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*The League of Women Voters:*

- Acts as a force to create positive, lasting change in our communities
- Empowers millions of voters to exercise their right to vote
- Educates citizens and fosters dialogue on pertinent issues – from healthcare and climate change to openness in government
- Works to ensure that ALL votes are counted and ALL voices are heard
- Helps to make democracy work!

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**LEGISLATIVE AND  
BUDGET PRIORITIES  
FOR THE 2016**

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# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND

## LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PRIORITIES

### FOR THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION OF 2016

#### MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

##### Our goals include:

- Redistricting reform
- Open government
- Improved voter access
- Eliminating contested elections for judges

#### PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

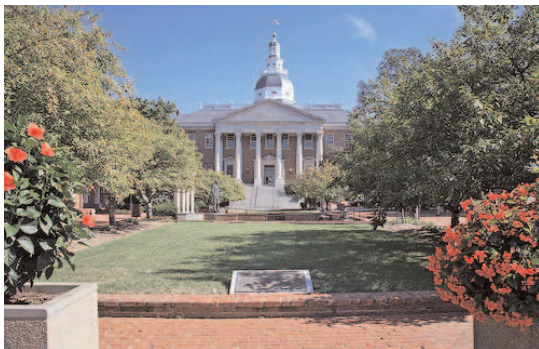
##### Our goals include:

- Mitigating climate change
- Increasing renewable energy
- Assuring clean water standards
- Adequate public transportation

#### ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO MEET THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS

##### Our goals include:

- Full funding of the Bridge to Excellence Act
- Corrections and sentencing reform
- Maintaining the safety net for vulnerable populations



#### DOES THE LEAGUE SUPPORT PARTIES OR CANDIDATES?

No! Never! The League is political, but strictly nonpartisan.

Our members decide what issues the League will address and what action the League will take on issues.

