



### **LWVMA Position on Immigration (adopted by concurrence June 8, 2019)**

The League of Women Voters of Needham submitted a concurrence on LWV Illinois's position on immigration. LWVIL conducted a study on immigration in 2007. The position complements the LWVUS position from 2008 [https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/impact\\_on\\_issues\\_2016-2018\\_social\\_policy.pdf](https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/impact_on_issues_2016-2018_social_policy.pdf) page 89, which deals primarily with immigration policy at the federal level. <https://www.lwvil.org/immigration.html>

The LWVMA position is given below, followed by the LWVIL position. The final bullet of the LWVIL position is not included in the LWVMA position. The LWVMA board feels that LWVMA already has positions on who may vote, making the LWVIL last point unnecessary.

#### **LWVMA Position Statement on Immigration**

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts should promote local community efforts to provide orientation and counseling services for immigrants regardless of documentation status, and support funding efforts for these services by encouraging federal funding and by the use of funds from the state and local governments as well as from the private sector.
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts should promote and fund educational programs and materials that seek to inform all workers, including documented and undocumented immigrants, of their rights in the workplace.
- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts should provide "driving certificates" or some other form of proof of driving validation to undocumented drivers, allowing those drivers to drive legally and ensuring that they would have passed a state driving test. The Commonwealth should permit and encourage auto insurance providers to issue insurance coverage to holders of such driving certificates.
- LWVMA opposes the deputization of state and local police to enforce immigration laws in Massachusetts.
- LWVMA opposes legislation or ordinances at the state and local level that would penalize landlords for renting to undocumented immigrants.
- LWVMA opposes legislation or ordinances at the state and local level that would prohibit the issuance of business permits to undocumented immigrants.

#### **LWVIL Position Statement on Immigration (adopted June 2007)**

- The League of Women Voters of Illinois believes that the State of Illinois should promote local community efforts to provide orientation and counseling services for immigrants regardless of documentation status. The State of Illinois should support funding efforts for these services by encouraging federal funding and by the use of funds from the state and local governments as well as from the private sector.
- The League of Women Voters of Illinois believes the State of Illinois should promote and fund educational programs and materials that seek to inform all workers, including documented and undocumented immigrants, of their rights in the workplace.
- The League of Women Voters of Illinois believes the State of Illinois should provide "driving certificates" or some other form of proof of driving validation to undocumented drivers, allowing those drivers to drive legally and ensuring that they would have passed a state driving test. The LWVIL also believes the State



of Illinois should permit and encourage auto insurance providers to issue insurance coverage to holders of such driving certificates.

- The League of Women Voters of Illinois opposes the deputization of state and local police to enforce immigration laws in Illinois.
- The League of Women Voters of Illinois opposes legislation or ordinances at the state and local level that would penalize landlords for renting to undocumented immigrants.
- The League of Women Voters of Illinois opposes legislation or ordinances at the state and local level that would prohibit the issuance of business permits to undocumented immigrants.
- The League of Women Voters of Illinois does not support extending the right to vote to undocumented immigrants.