we could not have accomplished all we did this year. Together we accomplished so much. Together, we will build on our successes.

## **VOTER SERVICE REPORT**

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Your Voter Service Committee reached out to local voter service representatives several times during the year, talking about how best to engage voters, sharing best practices for registering voters, and discussing the ballot proposals. Highlights for this past year include:

- Developing and educating voters with Vote411.org for the 2021 local elections
- Updating all three of our tool kits (voter registration drives, candidate forums, and GOTV)
- Continuing the momentum and partnerships we have developed with National Voter Registration Day
- Updating the five pamphlets on voting (First Vote, Individuals with Criminal Convictions or Detained in Jail or Prison, Homeless Individuals, College Students, Individuals with Disabilities, and Individuals with Mental Health Disabilities)
- Creating and translating into five additional languages Voters Guide Part II that had the description, actual language on the ballot, and pros and cons each of the five ballot proposals:
  1. Amending the Apportionment and Redistricting Process
  2. Fundamental Right to Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthful Environment
  3. Authorizing No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting
  4. Eliminating Ten-Day-Advance Voter Registration Requirement
  5. Increasing the Jurisdiction of the New York City Civil Court

The Voter Service Committee reviewed the Empty Chair Policy. We discussed whether the League's nonpartisanship policy can be maintained if we carve out exceptions to the Empty Chair Policy. The Voter Service Committee concluded that we cannot begin to make exceptions to the Empty Chair Policy. We determined that making exceptions could weaken and perhaps begin to erode this important League policy. The League's credibility is built upon behavior that neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. Our nonpartisan behavior in holding and conducting candidate events is regarded by many as the "gold standard." We have worked long and hard to achieve this status in the eyes of the public. We never support or oppose candidates or political parties and because of that, our forums and materials are highly valued by the public; we have no hidden agenda and seek to provide information about candidates and issues that is unbiased. Allowing only one candidate to speak at a forum when other candidates do not participate creates the appearance that the League supports that candidate; it also provides that candidate with free advertising which is equivalent to financial support.

The Voter Services Survey we conducted after the November 2021 election tells the story of the tremendous efforts League members made during the election season. We had close to a 75% response to our survey from local Leagues. The results of the survey tell the story of engaged and committed League members:



- 956 League members volunteered to assist in voter registration drives and candidate forums; 49 joined the LEAGUE as new members.
- 20 Leagues participated in Vote411.
- Leagues held 404 registration events (i.e., schools, farmers markets, naturalization ceremonies, underserved communities) and registered 1,083 new voters.
- 61 Candidate forums were held, 43 were virtual and 18 were in person. Those forums had 8,240 views after the live event, whether held in person or virtually.
- Over 12,520 pieces of voting information were distributed or handed out.

Some of the comments from local League responses included:

All Leagues look forward to in-person events; virtual events, though reaching more people, are a challenge for some Leagues because of the technology required.

The Voters Guide Part II is a very useful document to educate voters; its availability in several languages helped reach underserved and underrepresented communities.

All Leagues distributed and appreciated the materials the State League provided to local Leagues (i.e., Voters Guides, information on ballot proposals).

National Voter Registration Day allowed many local Leagues to ramp up registration events and partner with local organizations and businesses, some of whom, like Price Chopper in Albany, are already agreeing to partner for the 2022 election season.

Several Leagues trained volunteers from other organizations to register voters, including high school students and college students. Partnering with local libraries and school districts allowed for dissemination of voting information in all communities, but especially in targeted minority and underserved areas.

Several Leagues accessed voter turnout information from the 2020 election, allowing them to target areas to improve voter turnout.

For many Leagues, a relationship with the local Board of Elections (BOE) facilitated their GOTV efforts and access to candidate information. Most Leagues have a good relationship with both local BOE commissioners, though a few said one commissioner was more accessible than the other. Continuing to build a good relationship with the BOE will better serve League efforts.

Lawn signs were used by many Leagues. There was a widespread use of Eblasts. All Leagues made some use of social media to educate and inform voters on deadlines for registering to vote, submitting applications for absentee ballots, early voting dates, times and sites, etc.

Some Leagues have requested additional training in using social media channels to improve their outreach. Being able to provide links to Voters Guides, Palm Cards, Voter Registration forms and instructions on filling out the forms helped in outreach efforts.

Many Leagues reached out to communities with minorities and with disabilities by partnering with other community organizations like Self Advocate of NYS GOTV Task Force, state facilities, and organizations that deal with mental health and physical disabilities. The presence of these

organizations at League events, greatly assisted in distributing handouts at food pantries, school snack programs, etc.

Leagues working with youth want to strategize on how to get out the youth vote.

Two additional points made by many Leagues: Pounding the pavement seemed the best form of outreach in communities and voter turnout was very disappointing this year.

We look forward to an energetic and successful voter service year. We are proud of the all the work the local Leagues do in reaching out to their communities to ensure that voters are well informed about the upcoming voting season.

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### **Redistricting**

#### **Overview**

After decades of work for fair redistricting, the LWVNYS supported the 2014 constitutional amendment that established the new Independent Redistricting Commission (“IRC”) and put in place a strong ban on partisan gerrymandering. Naturally we then became the strongest advocate in Albany in 2021 for funding the IRC and for appointing a diverse and qualified Body. Unfortunately, the legislature threw roadblocks in the way of the funding and appointed individuals to the IRC who in the end were not able to reach a compromise and submit a single set of Congressional and state legislative maps to the legislature. This gave the legislature an excuse to take over the process and has resulted in chaos and confusion in the primary elections for 2022.

All our 46 local Leagues from across the state selected "redistricting delegates" for 2021. We identified stakeholders in each of the local League’s communities and created stakeholder lists. We offered mapping software trainings and held two trainer events on redistricting 101 and engaging communities of interest. We held a panel discussion featuring three redistricting experts to discuss what sort of challenges might arise from this redistricting cycle.

In April 2022 we held a “People's Hearing on Redistricting” and invited members of the public and organizations to talk about why redistricting matters to them and their community of interest. In total we had 325 attendees on our Zoom webinar and the event's livestream on Facebook has been viewed more than 700 times. We had two cosponsors, Latino Justice PRLDEF and APA Voice, and we had an incredibly diverse group of speakers to present. We also created interactive Google Maps which allowed the public to compare proposed district lines with current ones. These maps were viewed 49,021 times.

#### **2022 Congressional and State Redistricting**

After finally being funded in July of 2021, the IRC established a website, hired staff, set up social media, and scheduled initial hearings. They planned eight hearings that combine regions

throughout the state. All hearings were held virtually. The Nassau League presented an excellent testimony at the Long Island hearing.

The IRC held public hearings in July and August but did not hold any more public meetings until the start of September. On September 15th the IRC released their draft maps. Two sets of maps were put forward; there was no specific discussion on the maps although it was obvious one was a Republican drafted map and one was a Democratic drafted map.

The maps that were released were not in a format that was easily viewable by New Yorkers. LWVNYS worked to transfer these maps into a more user-friendly format and created a Google map that included all six map drafts as well as the current maps for NYS Congressional, Senate, and Assembly districts. Our Organizer, Milly Czerwinski, worked to get all of these maps uploaded and organized and they were then shared via the LWVNYS's social media: [https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1EREDwIGkL988fIMscjzltG1AodlmPdQV&usp=s\\_haring](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1EREDwIGkL988fIMscjzltG1AodlmPdQV&usp=s_haring)

On January 3rd the IRC voted to submit two sets of maps for Congressional and state Legislative Districts, one Democratic and one Republican. Each received five votes. The League, Citizens Union and Reinvent Albany sent a letter to the Commissioners criticizing the failure to submit one set of agreed-upon maps. <https://lwvny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Letter-IRC-010322-FINAL.pdf>

Because the IRC voted, the Legislature had to consider both sets of maps. On January 10, they voted both sets of maps down. The IRC had 15 days to submit new maps to the Legislature. Under the 2014 constitutional amendment, only after those new maps in the second submission are voted down does the Legislature get to amend the maps. We sent another letter to the IRC on January 13 asking them to come together on one set of maps after the Legislature voting down the maps. The second letter can be seen here: <https://lwvny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Letter-to-IRC-Jan-13-2022-FINAL.pdf>.

