

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

ALLYSON HAUT (LWV OF WILMETTE), PRESIDENT

Allyson attended her first LWV meeting with her mother at the age of five, the beginning of a passionate commitment to the League. She is accomplished in state and local League leadership, having served as Events chair, Program chair, co-president, and president of LWV Wilmette; on the LWVIL board as co-chair of the Issues and Advocacy Committee and as current president. Allyson's lifelong focus on social justice is reflected in her leadership and service with numerous nonprofits beyond the LWV. For years she has worked with organizations which provide refugee support and address food insecurity. Most recently she served on the boards of the JWS Ovarian Cancer Research Fund and Friends of the Wilmette Public Library, as well as serving her local school district in committee work and as PTO president. A graduate of Wellesley College, Allyson received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Missouri. As a faculty member of Rush Medical College at Rush University, she worked in patient care, teaching and research. She was also Director of the Heath Psychology Clinical Psychology residency program, and Director of Behavioral Sciences Education at Rush Medical College. Allyson loves exploring the great outdoors, a good book in a comfy chair, and time with family and friends. She and her husband Peter Office have two adult daughters.

WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE LWVIL BOARD

I am, quite simply, passionate about our LWVIL mission. I want to continue to serve the board as President because I firmly believe that experience in state board service and continuity of leadership are critical to our success and the advancement of the LWVIL. As co-chair of the Issues and Advocacy committee and as board president I have built upon my leadership experience to guide the sound management and growth of our organization. In collaboration with my fellow board members, I have laid the foundation for relationships and partnerships across the state, initiated strategic planning for the coming biennium, and ensured our fiduciary duties are met. I believe my commitment to and experience with responsible, effective stewardship of our organization has successfully positioned us to expand our goals. We are poised for growth, with a slate of returning board members bringing continuity of leadership and talented individuals from board committees ready to take on new positions. I am committed to uplifting the work, dedication and ingenuity of our local Leagues - our community relationships are the key to statewide impact. Together we will all work to protect the vote and make change in our state. I am eager to move forward with what we have begun.

MY GOALS FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM

My vision is to grow the presence, impact and reach of the League mission in Illinois, and I have three focus areas for goals and objectives - local League support; developing external audiences and organizational relationships; and healthy organization operations. Local Leagues, with their community connections, are key to mission success, and my first goal is a thorough and equitable needs assessment. I expect specific goals for state support to include: providing opportunities for leadership development and training, reducing the local League administration load, creating shared communications resources, state amplification of shared advocacy efforts. My second focus area is on external relationships. At the state level we have a responsibility to develop our relationships with major stakeholders and position ourselves as an accessible public resource for nonpartisan advocacy information. Goals include cultivating major donor and sponsorship opportunities, forging partnerships for advocacy, and continued enhancement of our communications and educational resources. And third, there are my goals for LWVIL operations to support our mission work. These include establishing a board committee for equity and inclusion focus, pursuit of the board/member approved 501(c)(3) transition, regular strategic planning and review, and data driven evaluations of board impact.