

Ideas & Resources from the League of Women Voters, Los Angeles

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Examples of LWV-LA Advocacy/Positions

EDUCATION (1966, 1971, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1993-1995, 2007-2011) Support of a public school system where the primary goal should be the improvement of student outcomes including increasing the percentage of student proficiency at each grade level resulting in an increase in the number of high school graduates.

ELECTION PROCEDURES (2008) Advocacy of Instant Runoff Voting for single seat elections.

POLICE (1978, 1992, 2007) Support of the Police Commission in its Charter-given role as head of the police Department, and its ability to remove the Chief of Police with concurrence of the Mayor and City Council. The update included support for the LAPD's primary role of law enforcement and crime prevention. We continue to support the role in enforcing immigration laws (Special Order 40), the continuation of the technical advance improvements made in response to the consent decree, and the continued outreach and communications with the public. through community policing and assisting community leaders with interventions, rehabilitation and reentry solutions.

VOTING RIGHTS (1980, 2012) Support of election procedures which enable citizens to carry out their rights and duties as voters.

LWV-US Position on Reforming Money in Politics

The League is deeply committed to reforming our nation's campaign finance system to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process. We will continue this fight in Congress, with state legislatures, with the executive branch and, where appropriate, the courts.

LWV-US Climate Change Advocacy Statement 2006

Global climate change threatens the integrity of the earth's climate system and there is a need to act without delay to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To reduce the likelihood of severe damage to both human societies and natural ecosystems the League supports:

- The preservation of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem and maximum protection of public health and the environment.
- Energy goals and policies that acknowledge the United States as a responsible member of the world community through sound use of energy resources with consideration of the entire cycle of energy production and emphasis on conserving energy and using energy-efficient technologies.
- In addition, the League believes that policy makers must take into account the ramifications of their decisions on the nation as a whole as well as on other nations.
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Voter Service

Voter Registration: LWV-LA provides nonpartisan voter registration services at large public gatherings, or on request, at events or businesses for the benefit of participants or employees. LWVLA is committed to designing ways to increase voter participation in diverse communities. We work closely with the County Registrar on voter outreach projects. High School Voter Registration Training Manual:

<http://lwv.org/content/high-school-voter-registration-training-manual-2nd-edition>

Candidates Forums: The League is known for sponsoring candidate debates. LWVLA organizes, presents, and moderates local debates at the request of co-sponsoring entities. See calendar for upcoming candidate forums: <http://lwvlosangeles.org/calendar.html>

Smart Voter

Smart Voter provides nonpartisan information on elections and voting. Our goal is to offer the complete list of all contests on your ballot including local offices. Where possible we obtain this information by a collaboration of the nonpartisan League of Women Voters with election officials to present an accurate and complete ballot.

<http://www.smartvoter.org>