



Common ground. Common good.

A Civic Prospectus

I. Our vision

To create the common ground where “We the People” can achieve the common good.

II. Our mission

The Citizens League builds civic imagination and capacity in Minnesota by:

- Identifying, framing and proposing solutions to public policy problems;
- Developing civic leaders in all generations who can govern for the common good; and
- Organizing the individual and institutional relationships necessary to achieve these goals.

III. Our Operating Principles

1. We believe in the power and potential of all citizens.
2. We believe in democracy and good governance.
3. We believe in civic leadership and active citizenship.
4. We believe in good politics and political competence.
5. We believe that all individuals and institutions must sustain these principles from one generation to the next.

IV. Our Civic Guidelines

1. **Defining an issue:** People who are affected by a problem or issue will help to define it in keeping with our mission and principles.
2. **Demonstrating transparency and good-governance:** Leaders will establish a transparent governance process that expects all participants to engage in decision and policy-making.
3. **Contributing resources:** All participants will help identify and contribute resources to address the problem or issue
4. **Sustaining solutions:** All participants will help advance and sustain recommended policy strategies