On January 24, the commissioners of each party of the IRC released a statement blaming the other for not even agreeing to meet to discuss the 2nd set of maps. LWVNYS released a statement blasting the IRC's inaction (see here: <https://lwvny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/statement-on-IRC-inaction-Jan-25-2022.pdf>). Bypassing the constitutional process and Republican input, the Legislature immediately passed its own maps and the Governor signed them into law on February 3.

Republican voters sued to enjoin the Congressional and State Senate maps as unconstitutional under the 2014 Amendment. The lower court held a trial in March and found the Congressional map violated the new Constitutional provision against gerrymandering, and in addition voided that map as well as the State Senate and State Assembly maps because the redistricting procedure set forth in the Constitution was not followed.

The defendants appealed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department. LWVNYS filed an amicus curiae ("friend of the court") brief with the Appellate Division that called for the Court to invalidate the Legislature's electoral maps, as the constitutionally mandated process for redistricting was violated by both the IRC and the Legislature. LWVNYS argued in its brief that,

as a result of the violation of the required process, the Constitutional amendment now requires that the New York courts, not the Legislature, draw the electoral maps.

The Appellate Division, by a plurality decision on April 21, 2021, rejected the State Supreme Court's determination that the redistricting process had violated the Constitution, but held that the Congressional map violated the anti-gerrymandering provisions of the Constitution, and ruled that the Legislature would be given until April 30 to enact a constitutional replacement for the Congressional map. The Appellate Division upheld the State Senate and State Assembly maps. One Justice dissented from the plurality opinion's conclusion regarding the process, stating that the Justice "largely adopt[s] the well-reasoned analysis of the procedural issue offered in the amicus curiae brief filed by The League of Women Voters of New York State."

The Appellate Division's decision was appealed to the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court. On April 24, LWVNYS filed a supplemental amicus curiae brief with the Court of Appeals contesting certain conclusions in the Appellate Division decision and arguing that the Constitution clearly provides for the Judiciary, not the Legislature, to remedy the violations of the process mandated by the 2014 Constitutional Amendment. LWVNYS further argued that the 2014 Amendment's process was carefully designed to further substantive goals and values – accountability, deliberation, and some independence from the worst of the partisan political process – that should be respected by the Court. Our brief concluded:

*"To be sure, [the amendment's] carefully-specified process does not guarantee that the scourge of gerrymandering will be eliminated, but the Judiciary should give that framework a chance to work. The Court would thereby honor the promise of the amendment – an independent redistricting process that conduces to competitive elections rather than protection of incumbents or political parties."*

On April 27, 2022 the Court of Appeals issued a landmark decision invalidating Congressional and state Senate redistricting maps for failing to follow the constitutionally mandated process set forth in the 2014 amendment, thereby sharply curtailing the Legislature's power over redistricting. As a result, the legislative lines for Congress and state Senate were drawn by a special master appointed by the trial court and finalized on May 20, 2022. Primaries for Congress and state Senate were moved to August 23, but the state Legislature refused to move the statewide and Assembly races so as of the writing of this report New York will have two separate primaries. LWVNYS has filed two lawsuits-one in federal court and one in state court-in an effort to get the primaries consolidated.

### **County Redistricting**

LWVNYS also focused on local redistricting for this cycle. The local redistricting process may look different for a few counties this cycle. A bill (S.5160-B) that sets solid redistricting standards for all New York counties, was recently signed into law by Governor Hochul. Despite this new, universal standard, all New York counties have varied redistricting processes. LWVNYS created a toolkit which was posted on the state website for local Leagues to help them work on county and local redistricting efforts.

In January, we began to prepare for county redistricting. An educational county redistricting event was held over Zoom on January 27th. Jeffrey Wice from the New York Law School, Dale

Barbaria from Assemblywoman Amy Paulin's office, and Barbara Grosh from LWV Rochester spoke at the event. LWVNYS created county redistricting guides that were shared with event attendees, League members, and the public.

In March, the LWVNYS held regional meetings with redistricting delegates from each local League in order to get an idea on what each county's redistricting process will entail, where they are in the process, how their Leagues are planning to participate, and how LWVNYS could assist them. Individual meetings were then held with Leagues that requested further assistance.

Local Leagues were also advised to reach out to Jeff Wice from the New York Law school if they had any questions or needed further assistance. Jeff Wice had previously offered his assistance to local Leagues at the County Redistricting event hosted by LWVNYS in late January. Educational materials, such as redistricting games, videos, and mapping program tutorials were sent to Leagues who have requested them.

### **Election Reform and Ballot Initiatives**

In July of 2021, the Governor signed six voting bills that were passed during the 2021 session.

- Eliminating Signed Absentee Ballot Applications and Allowing Absentee Ballots Postmarked by Election Day to Be Considered Timely (S.6429/A.6047-A)
- Allowing Voters to Request an Absentee Ballot Through Electronic Means (S.6379/A.6046)
- Requiring the Posting of Information About Changes in the Location of Polling Places (S.6216/A.2168)
- Allowing Candidates Who Have Lost Primaries to Be Removed from Ballots as Candidates for Different Parties (S.613-A/A.4142-A)
- Increasing Election District Registrant Enrollment from 1,150 to 2,000 (S.6855/A.7478)
- Conforming Deadlines for Mailing of Applications for Absentee Ballots to USPS Guidelines (S.264/A.5783)

We were supportive of the first two, which will codify the rules that applied to absentee voting during the pandemic. Unfortunately, Cuomo also signed a bill we were not supportive of, S.264/A.5783, which moves the deadline to request an absentee ballot from 7 days to 15.

LWVNYS was invited to testify at a hearing on board of elections reform in September 2021. We presented testimony urging the legislature to prioritize standardization of election processes and ensuring greater transparency and accountability of county board of elections. LWVNYS specifically named the following four reforms:

1. Implementing uniform standards and practices
2. Standardizing staffing and salaries
3. Increasing transparency and accountability
4. And restricting the statutory requirement for bipartisanship in election administration to the minimum constitutional requirement

LWVNYS submitted our testimony and testified in person alongside other groups.

On September 21 LWVNYS announced our campaign on the 4 statewide ballot proposals on the November 2021 ballot. LWVNYS opposed Proposal 1 (intended to weaken the 2014 redistricting reforms) supported Proposals 2, 3 (same day registration and no-excuse) and 4 (right to clean environment) LWVNYS produced a paper palm card that was sent to all local League chapters to use at their voter registration drives.

Unfortunately, those opposed to the voting amendments spent un-matched funds in opposition and they were voted down on November 3, 2021. LWVNYS and its partners hope to get them passed again in this legislative session but no success to date.

### **Ethics Reform**

The Senate Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance held a hearing on reforming New York State's system of ethics oversight and enforcement on August 25th, 2021. LWVNYS testified alongside our good government partners in favor of eliminating the Joint Commission on Public Ethics and Legislative Ethics Commission ("JCOPE") and instead creating a single independent agency, a Public Integrity Commission, to oversee government ethics violations.

Our written testimony called for an independent appointment process of Commissioners that includes a minimum diversity requirement so that Commissioners are representative of the people they are serving. LWVNYS also urged the Standing Committee on Ethics and Internal Governance to consider providing statutory language to ensure the new enforcement unit is fully funded and has operational support.

In August of 2021, history was made after former Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul was sworn in as the first female Governor of New York State. The seat change came after former Governor, Andrew Cuomo, resigned amid sexual harassment allegations following the release of an independent investigation conducted by the Office of the Attorney General. Following this report, LWVNYS issued a statement in support of the women who came forward to tell their story and calling on the Assembly to conduct their own investigation.

Prior to the former Governor's resignation, LWVNYS and our good government partners issued a letter to legislative leaders urging them to continue their investigations into the misconduct by the Cuomo administration - including the COVID nursing home deaths and the Governor's book deal; restore the Comptroller's oversight of government contracts; replace JCOPE)with a truly independent ethics body; and force Cuomo to refund contributions to his \$18 million campaign war chest to all his donors.

