



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WASHINGTON

2021 Legislative Issues

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Elections: Improve access to the ballot, particularly for those previously convicted of a felony, modernize elections to allow for better representation and more flexibility, facilitate better understanding of initiatives

Election Security: Ensure secure, accurate, transparent elections, and utilize best practices to reduce rejected ballots

Money in Politics: Reduce influence of special interest money in politics, provide public financing for campaigns for some offices, ensure transparency, restore citizen confidence, and prevent conflicts of interest

Redistricting: Ensure the 2021 redistricting process is well publicized, accessible to the widest range of constituents, efficient, and transparent.

Fighting Climate Change and Its Effects

Climate Change: Promote measures to address the climate crisis

Energy: Advocate for clean and renewable sources

Forest, Rivers, and Water: Protect and restore natural resources

Transportation: Achieve balanced and efficient systems, prioritizing those that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and congestion

Ensuring Social Justice

Criminal Justice: Address the impact of systemic racism and advocate for a criminal justice system that is equitable, transparent, and evidence-based

Social Justice: Expand economic, political, and social opportunities and protections for historically marginalized groups

Gun Safety: Support measures to increase public safety and reduce suicides

Housing and Homelessness: Ensure affordable housing for all

Health Care, Behavioral Health, and Reproductive Rights: Ensure affordable and accessible health care for all

Public Education

Fully fund K-12 and increase funding for student support services, including broadband access.

Promoting Fair Budget and Revenue

Support a balanced, adequate, and flexible tax structure, and the establishment of a public bank

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Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs, and performance must have the following:

- Competent personnel with clear responsibilities
- Agency and intergovernmental coordination
- Adequate financing
- Effective enforcement
- Well-defined channels for citizen input and review