

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you again. I am here as the president of the LWV as well as a retired mental health counselor who worked with people in poverty for over 30 years first at OCDHHS and then at PCHC.

In 1990 the LWV took on a study of health care in the US which was completed in 1993. Among other important issues, the issue of equity in health care was addressed including:

- Allocating medical resources to underserved areas,
- Providing for training health care professionals in needed fields of care,
- Standardizing basic levels of service for publicly funded health care programs,
- Requiring insurance plans to use community rating instead of experience rating,
- Establishing insurance pools for small businesses and organizations.

This as in many of the LWV's issues, was ahead of its time. At the same time, much has changed in the past 20+ years including significant research on what types of things affect a person's physical and behavioral health.

We know from recent research that Adverse Childhood Experiences such as poverty, frequent moves, abuse and neglect, environmental conditions, etc can affect health. As a city we cannot control some things such as genetics or an individual's choices. However, we can make people's abilities to make good choices more equitable and that seems to be what this ordinance is about.

Many of the factors that are known to improve health are also areas that the city has taken on in their studies of downtown development including making sure that there is sufficient greenspace, that we are a walkable city, that there is community engagement in the city government, etc. Incorporating the Health In All Policies ordinance with the other great work that the city is doing would just enhance what is already being started.

From a fiscal standpoint, it makes perfect sense to incorporate this ordinance into what the city is doing. Enhancing the health of the entire community is likely to make our current community and health care more efficient as well as more cost efficient.

As I have said at other meetings, I love living in Appleton. Every time I visit another area of the country I am reminded of how much I love Appleton and every time I hear about another area that the city is working to improve, I love Appleton even more.

Here is a tentative agenda for the planning meeting - Wed. December 20 3:00-4:00) at Copper Rock on College:

I. Introductions (ACLU leadership, LWV Appleton and LWV Winnebago Co.)

II. Outline of the project goals and purpose: Voter ID Assistance Training with Molly McGrath- One open evening information session on the challenges that some are facing getting an Wisconsin issued ID that they can use for voting with a follow-up on the next day for training volunteers on how to assist people work through the process to get the ID

III. Identify additional non-partisans groups that would be interested in co-sponsoring (identifying the parameters of co-sponsorship)

--Celebrate Diversity?

IV. Determine dates and suggest facility

V. Develop a timeline and divvy up tasks (press release, etc.)

VI. Set up the next meeting.

Molly McGrath works for the national ACLU's Voting Rights Project to directly help voters get the IDs they need to vote or overcome other barriers to the ballot box. During the 2016 presidential election cycle, she led a voter ID campaign in Wisconsin where she directly communicated with over 10,000 voters impacted by the voter ID law. She documented DMVs across the state giving the wrong information on how to obtain an ID to vote in time for the election, resulting in a Federal Judge ordering an investigation into DMV voter ID practices. Her work has been featured by The New York Times, The Today Show, MSNBC, Mother Jones, and other national outlets. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Wisconsin, earned her law degree Brooklyn Law School, and is admitted to the New York bar. Molly was born and raised in Wisconsin Rapids and is a former Miss Wisconsin.

Question answers below:

Has a program like this been run in other areas before? What was successful/should be modified for here?

- Yes! I have been working to get Wisconsin voters IDs for two years and training and organizing others to do the same. I have primarily worked in-person in Madison, Mke, Beloit, Jainsville, but one thing we learned is the need to expand. The most

successful thing is in-person outreach and following up with the voters who need help. This is what I am now training folks on across the state, scaling up in the Southern regions, but expanding already expanding this outreach and assistance to Green Bay, Menomonie, Eau Claire and more. Right now, I'm getting updates from folks in WI getting voters ID while I'm in KS. Local groups working in a coalition is A+ effective, but of course the model is tailored to best fit that community.

Do we know if the challenges that Molly would talk about are being experienced in our area? (why would people here care?)

- I have talked to people all over the state who need IDs--from Superior to Kenosha. IN 2016 I received calls from Neenah and other areas in the FRV. I include voter stories from Wisconsin, but do not specifically include one voter from the FRV. Along with not having IDs, no one is immune to the confusion these laws create.
- A lot of people read articles like this one and ask, "What can I do to help?"

Does a training program exist? Can we preview materials?

- Yes. In general this presentation covers What the ID law is and what you can do about it. No matter the time or experience level, everyone leaves that day with an action item. We cover
  - Basics of the law
  - Stories of voters impacted that illustrate lessons for outreach
  - How to talk to voters about ID (it's crucial to be simple, specific and keep positive messaging)
  - What to do if I find a voter who needs an ID
- If people want to be "experts" who know the law in and out, return helpline calls and actually do the one-on-one casework, that is a second training. Usually the people who want to do the in-depth expert work is much smaller. I have scripts to return helpline calls or calls to voters who need help, a tracking system, and a chart. The main thing is we all need to be offering help to voters who need IDs, going places where marginalized voters are asking what I call the "magic" question, and getting contact info to pass along to "experts." But not every single person on the doors, at a registration event etc. needs to be an expert. However, everyone needs to talk about the law in a positive and effective way. I could do an expert training that day after OR have people sign up there and do a follow up soon after.

What would a volunteer experience with this look like once they were trained?

- Any level from most to least time consuming and expertise
  - handout lit and post posters so voters know help is available
  - incorporate the "magic" question about voter ID into outreach they are already doing anyway
  - participate in targeted, in person outreach to voters who are impacted by the law (ex: food pantries, church community meals etc).
  - become an expert. Work one on one with a voter through their unique process of obtaining an ID, including going to the DMV if needed. This requires an addl training, and there are growing experts across the state--LWV, People Power and other org members.

Do we have any information about the target audience in our area? How many, who, where, what issues they face?

- Yes--hard to give you numerically exact numbers, but I cover target outreach groups and affected demographics. For example, if you have a low income community, you have people who need help getting an ID to vote. I believe the most recent study found about 20k NON-Madison or MKE voters stayed home in 2016 bc of the ID law (even though some actually had the ID!).
- Issues faced: lack of transportation, lack of accurate information, inherent confusion with the law, failed DMV trips before, unsure what law applies, unsure difference with voter reg and voter ID, not sure how to get a social security card w/o an ID, wondering if they need to buy a birth certificate to get an ID, under the false belief they can use an out of state license, older voters who no longer drive with an expired license or ID, wondering if their address needs to match their ID, etc.
- The target audience for my presentation though is anyone who wants to volunteer or learn more

What will success look like? Number of new people with ID? Number of volunteers trained? Number of attendees at the event? When would success be measured/reported- to who?

- I guess ultimate success would be high turn out, no provisional ballots and no evidence a voter stayed home bc of ID law (ha!).
- That's not realistic bc of how this law works. Some ways the tracking system keeps metrics: Each voter who receives assistance getting an ID . Each helpline call with a voter question. How many conversations volunteers have with voters--even if those voters have an ID, since we know the confusion harms turnout as much as lack of ID. How many pieces of lit handed out.

Are there local resources dedicated to issuing ID's that would see this as helpful/harmful to them?

- I'm not sure I understand this question--but we have posters, individual lit for voters and other resources.