



Delaware concurrence of Criminal Justice position

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Why Should League Concur?

- Attract new members
- Community impact
- Voting rights
- DEI policy



League concurrence

Adopted

Arizona

Michigan

New York

North Carolina

Seattle King, Washington

St. Louis, Missouri

Under Consideration

Delaware

New Mexico

Maryland

Massachusetts

Washington

Illinois - support national

Montana - support national

National Positions

- DEATH PENALTY
- SENTENCING
- VIOLENCE PREVENTION
- INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES
- EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY
- MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS
- VOTING RIGHTS

<https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/LWV-impact-2020.pdf>





URGENT RESOLUTION:

Racial Justice for Black People and People of Color

**Approved by League members in the 2020
National Convention.**

<https://www.lwv-rva.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Resolution-on-Racial-Justice-adopted-June-2020.pdf>

Delaware Criminal Justice position

- Oppose mandatory min sentences
- Needle exchange programs
- Diversion programs: substance abuse and mental health
- Juvenile Justice: expungement and treatment through 21
- Courts - focus on sentencing and diversion programs (judicial discretion rather than prosecutorial)

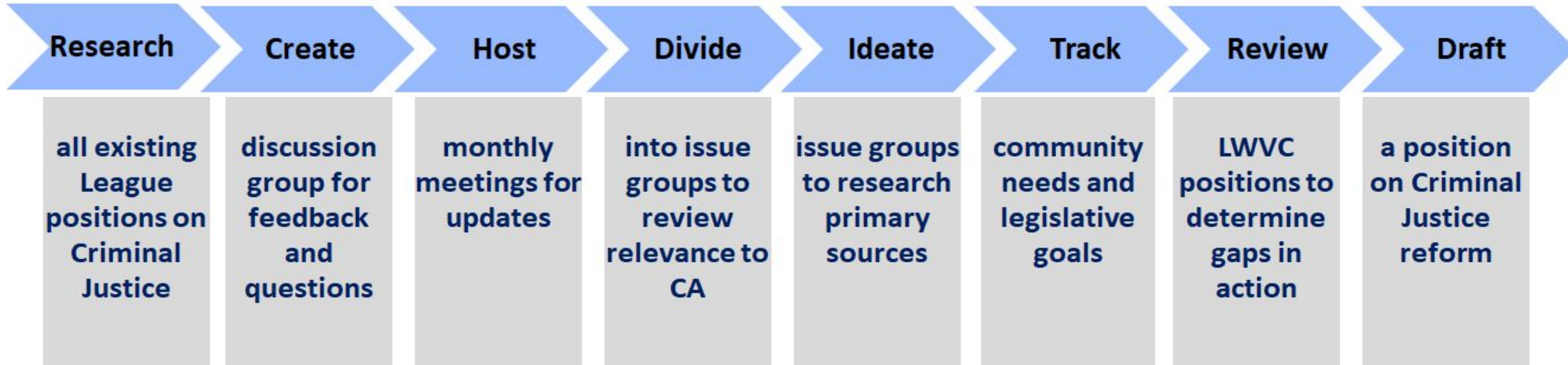


Sentencing, Diversion, Incarceration, Rehabilitation, Reentry

Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Connecticut, Delaware, DC, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

California Criminal Justice Task Force

Our Process



California CJ Position - in Brief

- A system that is just, effective, equitable, transparent, and that fosters public trust at all stages, including policing practices, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, incarceration, and re-entry
- Elimination of systemic bias
- Collaboration between government and community-based programs
- Focus on humane treatment and rehabilitation
- Reliance on evidence-based research for decisions

Policing Practices

- Building Trust and Legitimacy
- Policy and Oversight
- Technology and Social Media
- Community Policing and Crime Reduction
- Training and Education
- Officer Wellness and Safety



Pre-trial Procedures and Sentencing



How do we balance community safety with the legal principle that one is presumed innocent unless proven guilty?



