League of Women Voters Glen Ellyn & Wheaton

Defend Democracy Drop-In Action Group GROUP DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

The League of Women Voters Glen Ellyn (LWVGE) began the Defend Democracy Drop-In Action Group in October 2023. It expanded to Wheaton in January 2024. This group provides an opportunity for members and their guests to learn about the pro-democracy issues supported by the League of Women Voters, and take action on those issues while simultaneously learning effective advocacy and lobbying skills from a League member.

Some of the strategies we will use to have our voices heard include the following:

- Write a letter to the editor
- Call, write, e-mail or visit a government official
- File a witness slip
- Develop talking points on an issue to post to social media accounts and/or for conversations with family, friends and neighbors
- Hold or join a rally
- Contact voters in Illinois and other states

The Defend Democracy Drop-In Action Group meets twice monthly. Both groups will cover the same topics and action of the month.

- MORNING MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn Public Library
- **EVENING MEETING**: 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00 8:00 p.m. at the Wheaton Public Library

The LWV is proud to be a non-partisan organization. We do not support or oppose candidates or political parties. The League engages in advocacy on vital issues of concern to its members and the public. All of our actions will be centered around the LWV campaign for Making Democracy Work¹. This includes League supported positions around voting rights, improving elections, money in politics, and redistricting. The League's work includes ensuring a free, fair, and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters, protecting and advancing voting rights and election reform, as well as fighting efforts in Washington, D.C. and state legislatures to suppress voters. Please note that while **only the co-presidents are permitted to speak for the LWVGE in an official capacity,** all members and guests are encouraged to take action on League issues as individuals, without mentioning their affiliation with the League.

Please join us to Defend Democracy!

¹ https://www.lwv.org/making-democracy-work