

## **Now is the Time**

The League of Women Voters has taken a stand on climate change consistent with the best available climate science and will take action on current legislation to make our voices heard. We understand the importance of addressing the short term economic and public health effects of Covid-19, but not at the expense of ignoring the long-term threat of climate change.

It has and will affect our citizens – the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the jobs we depend on. Intense wildfires due to the stress of higher temperatures and drought will persist. Ocean acidification and sea-level rise will threaten our shellfish industry. Low summer stream flow will degrade water quality and salmon production.

But, now is not the time to surrender, instead, while we invest in economic recovery, we will consider our future viability as a natural resource-based economy along with the health of our citizens. We will urge our Washington State representatives to support legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to put a price on carbon and enact measures to promote climate resiliency within the comprehensive planning framework.

If you would like to join our efforts, please visit our website at [www.lwvmasoncounty.org](http://www.lwvmasoncounty.org) to read our proclamation on climate change and for a list of legislative climate bills. Then call or email Representatives Dan Griffey, Drew MacEwen and Senator Tim Sheldon and ask for their support.

We are all in this together and we can all make a difference. Now is the time!

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