

## Proposed 2019-2021 LWVWA Program of Work

Presented by Program of Work Planning Committee: Michelle Valentine, Chair, LWVWA Board; Mary Collins, Pullman; E. Dianne Ramsey, Seattle-King Co; Susan Renhard, Snohomish County; Judie Stanton, Clark Co.; and approved by LWVWA Board of Directors, 4/19/19.

The vote on the Proposed Program of Work at Convention 2019 will be the culmination of months of planning by local and state League. Program of Work Planning documents were sent to the local Leagues in November, 2018. Responses were received from nine local Leagues and the LWVWA recommended Program of Work. Delegates to the LWVWA Convention will vote on the Proposed Program of Work and any not-recommended items submitted in accordance with the LWVWA bylaws and voted consideration by the Convention delegates.

Local Leagues and MAL units may submit proposals for changes in the recommended program. Proposals received by the state board at least three weeks (**May 16, 2019**) before the opening of the convention shall be considered by the board at a meeting prior to the convention at which time the board may change the recommended program. Such changes may not be voted on by the convention on the same day on which they are presented.

A majority vote shall be required for the adoption of the program recommended by the state board. Concurrence items require a 3/5 approval vote.

### Recommended Program

- 1. LWVWA Board of Directors recommends re-adoption of the current LWVWA positions** in the areas of Government, Transportation, Natural Resources and Social Policy as written in 2017-2019 Program in Action. The LWVWA Board recommends continued efforts in the campaign for Making Democracy Work®.  
(see recommended current LWVWA position in brief on pages 4-5 of our [Program in Action](#))
- 2. LWVWA Board recommends providing to local Leagues material for citizen education and action on Washington State Investment Trust (Public Bank)**

#### Scope:

- Determine the elements, impact and benefits of proposed legislation (both current and future)
- Identify arguments in opposition to the Public Bank proposal using studies and other documentation on the subject already available
- Apply LWV Privatization Study Criteria to results of the Feasibility Study and Business Plan currently being prepared by the University of Washington at the request of State Legislators
- If results indicate support is appropriate, action efforts and citizen education including, but not limited to activities such as forums and grassroots contact with the general public and legislative representatives by LWV members throughout the state.

#### Outlook for Work:

The expected length of time needed for completion: August 2019 through 2020 Legislative Session

Possible sources of information: Monetary policy and Public Bank information and resources are

currently being identified, compiled (both pro and con) and shared with other league members around the state. Until a business plan for the Public Bank proposal has been completed and reviewed, we are focusing education efforts on familiarization with the history of banking, the Federal Reserve, the creation of money, the concept of public versus private banking, the LWV Privatization Position Criteria and a variety of relevant documents and videos.

Role of local Leagues: Public education and advocacy and legislative lobbying (i.e., via emails, letters, phone calls., etc.)

**Interested Committee Members:**

Toyoko Tsukuba, Benton-Franklin; Adele Reynolds, Seattle-King County; Martha Meyers, Seattle-King County; Nora Leech, Seattle-King County; Dianne Ramsey, Seattle-King County; Lindon Bentley, Thurston; Richard Conoboy, not a League member; Marilyn Perkins, Benton-Franklin; Marcia Radey, Clallam; Ann Murray, Clallam; Margie Whitmore, Clallam

**3. LWVWA Board recommends an Update on Protecting Washington State's Shorelines**

**Scope:** A new study is needed to extend the 2001 work on p. 26 of PIA 2017-2019. The study should gather data on current shoreline conditions, projections and issues.

**Outlook of Work:** the expected length of time needed for completion: 2 years

Possible sources of information: Applicable state and federal laws, Rules and Regulations of the Army Corps of engineers, Department of Ecology, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as state, county & city Shoreline Master Programs. Also to be utilized could be University of Washington Climate Impacts Group research, Climate Adaptation Plans, and information from impacted interest groups (shellfish growers environmental advocacy groups, etc.)

Role of local Leagues: Review of Local Shoreline master Programs and consensus participation.

**Interested Committee Members:**

Karen Luetjen, Seattle-King County; Phyllis Farrell, Thurston; Martin Gibbons, Seattle-King County; Anne Van Sweringen, Thurston; Ann Aagaard, Seattle-King County

The anticipated expected expense for the Program of Work plan: \$5,000 for research, printing and meeting.