By January, Governor Hochul made abolishing JCOPE her main ethics priority. Her office has been working with the good government groups, including LWVNYS on this and included a proposal in her budget. In March, LWVNYS along with several other good government groups submitted an op-ed to the Times Union to push for JCOPE reform. The op ed was published in the Times Union on March 6th and in Newsweek on March 8th. Unfortunately, in the weeks prior to the one-house budget release it became apparent that there was not a major focus on ethics reform in either the Senate or Assembly. <https://www.timesunion.com/opinion/article/Put->

[overhauling-JCOPE-on-state-s-must-do-16980326.php?utm\\_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20\(Premium\)&utm\\_source=share-by-email&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.lwvny.org/overhauling-JCOPE-on-state-s-must-do-16980326.php?utm_campaign=CMS%20Sharing%20Tools%20(Premium)&utm_source=share-by-email&utm_medium=email)

The final state budget approved a new state ethics committee- Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government- however, it failed to address many of the reasons we called for reform in the first place. On April 22nd, LWVNY along with multiple good government groups submitted a letter to Senate and Assembly leaders highlighting the serious deficiencies in the new state ethics law, focusing on the lack of independence in the selection process.

The letter highlights six areas where action should be taken to fix the state's ethics laws:

1. Independence;
2. Transparency;
3. Nonpartisanship;
4. Discriminatory harassment;
5. Reporting misconduct; and
6. Removing preferential treatment of the legislature.

### **Concurrences at National Convention and State Studies**

At the December 2021 LWVNY Board meeting, the Board approved several items related to our program and positions.

The Board approved the request by the Health Care Update Committee to support a proposed concurrence at national Convention (June 2022) with language excerpted from state positions on Healthcare and Financing Healthcare. The additions, which are exact language from the state positions (2021), will strengthen the ability of all Leagues to advocate on national program priorities, such as reforms to address widening disparities in health care access and health care outcomes among vulnerable populations, inequities both exacerbated and made more visible by the pandemic.

The Board approved the request for support of consideration of a concurrence with LWV of CT positions on Digital Equity at national Convention and to encourage local Leagues to do the same. Unlike Healthcare and Healthcare Financing, the state does not have a current position on internet access so the Board could not support the concurrence. However, the Board agreed that it is an issue that should be considered by the delegates at the national convention.

The Board also approved materials be distributed to all local Leagues and members in January 2022 for consideration of a new position on the structure of election administration in New York state. An Election Administration Structure Committee was created after approval of a new study on the topic at the state Convention in June 2021. The Committee met many times during the fall researching the history of election administration in New York state and how elections are administered in other states.

Twenty-three Leagues and 11 individuals responded. The Leagues were split almost down the middle in supporting and opposing the proposals for local and state election administration and

the individuals almost unanimously supported them. Since 2/3 agreement is needed for adopting new positions, the proposals failed. Individual responses were considered but weighted less than local League responses adjusted for the number of members attending the local League meeting.

At the same time as the election administration study, Local Leagues and members were asked to support a new position allowing individuals in prison the right to vote while still incarcerated. Twenty-three Leagues responded, and 11 individuals responded and the new position was approved overwhelmingly. It will be formally adopted by the state board at its next meeting.

## **HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE**

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The most exciting news for the Healthcare Committee is that efforts to update the National League's health care position (1993) with excerpts from the state League's healthcare positions (2021) have momentum, being "recommended program items" for the National Convention. To be added to the US health care position, the concurrence will need two-thirds of the delegate votes on Sunday, June 28, 2022.

The Healthcare Update Committee sponsored this concurrence and was delighted to have LWWNYS support it. It garnered 98 of the 300 Leagues responding to the LWWUS Program Planning survey (almost twice the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest item), and likely helped drive the 54% increase in survey responses from 2020. Concurrence sponsors have spoken at a LWWUS Convention webinar and will lead a Convention caucus on the concurrence on Friday, June 26 at noon Eastern.

Perhaps more important within New York State, we have begun strengthening the Healthcare Committee by building relationships among advocates around the state, holding virtual meetings to share ideas, consider initiatives, and discuss legislation. Following extensive discussion of pending legislation for this legislative session, the Committee is prioritizing the bills detailed below:

***The New York Health Act*** (A.6059/S.5474) would bring single-payer funded universal, comprehensive, affordable healthcare to all New Yorkers.

***Medical Aid in Dying Act*** (A04321A/ S06471), elsewhere in Council Kit, a key concern for LWWNY HC.

***Reducing Maternal and Infant Mortality***: The state will expand postpartum *coverage for all* individuals eligible for Medicaid while pregnant from 60 days to one year after they give birth.

***Coverage for All Act*** (S.1572A/ A.00880-A) would provide eligibility for services under the basic health program for individuals whose immigration status renders him or her ineligible for federal financial participation and who meet additional requirements.

***Fair Pay for Homecare Act*** (A6329/S5374) - Enacts provisions to provide minimum wages for home care aides

***Cap Cost-Share of Insulin in NYS*** (A.2383/S.1413). Would lower the cost-sharing cap for insulin from one hundred dollars to thirty dollars.



**End Medical Debt Package:** the first has momentum and could pass, the third could as well.

1. **Ban medical liens and wage garnishments** (S.6522A/A.7363A) would prohibit hospitals from imposing liens against patients' primary residences or garnishing wages in medical debt collection actions.
2. **Modernize the State's hospital financial assistance law** (S.7625/A.8441A) to ensure there is one uniform application form with up-to-date eligibility rules and patient protections.
3. **Ban facility fees from preventive care & ensure disclosure** (S.2521C/A.3470C) would require providers to notify patients ahead of time if the provider adds facility fees to bills and it prohibits them from charging facility fees for preventive care.

If you would like further information about any of these bills, please email me

## **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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At its June 2021 biannual convention, members of the LWVNYS adopted a resolution declaring climate change an emergency and advising the NYS League's 46 local chapters to urge state and local governments to adopt and publicize Declarations of Climate Emergency. The resolution cited damage to marine ecosystems and food sources, a rise in sea levels resulting in flooding and the displacement of coastal businesses and residences, extreme weather events, adverse impacts on human health, and species extinctions as grounds for state and local governments to declare climate change an emergency and take action. LWVNYS joined the state Leagues of Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts and Oregon who have also passed similar resolutions to urge action addressing the climate crisis.

LWVNYS wrote a letter in March 2022 to Governor Hochul requesting issuance of an executive order for a moratorium on blockchain transactions that use proof-of-work authentication methods for cryptocurrency operations and a Memorandum of Support of legislation to establish a moratorium on consolidated operations that use proof-of-work authentication methods to validate blockchain transactions, provided that such operations shall be subject to a full generic environmental impact statement review.

Following delivery of this letter and as of this writing, the NYS Assembly has passed (A7389C) legislation imposing a two-year moratorium, pending performance of an environmental impact statement, on issuing permits to new firms, or renewing permits to existing firm intending to increase electric energy consumption, that use proof-of-work methods (involving a carbon-based energy source) to validate blockchain transactions. A companion bill (S6486D) is currently in committee in the NYS Senate.

Prior to passage of the 2022 state budget, LWVNYS signed onto a group letter urging Governor Hochul to amend the extended producer responsibility (EPR) package in the state budget. The Governor's resulting budget removed reference to EPR. LWVNYS is in support of (i) a comprehensive EPR bill that creates a program substantially reducing packaging (especially plastic), establishes mandatory standards for waste reduction and recycling, reduces use of

toxic chemicals, prohibits incineration, and provides for third-party oversight instead of self-enforcement by the manufacturing industry; and (ii) a parallel bill updating New York's beverage deposit law known as the "Bottle Bill" by expanding the required types of beverages sold in glass and plastic bottles that require deposits to include non-carbonated and alcoholic beverage and increasing the deposit from a nickel to a dime. LWVNYS was a strong supporter of the original Bottle Bill that was enacted in June 1982 and went into effect in July 1983.

In recognition of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 (the "Climate Act") passed by the New York State Legislature, the LWVNYS hosted Environmental Advocates of New York in April 2022 for a webinar titled *Tackling New York's Climate Emergency*, available here: [Recording of Program](#) For more information visit <https://lwny.org/climate-emergency/> As this legislative session progresses and the Climate Act rolls out, this Committee will continue to review and provide support for legislation and host educational programming that furthers the climate-neutral goals of the Climate Act.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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The Criminal Justice Committee is a new committee formed within the last year. Its members have long been interested in criminal justice issues and have expertise in the area. The Committee's purpose is to make LWVNY as effective as possible in advocating for the bills it supports in this area.