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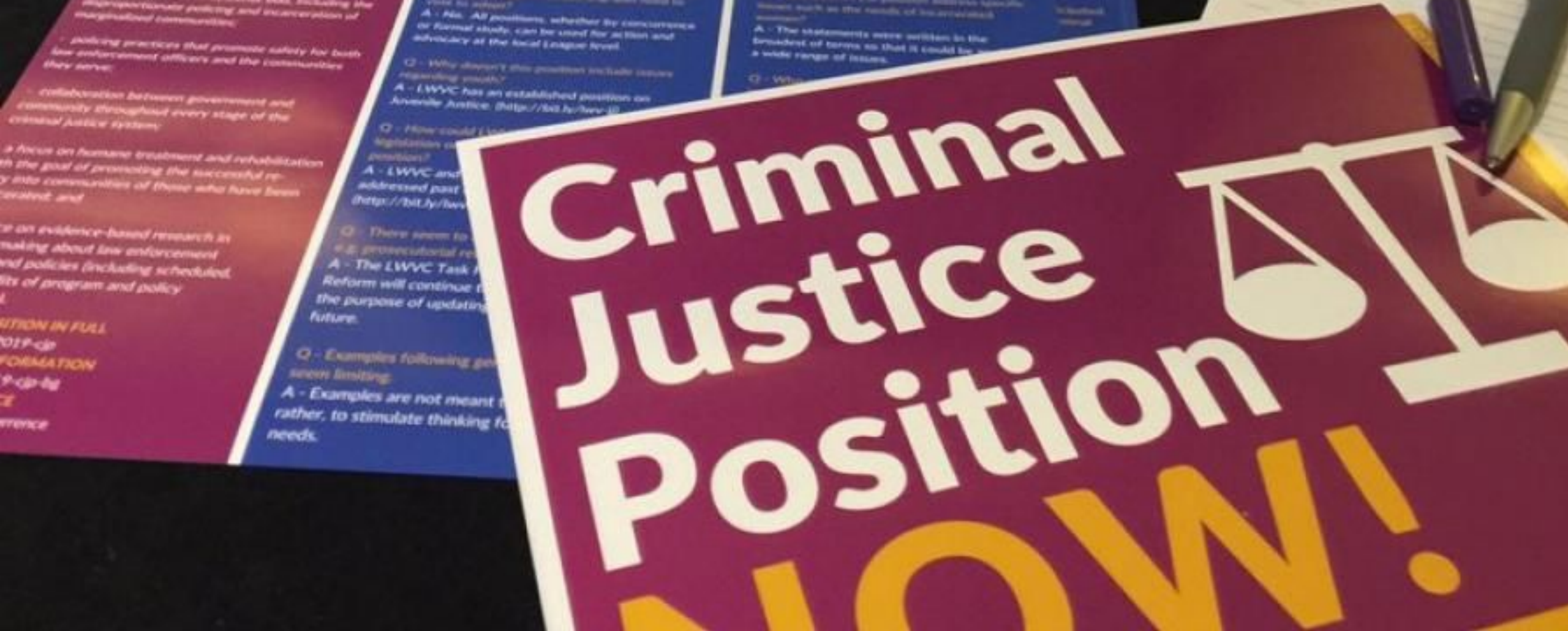
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<https://lwvc.org/our-work/positions/position-criminal-justice>



