



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WASHINGTON

2008 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Strengthening Democracy

LWVWA will strengthen democracy in Washington by:

- working to pass local option campaign finance legislation
- working to pass adequate funding for Civics Education and testing

Priorities for a Healthy Washington

LWVWA will protect Washington's natural environment:

- Implement global warming pollution reduction goals (SB 6001-2007)
- Encourage responsible land use planning that reduces emissions of global warming gases
- Create programs that protect and promote trees and urban forests
- Promote programs that provide locally grown produce from small and mid-size farms for schools and food banks

Improving Access to Health Care

LWVWA will work to improve access to health care in Washington by supporting legislation that:

- provides full implementation of Cover All Kids (SB 5093)
- funds premium assistance for the Health Insurance Partnership
- provides coverage for low income 19-25 year olds
- funds an analysis and comparison of the costs to be borne by individuals, business, and government of 3-4 models of health care delivery
- funds home visits for Pierce County low income children with asthma

Improving Education and Early Learning

LWVWA will work for improved education and early learning in Washington by supporting:

- a plan to amply fund basic education
- policies and programs that promote the well-being and safety of all children
- professional development of child care staff with adequate compensation

Protecting Human Health and the Natural Environment

- Prevent hazardous wastes, including radioactive, from being deposited at any site until that site has been cleaned up
- Protect children from harm due to unsafe toys and child products

Working for a Better Washington

- The League will continue to work for a better Washington by supporting policy solutions that guarantee reproductive choice, provide adequate regulation of handguns, provide sustainable transportation infrastructure improvement and development, and move toward a fairer, more balanced system of taxation.