# Principles, Positions, Priorities, and Program

## **LWV Organization**

LWV United States - National (LWVUS) // State Leagues (Ohio: LWVO)
Local Leagues (Perrysburg Area: LWVPA)

### **Principles**

### One set of Principles applicable to Local, State, and National LWV.

(LWVUS Principles include one additional principle relative to the powers of the federal government as it relates to the three branches of government.)

- 1) LWVUS: <u>Impact on Issues</u>, 2022 2024 (Go to Page 10 for Principles)
- 2) LWVO: Agenda for Action Updated 05/03/21 (Go to Page 73 for Principles)

### **Positions**

- 1. A LWV opinion derived from consensus of members & formally adopted as a Position either at the State or National level. Once adopted, Action can be taken on the issue.
- 2. Members may propose new Positions. If proposal is approved, a Study Committee investigates the issue through research, interviews, and observation. The Study Committee presents their findings for discussion and consensus of members. If approved, it becomes a Position where it was adopted either State or National.
- 3. Action can only be taken on Positions. Action is often in the form of lobbying elected officials, testifying before committees, submitting letters to the editor, conducting media outreach, holding public forums, organizing coalitions, initiating litigation, and/or producing publications.
- 4. Local Leagues may be asked to review Positions periodically, with members determining whether to retain, modify, or drop Positions.

### **LWVUS Positions**

Impact on Issues 2022 - 2024
Positions Summary starts on Page 11.
Positions Detail starts on Page 17.

### **LWVO Positions**

Agenda for Action Updated 05/03/21.

Positions Summary starts on Page 8.

Positions Detail starts on Page 11.

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### **Priorities**

- 1. Issues selected by Leagues for focus and/or action in the next one-to-two years.
- 2. Designating Priorities does not preclude LWV from working on our other Positions.
- 3. Local Leagues may be asked for their input on State Priorities.
- 4. LWVPA Priorities are updated at our Annual Planning Meeting

LWVUS: 2023 Priorities

### **LWVO 2021 Priorities** (per "LWVO's

Advocacy – Take Action Link)

- \*\*Voting & Elections
- \*\*Education
- \*\*Honesty in Education
- \*\*Environment & Clean Energy
- \*\*Gun Safety Reform

### **LWVPA 2022 Priorities**

- \*\*Voter Participation
- \*\*Clean and Sustainable Water
- \*\*Local Government
- \*\*Education

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## **Program**

- 1. Combination of Priorities, Positions, and selected governmental issues chosen by members at the local, state, and national levels for Study (a proposed Position), Education (of members and/or community), and Action (lobbying and advocacy on an adopted Position).
- 2. LWVPA Program is updated at our Annual Planning Meeting.
- 3. ("Program" should not be confused with LWVPA "Programs" where we conduct meetings with speakers, discussion, and other League activities.)

## **LWVPA Program**

See Membership Directory, Page 4

(Sources: various documents from LWVUS, LWVO, LWVPA & other Local Leagues)