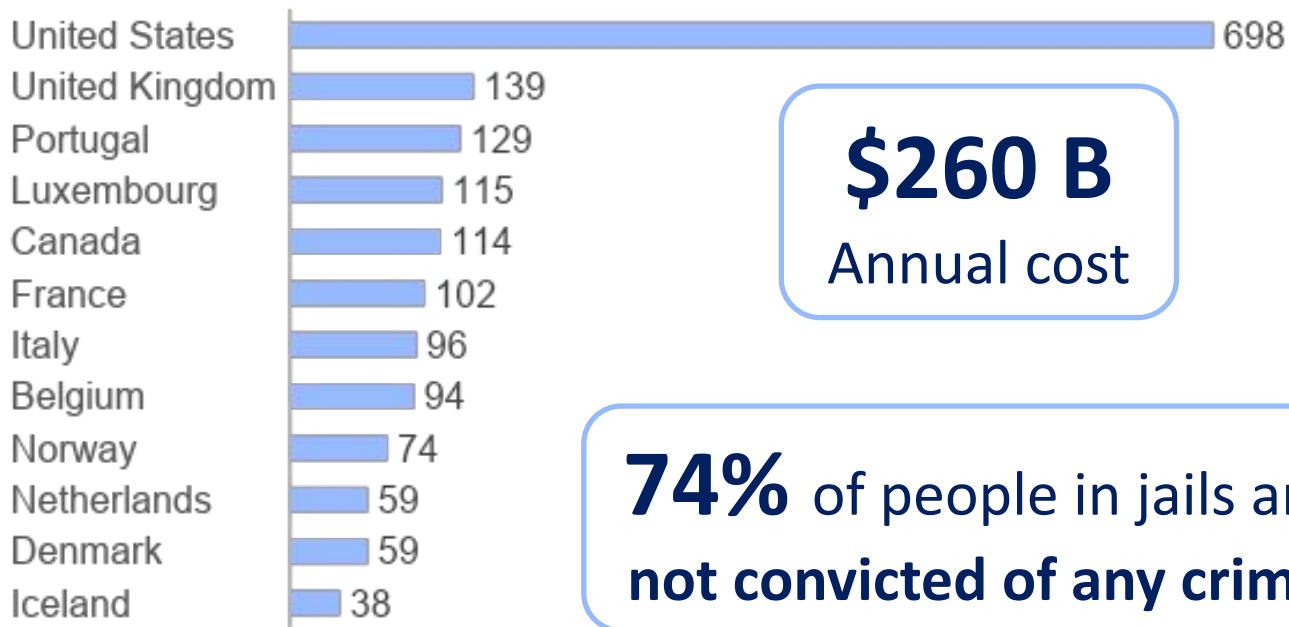
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What A Criminal Justice Position can do for you:

DELAWARE AND NATIONAL TRENDS

National Mass incarceration

Incarceration Rates Among Founding NATO Countries
(per 100K people)



\$260 B
Annual cost

74% of people in jails are
not convicted of any crime

Black men 15-34 are **10X** more likely to be killed by police

African Americans are incarcerated at more than **5 times the rate of whites**

There are more jails than colleges in the US

CA position can fill advocacy gaps

- **Community Policing** - We support officers **and** the community
- **Citizen participation in policy making** - League creates a safe space for impacted community and encourages civil discourse
- **Incarceration:** Ending solitary, ensuring private prisons adhere to state standards
- **Re-entry:** restoration of voting rights, access to resources: housing, food, social services, employment, etc.
- **Data driven decision making:** collection of stop data, body worn cameras, use of mug shot photos for investigation purposes only.

The State of Delaware

- Use of Deadly Force
- More Community input
Criminal Justice Planning
Commission
- Jury Equity
- Racial Justice Act
- Fines and Fees
- Body Cameras
- Sheriff oversight
- Bail reform
- Felony disenfranchisement
- Prison Population
disparities
- School to Prison Pipeline

Power of the League

The League connects the community with government agencies to shape policy reforms at the local, state and national level.



How to talk about Criminal Justice

- How to talk about bias and racism with intention and impact
- Speak about individuals within the criminal justice system with generosity and dignity
- LWV policy on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity

Power of Coalitions and Community Partnerships

ACLU

Delaware



SPLC
Southern Poverty
Law Center



BRENNAN
CENTER
FOR JUSTICE

at New York University School of Law

Common Cause
Delaware

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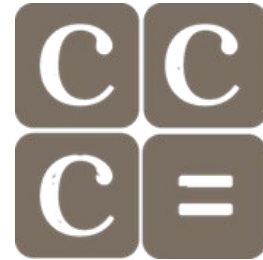
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Coalition of
Communities of
Color

eliminating racism
empowering women

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Delaware



Power of League Questions

Observe the local power dynamics and identify:

- Who has the power to shape reforms?
- Who is responsible for oversight?
- How are individuals held accountable?
- Is this process transparent?

Diversity Equity and Inclusivity

- Who is involved in this process?
- Who will be impacted?
- What are the intended and unintended outcomes?
- Does this align with our vision of an equitable and inclusive organization?
- What changes can be made to make this more equitable

Thank you!

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