

LWVC Legislative Interview Report 2021 - 2022

League and Legislator Information

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Tell us about your League and the legislator that you interviewed. If you interviewed more than one legislator, please use a separate response for each legislator.

Responses are due by February 28, 2022.

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

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How did your legislator respond to your questions?

10. Question 1: Redistricting Changes in Advance of 2031

California's Citizens Redistricting Commission, and the standards they are required to follow, represent the gold standard for independent nonpartisan redistricting. For the 2021 redistricting cycle, the legislature adopted some groundbreaking reforms for local redistricting, establishing requirements for public outreach and ranked criteria to be used for city and county redistricting.

What changes, if any, would you support for the next redistricting cycle in 2031?

- Expanding the current requirements for cities and counties to school district and/or special district redistricting.
- Requiring independent redistricting commissions for local redistricting.
- Expanding the public outreach and transparency requirements beyond what is currently in place.

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11. Question 2: Climate Change, Water, and Equity

Scientists at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC) estimate that the overwhelming majority of the impacts of climate change will be connected to water – drought, floods, unreliable water supplies, poor water quality and ecosystem devastation. Historically, within the U.S., low-income communities and communities of color, both urban and rural, have been experiencing the greatest harm, although global warming affects everyone.

What do you see as ways California can help these communities while dealing with the water effects of climate change upon the state? How do we move toward equity and sustainability? Please tell us about both proposed and potential legislation and funding sources.

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12. Question 3: California's Children and Youth Mental Health Emergency

The pandemic has exacerbated existing problems related to the mental health of California's children and youth, and the ensuing crisis disproportionately impacts under-resourced communities. California's new Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative - Detailed Proposal, which allocates \$4.4 billion over five years to address these issues, may help reform our overburdened system. The challenges, however, are significant and there have been recommendations made for further legislative action to ensure success.

What more needs to be done to address the mental health needs of California's children and youth? Do you anticipate proposing or supporting any legislation to confront the growing problem?

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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 2022?
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:

Thank You!

Thanks very much! Your report has been submitted to the LWVC. If you do not receive a confirmation email message, please check with us at amusefisher@lwvc.org.