While the Committee, at its meetings, has discussed a number of important subjects for legislative action, its primary effort to date has been leading the advocacy efforts of the League with regard to several bills during the 2022 legislative session. The focus has been on three bills supported by the League:

### **TURN ON THE TAP**

During the budget discussions, the Committee pushed very hard for enactment of a bill restoring the availability of tuition assistance to incarcerated persons. Funds to support college education programs had been available to them, but this was repealed during the Pataki administration. The bill, known as "Turn on the TAP" was intended to restore these funds.

After Governor Hochul proposed restoration in her budget submission, the Committee became very active. It submitted written testimony to the Senate Higher Education Committee that was mentioned and quoted in various publications. In addition, Committee members participated in community-led organizations' (College and Community Fellowship) advocacy days and had their local Leagues contact legislators to advocate for the proposal. The good news is that the proposal was enacted as part of the budget, and college tuition funds will again become available to incarcerated persons.

## ELDER PAROLE and FAIR AND TIMELY PAROLES

Since the budget was adopted, the Committee has shifted its attention to two bills dealing with parole. The first – elder parole – would make every incarcerated person over the age of 55 who has served at least 15 years eligible for consideration for parole. No one would be automatically released, but every covered individual would be entitled to a parole hearing. The other bill is fair and timely parole, which would require the parole board to consider the entire character and behavior of the individual under consideration rather than just the crime for which sentence was originally imposed.

To support these bills, Committee members have participated in community-led organizations' (RAPP, People's Campaign for Parole Justice) advocacy days. They have also invited and encouraged their local Leagues to participate. With the legislature having returned for its final weeks of the session, Committee members and local Leagues will be actively contacting their legislators. The Committee has prepared documents to guide those who participate in these discussions with their legislators and these have been distributed by LWVNYS.

## THE FUTURE

After the current session is over, the Committee will continue the discussions it has begun on various criminal justice proposals. It intends to help guide the future of LWVNYS, both in selecting the proposals it supports to improve our criminal justice system and then in advocating for those proposals.

## **EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY**

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**Equality Amendment** - With the leak of the impending Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade, the NYS Equality Amendment [S.8797 (Kruger)], which says that no person can be denied equal rights based on that person's race, color, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or sex including pregnancy or pregnancy outcomes, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression and continues the Constitution's protection for religions, is now poised for more urgent consideration by the legislature and agreement on a "same as" bill in the Assembly. LWVNY, through our work with PowHer, supports this legislation which needs to pass in two consecutive legislative sessions and be adopted by the voters, in order to amend the NYS Constitution. League members participated in a May rally for the Equality Amendment.

**Pay Equity** – On March 15, Women's Equal Pay Day, LWVNY issued a Memo of Support for the Salary Range Transparency bill [A.6529A (Joyner)/ S.5598B (Ramos)]. These bills would require employers to disclose the compensation, or the range of compensation, to applicants for new employment or for openings within an organization. This bill serves to empower job applicants with critical information, preventing wage discrimination and reducing negative negotiating outcomes. The bill has been approved by all the required Assembly committees but unfortunately, the bill is still awaiting passage in the legislature.

Also working in conjunction with PowHer, League members supported increases in funding for childcare and homecare workers.

### Issue Specialist - Medical Aid in Dying

LWVNY issued a Memo of Support for the Medical Aid in Dying bill [S. 6471(Savino)/ A. 4321a (Paulin)] to all members of the Assembly and Senate prior to scheduled action in the Health Committee. Unfortunately, the bill was pulled from the agenda, and advocates, including the League, continue to lobby for its passage. LWVNY participated in social media advocacy in conjunction with Compassion & Choices and members participated in legislative visits about this issue.

## **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION REPORT:** **The JOURNEY CONTINUES**

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*“Diversity is being asked to the dance. Inclusion is being asked to dance.  
Equity is allowing you to choose the music.”*

This past year, we challenged the perceptions held by our members of what it will take to defeat ableism, sexism, racism, and the rest of the “isms” that plague our society, and to a degree our organization. We opened eyes to the history never spoken of, but which dictates our thinking when encountering others, or that dictates legislation that is currently being passed. We shared tools to become a better advocate for our communities and for enhancing our interpersonal skills. We shared calls for coming together with those who have been “othered” so that we can work in the interest of our collective humanity.

2020 found us in our developmental stage, with 14 local Leagues stepping up to share the insights and the burdens of initiating the DEI Initiative, locally and as members of a state-wide team. The LWVNY DEI Task Force currently has representation from 19 of the 45 chapters in NYS (individuals and Leagues listed below).

We offered our first of a series of workshops in 2021 with:

\*Workshop June 2021: Beginning Our Journey to a More Equitable and Inclusive Organization with Christa Grant, Union College Dean and Chief Diversity Officer, who introduced us to the concept of creating Brave Spaces for the conversations that were to come.

We continued with:

\*Workshops August 2021 and October 2021 conducted by Debby Irving, bestselling author of *Waking Up White* & racial justice educator: “I’m a Good Person. Isn’t That Enough?”; Transformational Conversations; How to Explain White Privilege to a Skeptic

\*Individual “21 Day Challenges”: September 2021 // Racial Equity Habit Building; January 2022 // Better Listening

Many of you at local Leagues have joined in on the challenging work of changing the culture within our League. But while we begin to see early signs of getting some traction for the ideal of seeking a more diverse membership, inclusiveness is still elusive. And we have only lightly touched upon the journey into the realm of equity, that is, taking the deep dive needed into how

our resources (people, space, money, information) can be expended to help drive a more just society and a more perfect democracy.

However, the observance by this African American Woman of Color and League member, is that members of the LWVNYS have still achieved something remarkable throughout the state and throughout many of our local Leagues in this short span of time. We have elevated the awareness of injustice within our own ranks, as well as within our own communities. We have begun expanding our collective consciousness of history and its impacts which will ultimately allow us to take the actions that can make a real difference. My League friends and colleagues, this early part of our journey toward a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable organization, with its trials and tribulations, is not to be underestimated in its importance.

To further aid us as we move into 2023, my office with the help of the DEI Task Force, will be pursuing several practical as well as aspirational agenda items, such as:

- Continuing Virtual DEI Drop-In Sessions: conducted periodically as of August 2021, for discussion, questions, examples of wins and of challenges... to be shared for the benefit of Leaguers who wish to level-up their knowledge and actions
- Continuing online conversations among state League members, focusing on news and information, in the Facebook group “LWVNYS DEI: News & Drop-In Zone”
- Securing newsworthy & noteworthy expert speakers and educators to help members of LWVNYS on this path of continual learning, expanded consciousness, and the knowledge to more aptly apply a “DEI Lens”
- Creating an online site for hosting past and present DEI references and resources that have been found helpful to our local Leagues
- Creating a Guide for “Acknowledgement of Indigenous Land & People”
- Creating a Tip Sheet for “Diversifying Membership”
- Repeating the 2020 DEI Assessment, and targeting more Leagues for participation to help further identify needs
- Fundraising via Grants & Sponsorships
- Developing Criteria for a LWVNYS DEI Award Category for local League nominations
- Initiating “JEEDI Change Agents” ... And more!

The quote used in the opening is one of the many ways that we talked about DEI in this past year, via several channels and to all who would listen. It is said from the point of view of those who have been historically “othered”. Hundreds of you who did listen are now poised to help our organization get closer to the vision of a different America than what has been, and to a different League. Change can be scary. But when one looks to the good that the change will make, fear can only play “second fiddle” to the sense of purpose for what will often be emotional work, and to the love this organization has for the communities within, as well as for our democracy.

