

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM

JENNIFER LEE O'NEIL (LWV of EVANSTON)

VICE PRESIDENT, VOTER SERVICE

Jennifer Lee O'Neil joined the LWV in 1985 in Canton, Massachusetts. During her ten years with that League, she chaired membership, voter services and eventually served as president. When her family moved to Evanston in 1995, she immediately joined the LWV of Evanston. She has served on its board for ten years, chaired voter services for more than five, and recently served as president and co-president. She currently co-chairs communications and participates in the observer corps. Jennifer is retired from a 50-year career in the fair and affordable housing industry including property development and management and the administration of subsidy and special programs. She has extensive experience with housing assistance, self-sufficiency and mobility counseling programs. She was employed by Quadel Consulting first as Deputy Director for Illinois Quadel and then as a director providing corporate oversight for consulting and direct management contracts around the country. Jennifer is originally from Ohio and received a BA degree from Indiana University. In addition to her work with the League, Jennifer leads the Evanston Chapter of Together Women Rise, a powerful community of women and allies dedicated to achieving global gender equality. \

WHY I WANT TO SERVE ON THE LWWIL BOARD

My interest in serving on the LWWIL board of directors is threefold: continuing to learn, using my knowledge and experience to contribute, and participating in the League's transition to a larger and even more influential organization. I am grateful for the information, experience, skills and relationships that the League has provided, and I know there is more to learn at the state level. I'm anxious to take advantage and work with an expanded group of women and men. My experience and knowledge should give me the ability to contribute on the state level, especially in the area of voter services where I have not only worked within the local League but also with a coalition of organizations in the community and regionally with other Leagues. Finally, I am excited about the direction the League is moving towards and look forward to being part of that change and working with others to guide the state and local Leagues in a way that benefits everyone. As with most people, I look for experiences in retirement that will be interesting, challenging and fulfilling and this opportunity seems to meet those needs.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS AN LWWIL BOARD MEMBER

Some of my goals as a member of the board: To meet the obligations of the office and expectations of the other members of the board, as well as those of my local League - to continue building upon the work of the current board and committees with the same level of conscientiousness and excellence, especially in the areas of communications, as a resource for local Leagues, and to assure continued good business operations - to assist the LWWIL to strategically support local Leagues, especially to increase membership statewide and to ensure that League principles and guidance are understood - to increase voter turnout - to assist with the development of a sound member financial structure that benefits local Leagues of all sizes and maintains the community "feel" of the League - to provide members of my local League with a better understanding of the responsibilities and challenges of the League at the state level