

Looking for Ways to Take Action? -- *continued*

- Be involved with your local League – look for something more you can do, or get started, involve new people – your friends from book club, church group or the train, for example. You can find the League closest to you here.
- If there is no local League where you are, contact us to find out how to form a League in your community – we’ve had inquiries about starting two in the last month!
- Be sure to respond to Time for Action requests. Then share them with a friend. Encourage others to sign up for it here.
- Get to know your state legislators and local elected officials and talk to them about issues you care about and actions you would like them to take. Yes, pick and dial the *telephone*.
- Get involved with issues that matter to you locally. Cities and states across the country have raised the minimum wage, passed earned sick time bills and implemented fair pay measures while federal action on the same matters has stalled. Those state and local changes have improved the lives of MILLIONS.
- Become a League-trained Observer then attend and report on a local government unit’s meetings, such as village boards, township boards, library or park districts. Local leagues share these reports, often online, to make the workings of these governmental bodies more widely known.
- Learn more about the issues for which LWVIL advocates – and then get involved.
- Make noise on social media – if you care about an issue, post about it on your social networks. Share posts from your favorite organizations, like LWV, or articles from quality sources. Tell people why the issue matters to you.
- Make noise in real life, too! While on-line activism is vital for building a movement, there is no replacement for showing up in person. This can be as simple as attending a local board meeting and making a comment at public input time, or as organized as the recent Women’s March on Washington that led to sister marches across the world. This event showed just how powerful it is when advocates speak out and fight for a change. Watch for opportunities to rally, march and let your voice be heard!
- Know that League at all levels is working to respond to the changes that are happening.
- Make a financial contribution to your local League or LWVIL.
- Other – what else would you like to see? Contact us at info@lwwil.org with your thoughts and suggestions. Remember, democracy is not a spectator sport!