Let it be said that LWVNYS has started along the path toward no longer having its “lack of racial, economic, and social diversity stand as an impediment to achieving its mission and as a barrier to greater impact and growth,” as noted in the *LWVUS 2018 Transformational Roadmap*. I salute the members of our League who took the action needed to start learning about DEI and to start having local conversations in the form of DEI Committees, book clubs, Board Trainings, and more. I also salute the courageous League members who will be working along with me on the LWVNYS DEI Task Force in this coming year. Questions? Feedback? Connect with me at my email: [rmt371@live.com](mailto:rmt371@live.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**As of January 31 of each year**

LEAGUE NAME	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Albany County	235	173	192	184	159	153	163	209	187	210	182
Allegany & Cattaraugus MAL Unit							20	29	40	41	33
Bronxville	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brookhaven	70	70	65	67	63	63	69	84	82	95	77
Broome and Tioga Co.	109	109	100	100	93	97	97	92	84	67	65
Buffalo/Niagara	225	224	213	193	190	197	210	224	227	223	209
Cazenovia	41	35	32	24	29	32	32	33	35	39	31
Central Nassau	35	35	27	20	20	26	22	27	29	33	28
Chautauqua County	88	88	83	84	88	86	89	122	88	107	67
Chemung County (disbanded Jan 2021)	15	20	20	20	14	14	10	10	9	0	0

Columbia County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cooperstown Area	34	40	47	35	47	67	84	92	91	81	77
Cortland County	29	29	24	23	28	31	29	31	25	22	23
East Nassau	53	53	47	51	45	47	39	45	47	48	42
Geneva	53	50	46	38	34	39	42	38	35	39	44
Great Neck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greater Oneida Area (disbanded 2018)	10	8	7	7	6	5	4	0	0	0	0
Hamilton (disbanded)		8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamptons (name change 2019 to LWV of Hamptons, Shelter Island and North Fork)	135	124	133	125	116	119	117	126	144	134	112
Harrison (disbanded 2017)	43	34	36	39	35	29	0	0	0	0	0
Huntington	87	85	89	88	97	69	70	71	64	95	71
Larchmont/Mamaroneck	90	76	83	74	108	107	71	88	86	88	83
Long Beach	42	47	27	31	33	41	10	16	18	11	6
LWVNYS MALs	91	89	57	36	33	31	52	68	17	11	11
Mid Hudson Region	94	91	90	92	92	86	120	141	127	142	153
New Castle	85	92	86	84	94	112	102	104	97	100	85
New Rochelle	89	77	74	59	45	56	51	38	58	69	49
New York City	265	205	199	223	217	275	350	350	289	303	268
North Country	32	42	52	43	40	42	33	33	31	50	44
North East Westchester	28	37	28	31	31	35	44	48	29	32	36
Oneonta	52	48	46	38	41	35	36	32	33	10	10
Orange MAL Unit		0		0	0	0	0	0	17	18	0
Orleans County	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Washington/Manhasset	133	118	142	128	100	118	132	135	105	113	116
Putnam County	5	5	5	5	9	12	19	22	29	29	29
Rensselaer County	84	77	81	80	81	76	101	98	97	108	106
Rivertowns	41	53	73	75	86	89	99	101	115	114	110
Rochester Metro	135	131	132	145	139	137	138	164	141	163	149
Rockland County	50	50	34	37	27	32	32	29	23	20	21
Rye, Rye Brook & Port Chester	53	37	51	57	47	54	43	45	43	50	41
Saratoga County	144	150	161	130	141	146	205	230	218	226	202
Saugerties (merged with Mid Hudson 2017)	14	24	24	17	15	14	0	0	0	0	0
Scarsdale	223	203	220	216	205	201	209	188	192	175	159
Schenectady County	131	132	129	126	134	138	136	149	138	145	134
Schuyler	39	21	21	17	14	10	11	12	11	11	

Shelter Island (merged with Hamptons 2019)	33	46	42	44	44	40	42	31	0	0	0
Smithtown	38	37	36	28	29	30	34	37	36	42	41
Somers (disbanded 2017)	116	105	99	87	94	59	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Westchester (disbanded)		19	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Nassau	83	82	76	66	50	34	21	18	14	16	5
St. Lawrence MAL Unit		21	13	7	8	6	13	10	22	22	27
Steuben and Chemung Counties (2021)	25	24	24	25	26	26	18	18	18	16	15
Syracuse Metro.	85	102	100	90	71	69	73	76	80	91	94
Tompkins County	106	103	90	82	92	78	74	64	64	74	77
Utica Metro. Area	53	57	54	56	44	52	52	56	53	56	58
Warren County (disbanded 2018)	17	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne (Disbanded)		17	13	10	10	6	6	0	0	0	0
White Plains	125	134	145	125	117	121	124	126	128	101	107
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3958</b>	<b>3760</b>	<b>3695</b>	<b>3462</b>	<b>3381</b>	<b>3442</b>	<b>3548</b>	<b>3760</b>	<b>3516</b>	<b>3640</b>	<b>3297</b>

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

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The central idea that underpins all of the work that we do at the League is to keep our organization connected to as many people who both need and want to be informed about participatory democracy and civic engagement. In particular, young people are a cornerstone of the sustained voter engagement process by way of both the in-school community (pre-K thru 12) and through college campuses. We know that effective engagement is sustained engagement and the goal is to gradually move our youth from democratic apathy to using social justice moments to not only get involved with different areas of activism at the local level but also use all the information from our League network to challenge voter myths and restore a sense of pride in the election process. Our work has become increasingly challenging given the constraints of the global pandemic but we are still in the best position as an organization, because we are a trusted source. I encourage each local League to consider all the phenomenal work that you have already achieved and continue to learn from your communities, network with educators, school boards, local non-profit organizations, and colleges in the context of knowing what works best for your young people and your League.

As we reflect on the work over the course of the last few years, we have successfully incorporated the Youth Civics Initiative (YCI) as simple strategy for youth to work alongside the League while having real-world discussions about the ways they can improve their communities.



The now global YCI network uses a peer-to-peer model alongside adult allyship or mentors with League support.

Local Leagues are also finding creative ways to allow their youth to be the storytellers on why voting matters and this has led to imaginative public service announcements (PSAs) and voter registration drives both in high schools and on college campuses. The variation in creativity of our youth has also been showcased in social media campaigns by various local Leagues. Pushes for civic preparedness and conversations on policy continue to happen across the state and are demonstrated through our sustained connection to the state Civics Readiness Initiative with social studies educators, New York State School Boards Association, and the Democracy Ready Coalition, to name a few. Even though there have been some complexities with navigating access to students and creating the experiences that increase civic participation we are still using the virtual space to organize and define ways to allow youth voices to be heard. Namely, welcoming SIA back to the capital region for 2022 is an exciting start to the transition to normalcy and getting feedback from our youth on what they would like to learn from the League.

Another great addition for our work has been the creation of our Youth Committee. It is now easier for us to connect with each other and local Leagues by having a youth team that can work more closely with the upcoming projects across the state. While our team is small team, my co-chair Nick Doran and I are able to strategically evaluate programs that have been successful, provide feedback to local leaders about the realities, successes and challenges that Leagues are experiencing with youth programs, and report back to you more efficiently. The Committee structure, in time, will help our organization to create pathways for leadership and create accountability for continued relationship building and help new leaders learn about our culture while building towards equity as an internal organizational goal. Most of the decision-making is now a shared understanding across various League activities; Youth Committee members are active in every aspect of state League involvement from voter services to DEI strategies to allow for more transparency in how we coordinate with other League activities.

### **LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

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The Local League Support Committee (LLSC) is a new Board committee created to provide local Leagues with resources and information to help them meet ongoing challenges and maintain or develop long-term sustainability.

To fulfill its mission and provide effective support, the Committee:

**IDENTIFIED NEEDS:** The LLSC surveyed local League presidents and found that the vast majority selected Membership (recruiting, retaining new members, and leadership development) as the area in which assistance would be most beneficial. That was followed by Technology (best practices for website design, social media, and eblasts; help with virtual meetings and

candidate forums). Based on this feedback, the Committee focused this year's activities on Membership/Leadership issues and also addressed technology concerns.

**PROVIDED ON-LINE RESOURCES:** The Committee compiled and edited membership/leadership materials with practical ideas and strategies, located in the new [Membership and Leadership](#) section of the LWVNYS website.

**SET UP A PRESIDENTS' GOOGLE GROUP:** With the enthusiastic participation of local Leagues, the 'conversations' on the new Presidents' Google group traded best practices and provided practical support. Topics have included changing local League tax status, advice on on-line accounting programs, voter registration, DEI, redistricting, and technological assistance. In addition, the Committee posted weekly tips and strategies on member engagement to the group.

**PUBLICIZED MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP TIPS ON PRESIDENTS' CALLS:** Membership/Leadership was the topic of several well-attended local League Presidents' calls. The November call dealt with recruiting and retaining new members. We heard from LWV Rensselaer, County LWV of Saratoga County, LWV of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork, and St. Lawrence MAL unit. The key takeaway was that we must continuously ask others to join. Having visibility in the community and working on important local issues are crucial, as is involving new members in areas in which they are interested and making them feel welcome. Merging Leagues in an area can keep members on board even when there is no one willing to step into the leadership role for one or more of the Leagues. Post-call feedback was very positive.

