

LWVIL 2012 GRASSROOTS ADVOCATES

A Benefit of League Membership!

Would you like the League to alert you when key decisions are pending on the issues you care about?

There are times during the year, particularly when the state legislature is in session, when LWVIL Issue Specialists have important information to share and/or need to mobilize grassroots action on League issues. If you are interested in any of the issues listed and would like to be an individual Grassroots Advocate, please complete the form below. Current Grassroots Advocates can also use this form update their listings.

SIGN ME UP AS A GRASSROOTS ADVOCATE!

I am a current Grassroots Advocate, but would like to change my listing (if you're unsure what issues you're signed up for, contact Mo at the LWVIL office: 312/939-5935, ext. 37; info@lwwil.org)

I am a current Grassroots Advocate, but am unable to continue. Please delete my name from the list.

I am interested in receiving information and taking action on the following state issues (see further information on the reverse side of this form and check all that apply):

Government Positions: Campaign Finance and Ethics Reform Criminal Justice
 Death Penalty Abolition Election Law Fiscal Policy & Tax Reform
 Gun Violence Prevention Judicial Reform School Funding Redistricting Reform
 Discrimination Against Women CEDAW (UN Convention to End Discrimination Against Women)

Natural Resources Positions: Climate Change Water Resources Air Energy
 Large Scale Livestock Facilities Sustainable Food and Water (Subcommittee)

Social Policy: Children's Services Health Care Immigration Housing

Issue Specialists Needed: Citizen's Rights (FOIA, Freedom of Speech) School Quality
 Land Use Waste Management Pesticides Mental Health
 The League has a position on an Issue that interests me but is not listed. Please contact me regarding

Name:	
Address, City, St, Zip:	
County:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
E-mail:	
Local League:	
State Rep./Dist. #:	
State Sen./Dist. #:	
US House Rep./Dist. #:	

e-mail the information on this form to: info@lwwil.org or print and mail completed form to:
 LWVIL, 332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 525, Chicago, IL 60604



Add Your Voice: Become a LWVIL Grassroots Advocate

“Of the people, by the people, for the people.”

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Acting as participants rather than spectators, citizens do make a difference and we need your voice now more than ever.

The Illinois League only takes action on issues on which we have a position. Our legislative agenda is prioritized by our members through the Program Planning process, confirmed by the State Board, and finalized at convention by delegate vote.

We place emphasis on areas where we believe the League can have the most impact and we are recognized for leadership on vital issues. League members determine our priorities and we put our resources behind them.

Why Should I Become a Grassroots Advocate?

- Members only sign up to advocate for the positions they care about. (See reverse side)
- There is strength in numbers. Advocating on behalf of an issue you care about - at the same time other like-minded individuals are doing so - amplifies the message.
- League Action Alerts let you know when is the best time to act, whether it is to encourage a particular vote, ask the governor to pass or veto a bill, or to ask legislators to uphold or override the governor's action.
- League Issue Specialists provide the necessary tools for successful interaction. Today, a short phone call or email gets the message across.
- Grassroots Advocates can develop rewarding working relationships with other League members across the state who share their interests.
- Advocates can have even more impact by sharing Action Alerts with non-members in their communities who know and trust the League of Women Voters.

To become a League of Women Voters of Illinois Grassroots Advocate, please use the form on the reverse side or contact:

Laura Kratz, Vice President for Issues and Action at issues@lwvil.org

NOTE: If the state League or national League has **not** issued an Action Alert on legislation of particular interest to you, you are encouraged to voice your opinion to your elected officials as **an individual, not as a League member.**