



Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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October Unit Meetings: Ballot Measures

Two October unit meetings will focus on local, Metro and State Ballot Measures. Farol Kahle and Marge Easley will be the presenters for both unit meetings. The meetings will be videoconferences on Zoom, held on

Tuesday, October 13 at 9:30 am

Thursday, October 15 at 5:00 pm

To participate RSVP/contact Nancy Murray at n.murray.01@hotmail.com. Nancy will need to know which unit you will be attending. She will send you the link and the call-in numbers the day of or the evening before the meeting.

The State Ballot Measures are:

- 107 Campaign Finance Limits Amendment
- 108 Tobacco/Nicotine Tax
- 109 Psilocybin Services
- 110 Drug Addiction Treatment & Decriminalization

The September Unit Meetings were held on Zoom. The sessions were Consensus meetings for the LWVOR Privacy & Cybersecurity Study. There will be a General Meeting in November.

If you are uncomfortable with video streaming, it is possible to call in to the Zoom video conference. The telephone numbers to do so will be included in the confirmatory email from Nancy.

You'll receive an email invitation a day or so beforehand that will have the links to join the meetings.

Cybersecurity Consensus

We had our first unit meetings by Zoom and found discussion, asking questions, and making comments went very well. We were able to send in our consensus to state League, finding that pretty much all the proposals were either essential or important. We also felt that if this study were to be proposed as concurrence on a national basis, that privacy and cybersecurity positions should be separate.

The League's Stance on Ballot Measures

Election season is a good time to talk about the two sides of the League—education and advocacy. Our voter service work sits squarely on the side of education, so the goal is to present a strictly balanced view of candidates and ballot measures. Advocacy uses League positions to weigh in on public policy, including public policy decided by voters when they vote yea or nay on ballot measures. To maintain a separation between the two sides of the League, our stance on ballot measures never appears alongside our impartial voter service material.

LWVOR positions on the state ballot measures:

Measure 107: Campaign Finance – SUPPORT

“Amends Constitution: Allows laws limiting political campaign contributions and expenditures, requiring disclosure of political campaign contributions and expenditures, and requiring political campaign advertisements to identify who paid for them.” Campaign finance reform has been an issue at all levels of government elections for many years. LWVOR has supported contribution limits for local and state elections whenever there has been the opportunity. This is a referral from the Legislature and is a Constitutional amendment. Until a recent Oregon Supreme Court decision, courts had held that the Constitution’s free-speech provision was contrary to contribution limits. This ballot measure will make sure that campaign contributions are not speech and that campaign contribution limits may be imposed.

Measure 108: tobacco taxes – SUPPORT

Another legislative referral, that “Increases cigarette and cigar taxes. Establishes tax on e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping devices. Funds health programs.” It will help to stop some young people from taking up unhealthful habits. Oregon’s taxes on these items are below those in Washington and California. This will raise the taxes to be on a par with those states.

Measure 109: psilocybin – NO POSITION

“Allows manufacture, delivery, administration of psilocybin at supervised, licensed facilities; imposes two-year development period.” The League has no position to support or oppose this ballot measure.

Measure 110: decriminalizing, then funding addiction treatment – SUPPORT

“Provides statewide addiction/recovery services; marijuana taxes partially finance; reclassifies possession/penalties for specified drugs.” The League’s support is based on several positions

LWVOR Health Policy, Adult Mental Health in Oregon (1987, 2001, 2008): This position states that the mental health delivery system should include adults with alcohol and drug addiction and that the concept of care, treatment, and support should occur “in the least restrictive environment possible.”

LWVUS Sentencing Policy (2012): Alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.”

LWVUS Principle: “No person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.”

Many organizations working toward racial justice support this measure. The Board concluded that because people of color make up a disproportionate group of those who are incarcerated, many for drug related charges, the League should stand in solidarity with them in supporting this ballot measure. (Continued on page 3.)

Ballot Measures (Continued from page 2.)

LWVCC positions on local ballot measures:

Measure 3-564: Five-Year Option Levy for Children's Safety Services - SUPPORT

This measure would finance the Clackamas Children's Safety Fund dedicated to providing a full array of child abuse and neglect prevention and child safety services for Clackamas County children and youth impacted by violence, abuse, or neglect.

League support for this measure was based on LWVOR positions on Homeless Youth and Mental Health Services for Children & Youth, as well as our LWVUS position on Early Intervention for Children at Risk.

Information about donating, money or volunteering to support this measure can be found on the [Yes for Clackamas Kids](#) website.

Metro Measure 26-218: Get Moving 2020 – NO POSITION

Funds traffic, safety, transit improvement, programs through tax on employers

The three Leagues in the Metro area are neutral on this many-faceted estimated measure, but we provide a brief summary here:

This measure would allow Metro to fund roads, transit, safety, improvements, bridge repair, transportation programs by establishing a tax on certain employers (0.75% of payroll). Employers with 25 or fewer total employees would be exempt. The plan supplements, but does not replace, existing federal, state, and local funding sources and is expected to raise an \$250 million a year for 20 years. Metro has identified 17 corridors for transportation improvements with approximately 150 projects that prioritize traffic safety, transit efficiency, mobility, and reliability for all modes of transportation. These improvements include a rapid bus network, a light-rail transit line, bridge repair and replacement, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and signal upgrades.

