

Delaware concurrence of Criminal Justice position

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Why Should League Concur?

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



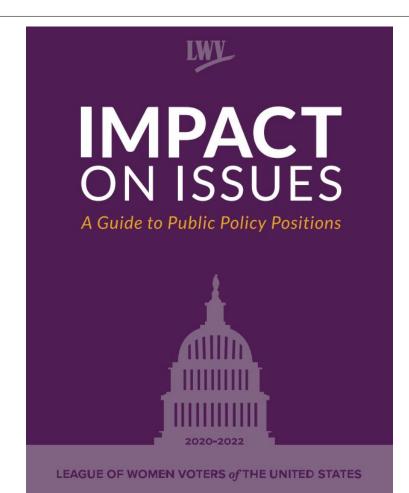
League concurrence

<u>Adopted</u>	Under Consideration
Arizona	Delaware
Michigan	New Mexico
New York	Maryland
North Carolina	Massachusetts
Seattle King, Washington	Washington
St. Louis, Missouri	Illinois - support national

Montana - support national

National Positions

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





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

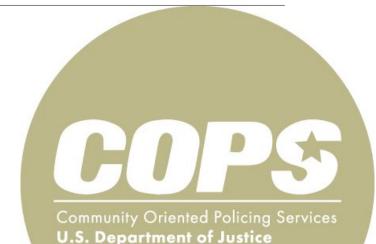
Research	Create	Host	Divide	Ideate	Track	Review	Draft
all existing League positions on Criminal Justice	discussion group for feedback and questions	monthly meetings for updates	into issue groups to review relevance to CA	issue groups to research primary sources	community needs and legislative goals	LWVC positions to determine gaps in action	a position on Criminal Justice reform

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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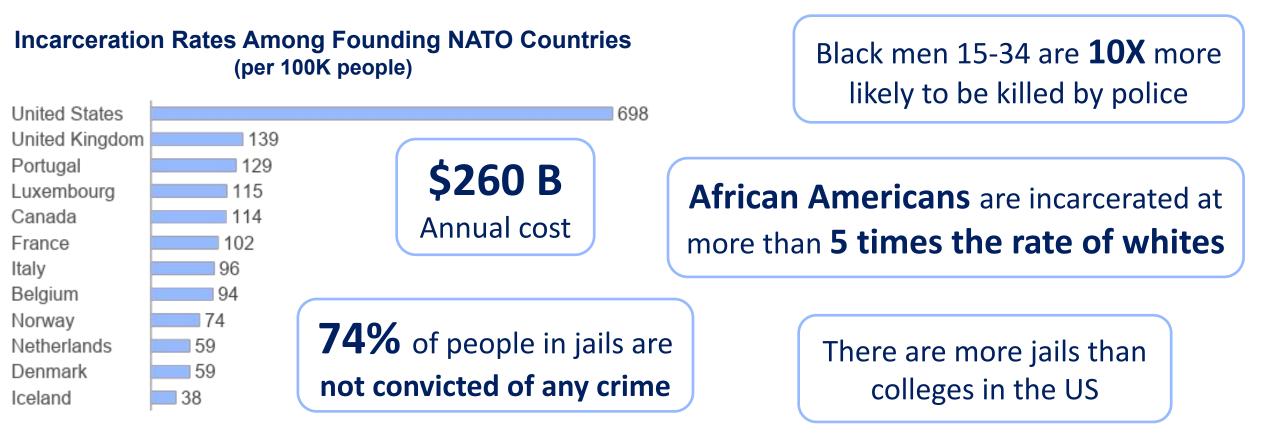
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What A Criminal Justice Position can do for you:

DELAWARE AND NATIONAL TRENDS

National Mass incarceration



Sources: Prison Policy Initiative, NAACP, Brennan Center for Justice, National institute of Correction

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 苯 Common Cause Delaware Coalition of Delaware $\mathbf{C}|\mathbf{C}|$ Communities of SPLC Southern Poverty Color Law Center BRENNAN eliminating racism CENTER empowering women HOPE · DIGNITY · PURPOSE wca FOR JUSTICE THE WAY HOME, INC. at New York University School of Law Delaware · a path to freedom ·

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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