



NOTES ON ONGOING WORK AND OPPORTUNITIES

Background for Program Planning 2021-2023 League of Women Voters of California

This looks like a lot—and it is! That said, it isn't (completely) written in stone, and, if we have enough support from local Leagues, there is room to add or modify the work. We really do want to hear from you, both about your feedback on the agenda and on issues you think we should emphasize.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK IN CALIFORNIA

California's work is guided by the national "Campaign for Making Democracy Work" program that was readopted by delegates to the LWVUS convention last June. It focuses on the following areas.

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Campaign Finance/Money in Politics
- Redistricting

The League of Women Voters of California will be involved in implementing Making Democracy Work both at the state and at the local level. The following is some of what we know the LWVC will be doing.

- **Expanding the Electorate.** continuing work to make the electorate in California more representative of our population's diversity.
- **Election Reform.** Continued improvements to the voting experience and the elections process.
 - Improvements to the automated registration process at the Department of Motor Vehicles through legislation and monitoring.
 - Continued expansion of early voting education and opportunities.
 - Increased and stable funding for elections.
- **Money in Politics.**
 - Increasing transparency of the money spent on elections and lobbying
 - Local government reforms such as public financing of local elections and ordinances limiting the size of campaign contributions.
- **Redistricting.**
 - Supporting engagement in local redistricting work.
 - Monitoring state redistricting and coordinating with our allies to ensure strong public input from throughout the state.

Some of these items involve state-level work, but a number—especially implementation issues—are areas in which we hope local Leagues will be active.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEAGUE IMPACT

You can see a summary of the LWVC work over the past year in our LWVC Advocacy Wrap-Up 2020. The following are a few more issues where the League has been active and/or League leaders anticipate ongoing work.

- **Housing and Homelessness.**
 - Increasing the supply of low- and moderate-income housing
 - Reducing and eliminating homelessness, both sheltered and unsheltered, throughout California. This work will be guided by our new [Homeless Action Policy](#).
- **Criminal Justice.**
 - Racial Justice Act implementation (AB 2542).
 - Use of deadly force policy implementation and education (AB 392 and SB 230).
 - Monitoring the rollout of the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (AB 953).
 - Sheriff oversight/local development of independent oversight bodies (AB 1185).
- **Water.** The LWVC will continue to act on issues such as water availability and quality, especially for low-income or disadvantaged users; environmental protection; and sustainable management of groundwater
- **Climate Change.** Advocating for policies to safeguard our environment and mitigate the impacts of climate change.