Local Leagues had indicated that it is challenging to find people willing to take on leadership roles. During the January Presidents' call, the LWVs of NYC, Rivertowns, and Syracuse explained what they are doing to engage and successfully develop leaders. Syracuse discussed its Leadership Team model, 4 members in place of the traditional president and vice president. Roles and tasks are assigned based on a specialty, interest, or talent.

**PROVIDED REGIONAL TRAINING:** The Local League Support Committee's (LLSC) regional training workshop, "It's All About the Ask: Tactics for Increasing Membership and Cultivating Leadership," was well received. View the PowerPoint presentation [here](#). LWV staff provided training in social media and running hybrid candidate forums.

**SUPPORTED THE FORMATION OF A NEW LEAGUE:** We are very excited to report that a group in Great Neck is working to start up a MAL in their community. Margie Macintosh (Cattaraugus-Allegheny MAL) is mentoring them. They now have more than 18 paid-up members and are almost ready to submit the necessary documents to the LWVNYS.

**GOING FORWARD:** We are planning to follow up on member suggestions such as creating sample new member/board member packets and orientation materials, and providing additional guidance for nominating committees. Above all we want to keep this year's conversations going!

**BUDGET COMMITTEE****Judy Weinstein, Chair**

Thank you to the Budget Committee: Marian Bott (LWV of NYC), Steve Muller (LWV of Rensselaer), George Calvi (LWV of Rivertowns), Lori Robinson (LWVNYS Treasurer), Jane Colvin (LWVNYS Board Member), and ex officio members Judie Gorenstein (LWVNYS President) and Laura Ladd Bierman (LWVNYS Executive Director).

There are two budgets for the coming fiscal year included in this report: The LWVNYS (League) and the Education Foundation (EF). As required by our by-laws, the EF budget was approved by the Board of Directors at their March meeting and is attached for informational purposes only. The attached LWVNYS budget must be approved by the membership at the Council meeting on June 7, 2022.

Both budgets are included for clarity. The EF reimburses the League for actual expenses that are education related or EF administration related.

The two biggest changes in the League budget from this current year to next year's proposed budget is the significant increase in salaries and benefits, and the income and expenses (in many different accounts in budget) related to state Convention which is only held every other year and will be held in 2023.

During the past year, the EF received a grant to pay for the salary of an additional employee, the Organizer position. The EF also received a large donation of \$1 million dollars with no restrictions (except that 60% must be invested in a new Endowment Fund), but the donor expressed desires that staff salaries should be strengthened and staffing increased, as well as additional support should be provided for local Leagues, especially in their voter services work. This is important to remember when reviewing next year's budget. We have included keeping that new staffer, Organizer, even though the grant ends, and we have significantly increased salaries for both the Deputy Director and Executive Director, which we found were substantially lower than others in similar positions in nonprofits in Albany.

These decisions have increased greatly the salaries and benefits lines of the League budget when compared to previous years. This has then had the impact of increasing the amount of funds taken from the Reserve Account (Investments) of the EF as the EF reimburses the League for any educational related expenses, including salaries. In the EF Budget, it is projected that \$121,000 will be needed from the Reserve Account to balance the budgets. The Budget Committee did not make this decision lightly. It was agreed that with the wishes of the donor of the large gift and the need to increase salaries to be competitive in hiring, that we would recommend this large withdrawal as a one-time event. If additional resources are not developed during the coming year, next year's Budget Committee will need to reexamine the increases.

But, the good news is that the EF has just received a \$75,000 grant for the coming year which will pay for much of this increase in salaries and other expenses. Additional grant funds are being sought to avoid the large withdrawal of our invested funds.

As mentioned above, the delegates at LWNYS Council will need to consider and approve the proposed League Budget. See the proposed budget and the EF budget on the next pages followed by an explanation of each of the accounts in the budget.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of NYS Proposed 2022-23 Budget

	Actual 2020- 2021	2021-2022 Budget	Projected 2021-22 Yearend	Proposed 2022- 23 Budget
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 - Member Support</b>				
4000-1 - PMP Income	62,068.74	66,632.00	66,632.00	\$ 60,458.95
4002-1 - Member Support-MAL	1,856.96	4,795.00	4,000.00	3,600.00
4010-1 - Spec Gifts From Local Leagues	2,117.93	2,000.00	2,200.00	2,000.00
4016-1 - Board Contributions	945.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,000.00
4018-1 - Member Contributions	20,676.15	14,000.00	22,950.00	25,000.00
4025-1 - Community/Corporate Donations	88.53	0.00	5.00	0.00
4026 - In Kind Donations	40.00	1,000.00	40.00	100.00
<b>4150 - Direct Mail Income</b>				
4151-1 - Direct Mail- Feb mailing	10,141.75	14,000.00	10,000.00	16,000.00
4154-1 - AF-June mailing	6,885.00	5,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
<b>Total 4150 - Direct Mail Income</b>	<u>17,026.75</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>24,000.00</u>
<b>Total 4000 - Member Support</b>	<u>104,820.06</u>	<u>108,927.00</u>	<u>113,827.00</u>	<u>116,158.95</u>
<b>4110 - Development</b>				
4111 - Election Night Reporting	7,875.02	2,000.00	2,670.00	2,800.00
<b>Total 4110 - Development</b>	<u>7,875.02</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,670.00</u>	<u>2,800.00</u>
<b>4120 - Projects/Programs</b>				
4125 - Program Reimbursement	96,299.43		148,528.00	
4126 - EF Admin. Reimbursement	74,902.00		82,350.00	
4127 Grant Income	2,000.00		8,000.00	0.00
<b>Total 4120 - Projects/Programs</b>	<u>173,201.43</u>	<u>180,766.00</u>	<u>238,878.00</u>	<u>266,389.23</u>
4123 - Voter Services	751.00	2,500.00	4,200.00	5,000.00
<b>4130 - Advocacy</b>				
4130-2 - Legislative agendas		50.00	51.55	100.00
<b>Total 4130 - Advocacy</b>		<u>50.00</u>	<u>51.55</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>4300 - State Meetings</b>				
4300-1 - State Convention Income	12,806.75	0.00		25,000.00
4310-1 - Advocacy Day		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Regional Meetings		2,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
<b>Total 4300 - State Meetings</b>	<u>12,806.75</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>26,500.00</u>
<b>4400 - Publication Sales Income</b>				

<b>4485-1 · Misc Publications Sales</b>				
<b>4400 · Publication Sales Income – Other</b>				
<b>Total 4400 · Publication Sales Income</b>	841.55	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>4500 · Product Sales</b>	1,922.69	5,000.00	3,500.00	2,500.00
<b>4600 · Other Income</b>				
<b>4600-1 · Interest Income</b>	14.29	10.00	15.00	15.00
<b>4690-1 · Miscellaneous Income</b>	500			
<b>4691-1 · Speaker Fees</b>				
<b>Total 4600 · Other Income</b>	514.29	10.00	15.00	15.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>302,732.79</b>	<b>305,753.00</b>	<b>369,641.55</b>	<b>421,463.18</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>				
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>5000-1 · PMP National</b>	1,208.00	1,232.00	1,232.00	928.00
<b>5020-1 · Mal Unit Support</b>	10	485.00	225.00	434.00
<b>5120 · Projects/Programs Expenses</b>				
<b>5123 · Voter Services</b>	68.55	4,000.00	15,500.00	5,500.00
<b>5120 Project/Programs Exps - Other</b>	3,000.00		230.50	
<b>Total 5120 · Projects/Programs Expenses</b>	3,068.55	4,000.00	15,730.50	5,500.00
<b>5130 · Advocacy Expenses</b>				
<b>5132 · Legislative Agenda brochures</b>	126.33	100.00	188.75	150.00
<b>Lobby Reference Guides</b>	129.38	0.00	64.74	125.00
<b>5133-1 · Lobby Reports</b>		100.00	100.00	200.00
<b>Total 5130 · Advocacy Expenses</b>	255.71	200.00	353.49	475.00
<b>5163 · Development Expenses-</b>				
<b>5115 Sustainer Plaque</b>	108.81			
<b>5163-1 · Revenue Share-Elec. Night Rep.</b>	6,945.00	1,760.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
<b>Total 5163 · Development Expenses-</b>	7,053.81	1,760.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
<b>5200-2 · Administrative Expenses</b>				
<b>5220 · Professional Fees</b>				
<b>5221-1 · Audit</b>	2,950.00	3,000.00	3,850.00	10,000.00
<b>Other Prof Fees (Consultant DB)</b>	3,818.75		24,000.00	12,000.00
<b>Total 5220 · Professional Fees</b>	6,768.75	3,000.00	27,850.00	22,000.00
<b>5230 · Technology</b>				
<b>5230-1 · Repairs &amp; Maintenance- Equip.</b>	1,540.21	1,000.00	1,990.00	2,000.00
<b>5230-2 · Website Hosting</b>	774.55	320.00	216.68	250.00
<b>5230-3 · Website Maintenance</b>	5,180.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
<b>5230-4 · Software</b>	50	0.00	0.00	
<b>5230-7 · Microsoft Outlook license</b>	834.26	900.00	842.40	842.40
<b>5230-8 · Little Green Light</b>		0.00		
<b>5230-91 · Zoom</b>	384.87	600.00	293.89	600.00
<b>Total 5230 · Technology</b>	8,763.89	8,820.00	6,342.97	8,692.40
<b>5240 · Supplies</b>				
<b>5240-1 · General Office</b>	625.45	2,000.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
<b>5240-2 · Copying</b>	276.97	1,000.00	150.00	150.00
<b>5240-6 · Printing</b>	1,649.20	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

