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## **LWVGE Social Justice Bill of Rights**

- ❖ All residents of the United States shall have the right to healthful air and water and access to all natural resources.
- ❖ All residents of the United States shall have the right to appropriate medical care.
- ❖ All residents of the United States shall have the right to well maintained and appropriate (affordable / essential) housing.
- ❖ All residents of the United States shall be provided with equal opportunity in education, employment and pay equity.
- ❖ No child in the United States shall be denied food, clothing, shelter and adequate transportation or be prevented from obtaining them.
- ❖ No resident of the United States shall be denied equal rights on the basis of gender.
- ❖ All mothers shall have access to child care services, as well as medical and healthcare services.
- ❖ No citizen shall be denied voting privileges, nor be required to pay a “poll tax” of any sort.
- ❖ All residents of the United States shall have the right to live in a society free of gun violence.
- ❖ All residents of the United States shall have the right to live in a society free of violence against women and free of human trafficking.

## **Why Do We Need A Bill Of Rights?**

The League of Women Voters establishes positions on social justice topics after much study at the local, state, and national level. Many of these social justice positions have been developed more than fifty years ago. Sadly, as a society some of these positions have still not become a priority on a national level (and indeed in some cases we have moved backward). LWVGE wanted to bring these social justice requirements for a just and equitable society to the forefront. Details on each of these rights can be found in [“Impact on Issues” \(LWVUS\)](#) and [“Where We Stand” \(LWVIL\)](#), the biennial reports that describe all League positions.

This Bill of Rights highlights the crucial social justice areas that a democratic society should provide to its constituents and residents. We hope that by bringing these rights to you, you will be encouraged to lobby for their enactment.