

League of Women Voters Solano County

2021 Annual Program Planning

Wednesday, February 24, 2021... 7:00 to 8:30pm

Agenda Notes:

Welcome

Agenda Review... outcomes and roles

League of Women Voters California

Our League program planning responsibility in 2021 is two-fold:

1. Propose up to three *"Issues for Emphasis"* to the California League by March 1, 2021; and
2. Determine local League program priorities for the next two years.

In addition to these responsibilities, LWV California (LWVC) strongly recommends the application of *"Making Democracy Work: An Equity Lens"* in the program planning process.

"In that spirit, we encourage you to front end diversity, equity and inclusion in program planning by proactively reaching out to both League members and partners in your community."

Background Materials

To do our program planning work, we can refer to three sources:

- ✓ 2020 Program Priorities
 - Climate Change
 - Homelessness and Housing
 - Voter Rights/Education
- ✓ LWV Positions List... existing positions of National LWV & LWV California
- ✓ Listening Project 2021 List... sorted by scope, priority given, and issue

Discovering 2021 Program Priorities... working in Zoom online meeting platform

- Initial survey... set the context for small group conversations
- Small group conversations on issue choices
- Small groups report back to all participants
- Second survey... focusing in on several options
- Small groups meet again to identify benefits and tradeoffs of issues
- After all issue meetings are completed... a 1-minute 'sales' pitch will be shared by each issue group before the whole membership.
- All members 'vote' for their top choices... top 3 are 2021 priorities

Final Remarks and Next Steps

ISSUE DECISION CRITERIA... How to Choose and How to Share

LWV POLICY ALREADY IN PLACE? A policy position is already in place at either the national or California level of LWV as a basis for approaching this issue in a non-partisan and comprehensive manner.

RELEVANT? Public policy decisions are already pending or are expected on this issue where LWVSC can provide educational and/or advocacy efforts.

IMPORTANT? This issue includes decisions where the basic human welfare of families and individuals is at stake... focusing particularly on those who are the most vulnerable.

SOLANO COUNTY-CENTRIC? This issue is specifically relevant and important in all or part of Solano County... Vallejo, Benicia, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville, Dixon, Rio Vista... and unincorporated areas.

TIMELY? This issue will be discussed by the public, so LWVSC can effectively impact public deliberation with education and advocacy.

STAKEHOLDERS? This issue will be of interest to and discussed by a wide range of stakeholders, not just a few small groups.

LWV SOLANO COUNTY OUTREACH? This issue will enhance the outreach opportunities of LWV Solano County to add new members and increase in visibility among the public.