

**LWV of Laramie
Program 2023-2024
Revised at March 19, 2023 Program Planning Meeting**

Planning

- a. Support a master/comprehensive plan for the city. (adopted c. 1985, reworded 2019, 2020)
- b. Support a master/comprehensive plan for the county. (reworded 2019, 2020)
- c. Support cooperative city and county planning. (added 2019)
- d. Support adequately funded, diverse recreational activities and open space. (reworded 2010)

Government

- a. Support council/manager form of city government. (reworded 2021)
- b. Support election of Laramie City Council members from the three wards of three councilors each. (adopted 2011)
- c. Support measures to identify and report potential conflicts of interest by elected and appointed officials. (reworded 2010, 2017, reworded 2021)
- d. Support a process of filling vacancies on both appointed and elected boards and commissions in Albany County.—This process will be transparent and include applications and interviews, and a replacement chosen from the candidate pool. There will also be training to prepare replacements to serve. (reworded 2014, 2021, proposed 2023)
- e. Support efforts to secure adequate funding to maintain city and county government including legislation. (restored 2015, reworded 2017, 2019, proposed 2023)
- f. Support emergency preparedness policies and programs to ensure that people in Albany County can be adequately notified and aided in the event of local emergencies in order to assure their health and safety. This includes city, county, or statewide public health orders. (adopted 2008, reworded 2010, 2011, 2019, 2021)
- g. Support diversity, equity, and inclusion in make-up of all appointed boards and commissions. (adopted 2017, reworded 2019)
- h. Support education efforts in civics and stewardship of democracy, affirming diversity, equity, and inclusion in curricula, literacy, and parenting/life skills. (adopted 2021, revised 2022)
- i. Support fair, accurate, transparent, equitable, reliable, and secure voting procedures and methods. (adopted 2021)
- j. Support library staff, acquisition policies, and public access to library materials in publicly funded libraries according to established policies and procedures set by their boards. (adopted 2022, proposed 2023)
- k. Support the concept of “Home Rule” as outlined in the Wyoming Constitution. (proposed 2023)

Human Resources

- a. Support comprehensive physical and mental health care and planning for all community health needs including low-income and homeless community members. (reworded 2011, 2021)

- b. Support awareness, treatment, and adequate funding in areas including suicide prevention, substance abuse, disability awareness, discipline/respect, health care and sexuality, conflict resolution, anti-bullying, and anti-violence. (reworded 2010, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, proposed 2023)
- c. Support affordable full-time, after school, drop-in and sick-child care for preschool and primary school age children in Albany County. (adopted 2000)
- d. Support income-sensitive housing in Albany County, with an emphasis on needs of low and mid income and special needs populations. (“income-sensitive” added 2008, reworded 2019)
- e. Support standards of health, sanitation, and safety in rental housing and establishing tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities. (adopted 2002, reworded 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, proposed 2023)
- f. Support efforts to provide shelter, food, and other services for Albany County’s homeless population. (added 2019, proposed 2023)
- g. Support smoke-free workplaces in the community. (adopted 2004)
- h. Oppose discrimination in employment and housing practices. (proposed 2023)

Crime

- a. Encourage the coordination of local service efforts in the areas of crime prevention, early intervention and timely healthcare services. (adopted 1994, proposed 2023)
- b. Encourage awareness of the connection between mental health issues and crime in Albany County. (reworded 2011, 2019, 2020, proposed 2023)
- c. Encourage and support gun safety measures and legislation. (proposed 2017 or 2018)

Transportation

- a. Support adequate community transportation services.–Support adequate funding for these services. (reworded 2019, 2020, proposed 2023)
- b. Support multi-modal transportation in Albany County, with adequate provisions and enforcement for safe pedestrian, bicycle, motorized traffic. Support bike path marking and maintenance. (adopted 2006; reworded 2010, 2011, 2020)
- c. Support convenient and reliable public access to interstate and intrastate transportation by public carriers. (adopted 2005)
- d. Support a separate transportation master plan for Laramie and Albany County with annual review and provision for adequate input by local citizens. (adopted 2006, reworded 2011, proposed 2023)

Immigration

- a. Support equitable treatment and opportunities to include education, scholarships, drivers' licenses, bank accounts, employment, housing, and social services for all residents of Wyoming regardless of immigration status. (adopted 2018, apostrophe moved 2020)
- b. Support safe zones. (adopted 2018, reworded 2020)

Study on County Commissioners: The Laramie LWV will complete a feasibility study of the size and representational composition of the board of county commission