<b>Total 5240 · Supplies</b>	2,551.62	5,500.00	3,350.00	3,150.00
<b>5250 · Postage</b>				
<b>5250-1 · General</b>	3,327.15		1,750.00	1,500.00
<b>Total 5250 · Postage</b>	<u>3,327.15</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
<b>5261 · Telephone</b>				
<b>5261-1 · General</b>	982.59			
<b>5294-2 · Internet</b>	914.71			
<b>Total 5261 · Telephone</b>	<u>1,897.30</u>	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>5265 · Travel</b>		1,000.00	90.00	100.00
<b>5266 · Facilities/Lodging/Meals</b>		2,000.00	624.76	2,000.00
<b>5269 · Dues, Fee &amp; Subscriptions</b>	903.45	350.00	400.00	300.00
<b>5270 · Insurance</b>				
<b>5271-1 · Directors &amp; Officers</b>	308	308.00	333.00	340.00
<b>5282-1 · General Liability Insurance</b>	2,175.45	2,200.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
<b>Total 5270 · Insurance</b>	<u>2,483.45</u>	<u>2,508.00</u>	<u>2,833.00</u>	<u>2,940.00</u>
<b>5291-1 · Depreciation Exp</b>	476.00			
<b>5295-1 · Misc General Expenses</b>				
<b>5296-1 · Checking Account</b>	10.00			
<b>5296-5 · Misc Expenses</b>				
<b>5296-6 · Credit Card Expenses</b>	507.81	850.00		
<b>5298-1 · Master Card/ VISA/PayPal</b>	518.33		718.00	850.00
<b>5299-1 · Interest Expense</b>	95.04			
<b>Total 5200-2 · Administrative Expenses</b>	<u>28,302.79</u>	<u>29,028.00</u>	<u>43,958.73</u>	<u>41,532.40</u>
<b>5200 · Payroll Related Expenses</b>				
<b>5200-1 · Salaries- General Admin.</b>	201,605.16	\$217,490.00		\$278,400.00
<b>5202-1 · Employee Benefits</b>				
<b>5209-1 · Employee Pension Expense</b>	2,542.03	2,797.00		\$8,313.00
<b>5215-1 · Disability Insurance</b>	1,008.07			1,989.00
<b>5219-1 · Workers Compensation</b>	461.7	462.00	371.80	994.50
<b>5202-1 · Employee Benefits - Other</b>	16,945.04	\$16,637.00		\$21,297.60
<b>Total 5202-1 · Employee Benefits</b>	<u>20,956.84</u>	<u>19,896.00</u>		<u>32,594.10</u>
<b>5216-1 · Health/Dental Insurance</b>	8,890.79	\$14,758.00		\$23,395.68
<b>5200 · Payroll Related Expenses - Other</b>	1,285.00	1,404.00		1,404.00
<b>Total 5200 · Payroll Related Expenses</b>	<u>232,737.79</u>	<u>253,548.00</u>	<u>301,679.78</u>	<u>335,793.78</u>
<b>5280-1 · Rent Expense</b>	6,000.00	6,000.00	24,250.00	28,800.00
<b>5300 · Meetings</b>				
<b>5301-1 · State Convention</b>	4,803.51	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
<b>5302-1 · National Convention</b>	600	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
<b>5310-1 · Lobby Day- Expenses</b>		1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Regional Meetings</b>		1,500.00	3,000.00	0.00
<b>Total 5300 · Meetings</b>	<u>5,403.51</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>8,500.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
<b>5400 · Publications Expense</b>	4,545.68	1,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
<b>5500 · Products Expense</b>	3,613.95	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies</b>	0.05			

Total Expense	292,199.84	305,753.00	401,329.50	421,463.18
Net Income	10,532.95	0.00	-31,687.95	0.00

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK STATE**  
***DESCRIPTION OF BUDGET CATEGORIES, 2022-2023***

**INCOME****MEMBER SUPPORT**

- 4000-1 Per Member Payments from local Leagues, based upon reported membership on January 31<sup>st</sup> of previous year
- 4002-1 Membership dues from NYS Members-at-Large, including members of MAL units
- 4010-1 Special gifts from local Leagues
- 4016-1 Gifts from Board members
- 4018-1 Gifts from members
- 4025-1 Community/Corporate Donations – gifts from community foundations or corporate foundations
- 4026 In Kind Donations usually for printing of documents and brochures
- 4151-1 Direct mail appeal, mailed in February
- 4154-1 Action Fund letter sent in June, asking for funds to support specifically advocacy efforts

**DEVELOPMENT**

- 4111 Election Night Reporting -Payment for local LEAGUE participation with election night reporting for AP; funds are received and a portion passed on to local Leagues for their participation
- 4119 Miscellaneous Fundraisers – events that raised money for LEAGUE but vary year to year

**PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

- 4125 Program Reimbursement from EF – Reimbursement from EF for educational programs that will be operated by LEAGUE
- 4126 Administrative Reimbursement from EF – Reimbursement from EF for administrative expenses of the EF, eg, salaries and building expenses related to maintaining the office building.

**VOTER SERVICES**

- 4123 Voter Services Income – sales of Voter Guides

**STATE MEETINGS**

- 4300-1 State Convention Income
- 4310-1 Advocacy Training Workshop – Inc received for registrations of attendees at advocacy training workshop
- 4320 Regional Trainings – Income received for registrations of attendees at regional training workshops

**PUBLICATIONS/PRODUCTS**

- 4400 Publication Sales – income from sales of publications.

4500 Product Sales – income from sales of t-shirts, mugs, pins, etc on website or at conventions.

**EXPENSES**

**GENERAL EXPENSE**

5000-1 PMP National – PMP paid to LWVUS for NYS MAL members

5020-1 State support for MAL Units; all dues payments for MAL unit members go directly to the state and small rebate goes to MAL Units.

**PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

5123 Voter Services – Expenses for creation, printing and postage of Voter Guides and other voter service activities.

**ADVOCACY**

5132 Legislative Agenda Brochure – Creation, printing and postage for Legislative Agenda Brochure

5133-1 Lobby Reports – fee paid to NYS for reporting on LWVNYS lobbying activities

**DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES**

5115 Sustainer Plaque – Expense to engrave sustainer plaque honoring local or state LEAGUE leaders.

5163-1 Revenue Share – Election Night Reporting - Payment for local LEAGUE participation with election night reporting for AP; funds are received and a portion passed on to local Leagues for their participation

**PROFESSIONAL FEES**

5221-1 Audit -Expenses associated with the outside independent yearly audit of the LEAGUE’S books

**TECHNOLOGY**

5230-1 Repairs & Maintenance -Equipment - computer and other equipment repairs

5230-2 Website hosting – Fee required to host website on internet.

5230-3 Website Maintenance – Expenses for webmaster to update website.

5230-4 Software – Expense for possible new software.

5230-5 General Maintenance – Costs for services on computer hardware in office.