**4. LWVWA Board of Directors recommends a concurrence with the LWV Kitsap County proposal to update language in the current Gun Control position to reflect current usage of Gun Safety.**

This would be a simple housekeeping adjustment in verbiage. (2017-2019 LWVWA *Program in Action*, page 38, *The League's Position on Gun Control (1994)* (Please note that the corresponding LWVUS position still uses "Gun Control")

## Not-Recommended Items Eligible for Consideration and Adoption

Not-Recommended items are on this list for a variety of reasons that did not warrant Board's recommendation to move forward at this time. Reasons include: support from only a single League, not a state-wide proposal, could be accomplished within existing emphasis on Making Democracy Work®, or incomplete submittal.

Local Leagues and MAL units may submit corrections in the not recommended program. Proposals received by the state board at least three weeks (**May 16, 2019**) before the opening of the convention shall be considered by the board at a meeting prior to the convention at which time the board may change the recommended program. Such changes may not be voted on by the convention on the same day on which they are presented.

Any recommendation for the program submitted to the state board at least three months before the convention but not recommended by the board may be adopted by the convention provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote and on a following day the proposal for adoption receives a 3/5 vote.

### Concurrence with the LWV Snohomish County position on Civil Discourse.

*"Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff, and the public for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes. Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutual, respectful, courteous, constructive, and orderly communication."*

This would be a new policy RG-4 in (2017-2019 LWVWA Program in Action, page 17, Regional Governmental Structures (1981)

### Program Submittals (single proposers unless otherwise noted)

#### GOVERNMENT

- **Development of toolkits on a range of election methods, to support citizen education**  
(Bellingham-Whatcom) recommended 2 tool kits: one to discuss a variety of election methods, and another that goes into greater depth on ranked choice voting for both single and multi-member offices as compared with our current system of first past the post/plurality.  
Can be accomplished as Advice to the Board. Will need to supply committee workers.
- **Study the state constitution requirement for 60% majority to pass bond issues (Clallam)**  
Single proposer.
- **Study current levels of media literacy, digital citizenship and internet safety (Kitsap)**  
Similar item was passed at the 2017 LWVWA Convention with no activity over the last two years.  
Proposal incomplete.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

- **State level advocacy to reduce transport of fossil fuels from Washington State ports**  
(Bellingham-Whatcom) Continue advocacy at the State level to protect the Salish Sea from oil spills and to fight climate change by supporting policies to reduce transport of fossil fuels from Washington ports and to ensure that our advocacy at the state level to protect the Salish Sea considers possible disparate impacts on communities of color and other underrepresented and marginalized communities, as is consistent with the LWVWA commitment to inclusion and diversity set forth in the Transformational Journey.

Refer to Lobby Team

- **Update Energy Position** (*Thurston and Snohomish*) *With specific language*  
Proposal too prescriptive in result language and incomplete.

#### SOCIAL POLICY

- **Affordable housing** (*San Juan*) *update on the local level.* While affordable housing is a statewide issue and LWVWA does have applicable positions for action.
- **Planned Parenthood** (*San Juan*) *update on the local level.* While reproductive rights is a statewide issue and LWVWA does have applicable positions for action.
- **Citizen Education** (*Mason*) *Continue state level support of local leagues as we move toward the 2020 election. Continue to provide resources for voter education, registration, and GOTV activities. Continue league to league sharing opportunities.)*  
Included as part of the activity for Making Democracy Work®.

### **During Convention, the procedure for bringing forward a Not-Recommended item during the plenary session is as follows:**

1. **In the first plenary session on Friday**, you should give notice of “intent to propose not-recommended item.” To be moved for consideration at convention, a not-recommended item must be listed on in the Convention Handbook, indicating that it met the LWVWA bylaws deadline (Article XI, section 2) for submission.
2. **In the second plenary on Friday, motions to consider** not-recommended program items shall be presented immediately following the presentation of the proposed program.
  - The member moving consideration may give a two-minute explanation.
  - Questions for clarification are allowed, and only debate on the merits of consideration is permitted at this time.
  - The vote for consideration requires a simple majority and is taken immediately.
  - Those not-recommended items voted for consideration will be taken up for debate, possible amendment and vote when the order of business calls for it.
3. **In the last plenary on Sunday**, discussion and final vote will be taken. Not-recommended items require a 3/5 vote for adoption.