

LWVC Legislative Interview Report 2020 - 2021

League and Legislator Information

1. Your Name *

2. Your League *

3. Your email *

4. Your phone *

5. Names of local Leagues present at the interview *

6. Name of Legislator *

7. Assembly or Senate District Number (e.g. AD 45, SD 7) *

8. Date of interview (mm/dd/yyyy) *



9. Did you speak with the legislator or a member of their staff? *

The legislator

A staff member - please include their name and title:

Legislator responses

10. Question 1: Climate Change and Land Use

California is working to convert its natural and working lands – which cover 90% of CA’s lands – from being net emitters of greenhouse gases to lands that remove CO₂ from the atmosphere and sequester it.

California’s Natural and Working Lands Group has developed a plan to achieve this goal by 2030. It calls for increasing the restoration of lands which are natural carbon sinks (grasslands, savannahs, wetlands and seagrasses, stopping urban/suburban sprawl into open space and farmland, and providing for a five-fold increase in support to California’s agriculture industry to help farms invest in climate smart agricultural practices to enable them to become both carbon sinks and more drought resilient. The move to climate smart agriculture will ultimately increase profits and make farms more drought resilient. Yet, none of these goals will happen overnight and all will require significant funding.

What do you see as the most important considerations and priorities in the effort to reach net drawdown from natural and working lands? How do we balance the many considerations? What are the funding priorities?

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11. **Question 2: Housing and Homelessness, Zoning and Affordability**

California's housing shortage and affordability crisis continue to grow. Multi-family housing is still illegal to build in most high opportunity neighborhoods with access to transportation, jobs, good schools, and community resources. As a result, most California families are excluded from these neighborhoods and the economic opportunity they provide.

What can be done to reform exclusionary single-family zoning in California? What reforms do you support to legalize and incentivize more affordable housing (both naturally occurring and deed restricted) in high opportunity neighborhoods?

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12. **Question 3: COVID-19 Recovery**

COVID-19 has exposed and exacerbated existing inequalities in California and, in addition, has more negatively affected more vulnerable Californians – people of color, people in lower income brackets, those who can least afford to lose income or find time or resources to assist their children with homeschooling.

As we look toward recovery, what can be done to move California to be a more equitable place for all of us?

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Legislator Responses (continued)

13. **Q4: Personal Priorities of Legislator**

What other major issues do you think the legislature must deal with in 2020?
What are your personal priorities?

Please make sure to ask this question. It provides us with very valuable insight about your legislator.

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14. **Q5: Local Issues**

Local League Question(s) related to issues of particular local concern. This is entirely optional, but you are welcome to include a question related to local issues.

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15. Any additional comments or observations: