

CATEGORY	LOCAL	LWVMI	LWVUS
Government		----	Voting rights
		----	Direct popular vote
		----	Citizen's right to know
		----	Transparency & accountability for privatization of government services
		----	Money in politics (formerly campaign finance)
		----	Reproductive choice
		----	Digital equity (affordable access to high-speed internet services)
		----	D.C. self-government
		Redistricting	Redistricting
		Elections laws	Verifiable, auditable voting systems at all levels
		Lame duck legislative sessions	----
		State government finance & tax structure	Responsible deficit policies; equitable tax system; broad-based income tax
		----	Federal role in providing mandatory & universal old-age, survivors, disability, health insurances
		----	Federal judiciary
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		Intergovernmental relations	----

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Climate Change		---	Science-based policies
Environment/ Natural Resources		Great Lakes ecosystem protection; mitigate threats; public participation in protective measures; establish research priorities	Protect surface, in-ground, & drinking water; evaluate inter-basin water transfers; public participation
		---	Air quality
		Pesticides: use & regulation of; public notice for use	---
		Land as finite resource; responsibilities of stewardship	Conservation, stewardship, long-range planning; public participation in decisions
		Solid waste management	Waste management, recycling, hazardous waste reduction
		Animal feed lot regulation & environmental risks	Environmentally sound federal agricultural policies
		---	Environmentally sound energy use & conservation; use of renewable resources
		---	Nuclear energy: maximum protection of public health & environment
Social Policy		---	Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
		---	Affordable child care
		Public libraries	---
		Public education pre-K through 12	Public education pre-K through 12
		Children & youth services	Early intervention for at-risk children
		---	Economic health of urban areas

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Social Policy		Social services: income assistance; job training; support services. Federal standards, funding, & supervision. Administered at local level.	Equality of opportunity: education, employment, housing. Income assistance for food, shelter, clothing; support services
		Health care: access, facilities, personnel, consumers	Affordable access to basic health care for all residents
		Medical aid in dying	— — —
		— — —	Provide universal health, old age, disability, survivors insurances
		Agricultural, migrant, seasonal workers	— — —
		— — —	Immigration: fair treatment; family reunification; visas for students & political refugees; path to citizenship
		Criminal justice & prisons	Alternatives to incarceration; oppose mandatory minimum sentencing for drug offenses; abolish death penalty
		— — —	Poverty reduction; income assistance programs; adequate standards for food, clothing, shelter
		— — —	Violence prevention programs
		— — —	Regulate & limit accessibility to & ownership of firearms
		— — —	Economic health of urban areas

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International Relations		---	Oppose all forms of domestic & international human trafficking
		---	Trade
		---	Developing countries
		---	Arms control
		---	United Nations
		---	Defense spending

Notes

Some individual positions have been grouped under one heading, e.g. criminal justice, human trafficking, environmental protections.

In 2022, LWVUS reviewed and updated these positions through our DEI lens: Congress and the Presidency, Climate Change; Equality of Opportunity; Health Care; Immigration; Violence Prevention; Gun Policy; Death Penalty; Sentencing Policy.

January, 2024, LWVMI reviewed and updated all advocacy positions to reflect DEI principles.

May, 2025, LWVMI approved the advocacy position, "Medical Aid in Dying."

June, 2025, LWVUS approved the advocacy position on the Federal Judiciary.

Sources

LWVMI - Available online at: <https://lwvmi.org/lwvmi-positions/>

LWVMI has briefing papers on: rights available (or not) to Michigan women since 1931; history of the ERA; gun violence; public education. Click on the Advocacy tab, then select "Briefing Papers."

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