

Proposed Issues for Education and Advocacy 2019-20

The Action Committee has identified three issues as priorities in the coming year.

Government oversight

Preparing for the 2018 election revealed several deficiencies in City procedures to inform residents about ballot measures and provide for public discussion and debate. We will work with other organizations and with Councilmembers on procedures, and possibly ordinances, to provide more time and transparency in the preparation of ballot measures, including initiatives.

We will also work to improve LWVO's own voter education and participation activities. This will include training interested members in analyzing legislative proposals and preparing recommendations based on League positions.

Campaign finance reform

The Public Ethics Commission (PEC) is going to need some pressure in order to decide on a new system and get it in place for the 2020 elections. We think the voucher system used in Seattle is the most viable. In addition to lobbying the PEC and the Council to adopt a new system, the League will also participate in public outreach and education to build public support.

Redistricting

In order to have a committed, competent, and diverse Independent Redistricting Commission, the City must meet its responsibilities under the law and undertake significant outreach activities. LWVO will work with the City Administrator and City Attorney as they develop necessary regulations and guidelines to ensure robust public outreach, and selection procedures that will encourage and identify the best candidates to become commissioners. We will cooperate with other community organizations on outreach and education as well. We will lobby the Mayor and the City Council to provide funds necessary for effective implementation.