

# Legislative Interviews - Update For Information Only Gloria Chun Hoo

**Purpose** To share brief update on 2021 Legislative Interviews

**Process** Provide Board with overview of local League participation in this annual LWVC program

**Outcome** Board members are more knowledgeable about local Leagues' role and impact in doing these interviews

**Preparation** Read report

## BACKGROUND

Each year LWVC urges local Leagues to conduct [Legislative Interviews](#) with their local California legislators in the Assembly and Senate. This exercise:

- Strengthens our advocacy efforts
- Establishes contacts with individual legislators
- Allows us to share our current issues of concern
- Informs our advocacy work
- Engages local Leagues in action
- Provides an opportunity to remind elected officials that LWVC is nonpartisan, yet political because we advocate on issues.

The deadline for the interviews was Feb. 22, 2021. To support this effort, three (3) training webinars were held in early January to discuss how to conduct these interviews. In each case, nearly 50 percent of participants had never been on a Legislative Interview with the League and the response was very positive. Our three questions, this year, focused on housing, climate change and GHG reduction, and building a more equitable society as we plan for economic recovery post Covid 19.

## Summary Report

Many thanks to Andrew Muse-Fisher, our Trudy Schafer Fellow for Public Policy, and our new Program Coordinator Dominique Iraci, for gathering these top line results and building a report on individual League responses which our Advocacy team will be digesting.

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Last year, due to COVID, some interviews did not happen but approximately 27 leagues participated and only around 22 percent of legislators were interviewed. So, the improved results from this year are truly outstanding.

**Number of Senators participating: 19/40 = 48%**

**Number of Assemblymembers participating: 38/80 = 48%**

**Number of Leagues participating: 38**

**Names of Leagues participating**

- Central Orange County Area
- Cupertino/Sunnyvale
- Davis MAS Unit
- Diablo Valley
- Eden Area
- Fremont, Newark, Union City
- Fresno County
- Humboldt
- Kern County
- Long Beach Area
- Los Angeles
- Marin
- Mendocino
- Monterey
- Napa
- North & Central San Mateo
- North Orange County
- North San Diego
- Orange Coast
- Palo Alto
- Palos Verdes Peninsula
- Pasadena
- San Francisco
- San Jose/Santa Clara
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Cruz
- Santa Maria Valley
- Santa Monica
- Solano
- Sonoma
- South San Mateo
- South West Santa Clara Valley
- Stanislaus
- Tulare
- Ventura
- Whittier
- Woodland