

Info from the July Voter 2023 - At the Oregon LWV convention in May, the delegates voted to pursue a new statewide study on the **recall process in Oregon**. A recall election enables voters to remove an elected official from office via a referendum before the official's term has expired.

If you are interested in this issue, **there is an open invitation to members across the state to join the study committee**. It will be a two-year project, and the Lane County League has produced the following explainer:

WHY DO WE WANT TO STUDY RECALL ELECTIONS?

1. The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports the recall process provided in the Oregon Constitution. Studies leading to our position on Initiative, Referendum and Recall (Adopted 1988; Revised 1996; Educational Update 2001) did not specifically examine the recall itself. This existing position forecloses our ability to speak out on process.
2. The State of Oregon-mandated timeline for recall elections has implications for voter education and turnout. The League of Women Voters is working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy.

TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN INCLUDE

1. Research relevant League positions and actions in Oregon and across the country.
2. Research the history of recall in Oregon.
3. Survey articles and research by legal and policy organizations focused on democratic processes.
4. Interview elected officials and topic experts.
5. Discuss and learn with League colleagues. Synthesize, write, and edit results.

Work begins this summer. **If you're interested in participation, please contact Linda Lynch (lindalynch28@gmail.com) and Keli Osborn (kelimosborn@gmail.com).**