THE LEAGUE PROMOTES

- Expansion of the Women's Healthcare Safety Net

Ensure funding for women's preventive healthcare, including contraception.
- Roughly 1.8 million Texas women need publicly funded preventive services, yet less than 25% currently receive services.

Address the shortage of qualified family planning providers and increases providers in the state's women's health programs.
- Texas needs more providers to deliver preventive care to women, especially in rural areas.

Provide FDA-approved contraceptives, including the most effective forms – implants and intrauterine devices (IUDs).
- Women's access to effective contraception allows them to plan and space their pregnancies.

Eliminate barriers to access to preventive healthcare.
- Continuous healthcare coverage reduces unplanned pregnancies.

Allow funding to reach more women, saving Texas taxpayer dollars.
- 74% of Texas' unplanned births are publicly funded, and research shows that unintended pregnancies cost Texas taxpayers $2.9 billion. For every dollar invested in contraception, taxpayers see a return of $7.09.

IMPROVE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO SAFE LEGAL ABORTIONS

Oppose legislation that
- Removes severe and irreversible fetal abnormality as a permissible reason for abortion in the 3rd trimester.
- Requires burial or cremation of fetal tissue, and issuance of fetal death certificates by health care facilities.
- Imposes prevention and reporting requirements and penalties in cases of purported “coerced” abortions.
- Bans insurance coverage of abortions.

Support legislation that
- Eliminates the waiting period before an abortion can be performed.
- Requires information in informed consent materials to be supported by accurate research.

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Elections resulting in honest & accurate results
- Transition to voting equipment renewal and required paper-trail for post-election audits.
- Mandatory uniform training for election workers.
- Assure enforcement of election laws.

MODERNIZATION OF VOTING SYSTEMS
- Supplement outdated paper registration with direct voter registration – a proven 21st century system.
  - Takes advantage of improved Texas statewide registration system.
  - Maximizes voter registration integrity.
  - Offers accuracy more than five times better than transcribed paper forms.
  - Significantly reduces county transcription & state printing costs.

Encourage renewal of county election equipment and standards.
- Incentivize conversion to reliable, safe and secure equipment.
- Ensure county election personnel’s compliance with security standards.

Improve accessibility to ballot-by-mail program and assure its integrity.
- Redesign forms for clarity and compliance.
- Adjust time period and mechanisms for requesting ballots by mail.

Fair and effective redistricting
- Provide maximum opportunity for public scrutiny.
- Support an Independent Citizens’ Redistricting Commission.
- Districts apportioned on equal population.
- NOT drawn to dilute the strength of minority populations.
- NOT drawn to favor a political party or incumbent.
- Based on a fair and accurate census.