5230-7 Email Subscription – monthly fee for web based program for communication with members.

5230-8 Little Green Light – subscription for database program

5230-9 Zoom – subscription for Zoom license

**SUPPLIES**

5240 Supplies include office and building supplies, copying and printing (Accounts 5240-1, 5240-2 and 5240-6).

**POSTAGE**

5250 Postage includes general postage for LEAGUE business

**TELEPHONE**

5261 Telephone expenses include local, long distance and fax line (paid out of EF now)

5294-2 Internet – charge for maintaining internet connection (paid out of EF now)

**TRAVEL**

5265 Travel and transportation includes staff and board travel



**FACILITIES/MEALS/LODGING**

5266 Expenses for board meetings and hotel and food at state Convention.

**DUES, FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

5269 Dues, Fees and Subscriptions include tax return payments, professional association memberships, license fee and subscriptions

**INSURANCE**

5271-1 Directors and Officers insurance indemnifies Board members and staff

5282-1 General Liability Insurance includes coverage of the LEAGUE events including local Leagues.

**MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**

5291-1 Depreciation Expenses

5298-1 Master Card/Visa/Paypal expenses

**PAYROLL RELATED EXPENSES**

5200-1 Salaries of Executive Director, Deputy Director, Organizer, Finance Administrator, Internal Auditor (PT)

5202-1 Employee benefits includes pension, FICA expense, Medicare expense, disability insurance, federal unemployment, NYS unemployment, workers compensation, etc.

5216-1 Expenses associated with employee health insurance premiums and buyout

5200 Payroll Related Expenses – Other – expenses for payroll service

**RENT**

5280-1 Rent paid to new offices at The Blake Annex (assumes building owned by EF and former office will sell)

**MEETINGS**

5301-1 State Convention Expenses – current year convention costs are mostly in specific accounts for the purpose, eg, printing, postage, etc.

5302-1 National Convention/Council - Expenses associates with sending Board members and staff to National Convention

5310-1 Lobby Day – expenses for annual Advocacy Training/Lobby Day

**/PRODUCTS**

5400 Publications Expenses – printing cost for LEAGUE publications

5500 Products - Expenses associated with purchasing products such as t-shirts, mugs, banners, etc.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of NYS Education Foundation

## 2022-23 Budget

Approved by LWVNYSEF Board March 25, 2022

	Actual 2020- 2021	2021-2022 Budget	Projected 2021- 22 Year End	Proposed 2022-23 Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>4000 · Support Income</b>				
4010-1 · LL Contributions	4,006.25	500.00	2,525.00	2,500.00
4018-1 · Member Contributions	72,085.97	60,000.00	1,079,260.00	70,000.00
4020-1 · Board Donations	118,727.50	30,000.00	55,050.00	50,000.00
4025-1 · Community/Corporate Donations	409.82	20,000.00	11,700.00	20,000.00
<b>Total 4000 · Support Income</b>	<b>195,229.54</b>	<b>110,500.00</b>	<b>1,148,535.00</b>	<b>142,500.00</b>
<b>4100 · Grant Income</b>				
4110 · Income- Development				
4119-1 · UN Event				
4180-1 · Fundraiser/Event				
<b>Total 4110 · Income- Development</b>		<b>0.00</b>		
<b>4150 · Direct Mail Income</b>				
4151-1 · Feb Direct Mail (LWV)		500.00	500.00	500.00
4157-1 · Fall Direct Mail (EF)	55,968.59	32,000.00	26,339.00	30,000.00
<b>Total 4150 · Direct Mail Income</b>	<b>55,968.59</b>	<b>32,500.00</b>	<b>26,839.00</b>	<b>30,500.00</b>
<b>4200 · Other Income</b>				
1010-21 · Interest	328.22	500.00	26.00	100.00
4280-1 · Rent from LWVNYS	6,000.00	6,000.00	1,500.00	0.00
4285-1 · Rent from Outside Sources		0.00		0.00
4290 · Bibby Endowment Year End Income	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
4291 · Centennial Year End Income	1,400.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
RNS Year End Income				30,000.00
6420-1 · LWVNYS Sustainers Plaque		200.00		200.00
4200 · Other Income - Other	3,750.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 4200 · Other Income</b>	<b>19,478.22</b>	<b>19,700.00</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>39,800.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>384,069.57</b>	<b>193,545.00</b>	<b>1,251,374.00</b>	<b>212,800.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>5120 · Programs/Projects</b>				
5125 · Program reimbursement to LWVNYS	96,299.43	180,766.00	148,528.00	
5126 · EF Admin. Reimburse to LWV	74,902.00		82,350.00	
5190-1 · Grant- Special Projects	18,654.64	5,000.00	3,500.00	
5120 · Programs/Projects - Other	200			
<b>Total 5120 · Programs/Projects</b>	<b>190,056.07</b>	<b>185,766.00</b>	<b>234,378.00</b>	<b>266,389.23</b>
<b>5150 · Development/Projects</b>				

5110 · Development Expenses	3,571.67	2,828.00	3,026.52	3,000.00
5117 · UN Event				
<b>Total 5150 · Development/Projects</b>	<b>3,571.67</b>	<b>2,828.00</b>	<b>3,026.52</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
5157 · Direct Mail Expenses				
5157-2 · Printing	2,408.60	2,500.00	2,395.54	2,400.00
5157-3 · Postage	802.7	900.00	745.50	800.00
<b>Total 5157 · Direct Mail Expenses</b>	<b>3,211.30</b>	<b>3,400.00</b>	<b>3,141.04</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>
5200-2 · General Administrative				
5221-1 · Professional Fees-Legal & Acctg	2,950.00	3,000.00	3,850.00	10,000.00
5230-1 · Equipment Repair & Maintenance	4,885.80	5,000.00	2,117.00	2,124.00
5235-1 · Equipment Expenses	2,531.05	1,600.00	3,503.61	3,822.12
5240-1 · Supplies	326.93	250.00	350.00	350.00
5250-1 · Postage	1,273.62	1,500.00	1,154.64	1,120.00
5260-1 · Printing and Design Expenses	3,525.74	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
5265-1 · Travel/Transportation		1,000.00	0.00	0.00
5266-1 · Meals/Lodging		29,000.00	28,900.00	30,300.00
5271-1 · Directs & Officers Insurance	308.5	243.00	333.00	340.00
5281-1 · Building Maintenance				
5281-12 · Building Repairs and Upkeep	17,737.09	500.00	13,709.80	0.00
5281-1 · Building Maintenance - Other	2,258.70	2,732.00	1,500.00	0.00
<b>Total 5281-1 · Building Maintenance</b>	<b>19,995.79</b>	<b>3,232.00</b>	<b>15,209.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>
5282-1 · Building Insurance	2,025.40	1,555.00	3,363.00	1,000.00
5284-1 · Building Utilities	4,563.87	3,930.00	3,923.00	0.00
5294-1 · Dues, Fees, Subscriptions	12,859.59	12,462.00	11,251.00	10,166.00
<b>Total 5200-2 · General Administrative</b>	<b>55,246.29</b>	<b>65,272.00</b>	<b>73,955.05</b>	<b>59,222.12</b>
5296 · Bank Charges				
5279-1 · B. Bibby Interest- Rochester	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
5296-1 · Checking Account				
5298-1 · Master Card/ Visa/PayPal	544.57		700.00	700.00
5641-1 · Credit Card Charges	1,649.49	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5296 · Bank Charges - Other	110.47			
<b>Total 5296 · Bank Charges</b>	<b>6,304.53</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>
Depreciation Expense				
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>258,389.86</b>	<b>262,766.00</b>	<b>320,200.61</b>	<b>337,511.35</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>125,679.71</b>	<b>-69,221.00</b>	<b>931,173.39</b>	<b>-124,711.35</b>
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
4000-1 · Local PMP GRANTS MANAGEMENT	5,857.34	3,507.00	3,507.00	\$3,182.05
4161-0 · Use of Cash Reserves		65,614.00		121,529.30
Use of Grant Carryovers			56,404.00	
4300-1 · Admin Fee-GRANTS MANAGEMENT		100.00	50.00	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>5,857.34</b>	<b>69,221.00</b>	<b>59,961.00</b>	<b>124,711.35</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>131,537.05</b>	<b>69,221.00</b>	<b>56,404.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>991,134.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>