For a more detailed analysis, we urge you to read the well-researched ballot measure statement for this measure in the [Portland League's Voters' Guide](#).

It's Dues Time

Nancy Murray

Thank you to all of you who have already renewed your membership. Many have given donations large and small. A fractious national election looms ahead, but on the local scene, our League is working hard to serve voters with reliable candidate and ballot measure information. County and state candidate video interviews will be available soon on [Vote411.org](#).

Our new website is about to go live. When it does, you can pay dues or donate by credit card (with a small fee), donate to our education fund through LWVOR (no fee), or pay by check as you do now. It's all happening!

Welcome, New Members!

Maureen Mader, West Linn

Ron Meyers, Lake Oswego

Nathalie Paravicini, Portland

We are so pleased you joined our League in September.

The League's Election Resources

Marge Easley

Don't mark your ballot without checking them out!

[Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) is the League's one-stop election resource, and it has many enhancements this year. details about candidates and ballot measures on your individual ballot.

Vote411 Bonus Feature: 10-Minute Candidate Interviews

Don't forget that Vote411 also includes YouTube links to 10-minute interviews with many of the candidates, conducted by local League members. Just click on the Video Voters' Guide link next to the candidate's name.

The *Video Voters' Guide* project is a partnership between the Clackamas and Washington County Leagues and TVCTV Studio in Beaverton. Over 60 interviews of congressional, state, and local candidates were completed during the week of September 21. TVCTV also airs the taped interviews on a rotating basis on Cable Channels 28 and 30 in the Lake Oswego, West Linn, and Washington County areas.

Access to Multiple Versions of the Statewide Voters' Guide

The [voteoregon](#) section of the LWVOR website contains links to a wide array of *LWVOR Voters' Guide* formats, so that as many voters as possible can have access to election information. Voters have a choice of English, Spanish, Large Print, mobile-friendly, and even a podcast-style audio format.

Metro Transportation Measure (26-218)

In case you're wondering how to vote on Metro Measure 26-218, which "funds traffic, safety, transit improvements, programs through tax on employers," we thought it would be helpful for you to see the ballot measure statement that LWV Portland included in their *Voters' Guide*. This statement is provided as a separate document along with this issue of the *Clackson*. The three Leagues in the Metro area have no position on this measure.



Get nonpartisan
candidate information
from a trusted source
at [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).

**An informed voter is
a powerful voter.**

Find more from the League of Women Voters
of Oregon at [lwvor.org](https://www.lwvor.org).

Announcing Our New Website!

LWV Clackamas is excited to announce the public launch of our new website in October!! In partnership with the National office and My League Online (My LO), the new website will offer:

- * Landing page access to the latest news, action alerts and event details
- * Easy Online payment for membership dues and donations
- * Essential Voter & Election information
- * Important Advocacy updates
- * News - the latest Clackson, Legislative Report, updates from National & State Leagues
- * League History and Mission information
- * A Members only area to access our Roster, special event details and more

We'll let you know when we are ready to launch to the public. Lastly, follow us on Twitter: @LWVClackamas !

Thank You to Our Dedicated League Volunteers

Our first thank you is to **Lynette Pierson**, who spearheaded the creation of our beautiful new website. She spent many, many hours working out all the details, and we couldn't be more pleased with the result. If you received a link to check it out before it goes live, we hope you will do so and explore all its features. Please note that we're now able to use PayPal and credit cards to take donations or pay membership dues. We will let you know as soon as it's up and running! Lynette is also our newest board member.

We weren't able to provide in-person Voter Service events this election cycle, but we can be proud of our online efforts to reach voters. Our local League's main Voter Service project was the *Video Voters' Guide* (see above for more details.) We are grateful to the very accommodating staff at TVCTV studio and to League members **Lynette Pierson, Judi Umaki, Maureen Mader, Marge Easley, Kathleen Hersh, and Eric Schmidt** for their superb interviewing skills. New League member **Maureen Mader** deserves special thanks for sending out invitations, reminders, and sample questions to candidates.

Many thanks to **Katie Lu** and **Sonja Kollias** for gathering contact information for all local candidates in Clackamas County, so that their information can be included in Vote411.

Lastly, we thank **Katie Lu, Lissa Willis, Farol Kahle, and Marge Easley** for their help in moderating, timing, or presenting information for the following events:

- Willamette View Election Forums, September 25 and October 9
- Wilsonville Mayor/City Council Forum, sponsored by the Charbonneau Country Club, October 12
- LWVCC Unit Meeting Ballot Measure Presentations, October 13 and 15



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- I am renewing my membership.
- This is a gift membership. (Please provide the recipient's contact information above.)
- I am interested in volunteering for the League. Please contact me.

Annual dues: \$70 Individual. \$105 Household. Full-time student attending an accredited institution or adult under age 25 free! Membership grants are available.

Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Clackamas County.

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