

# Proposed Legislative Priorities for 2021

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**Purpose** To adopt legislative priorities for 2021 Legislative Session

**Process** To review recommendations from the Legislation Committee and staff, review at the Board meeting and vote for adoption.

**Outcome** Staff and volunteers who work on advocacy will be guided by the legislative priorities approved by the Board and be able to conduct its work with impact and effectiveness.

**Preparation** Review background and report in advance of Board meeting and be prepared to vote on this item.

### BACKGROUND

The California Legislature is well into its 2021 session, and the work of the LWVC Advocacy team has begun. Each year, the Board approves legislative priorities for the political session. Attached are the recommended priorities recently approved and submitted by the Legislation Committee. These priorities align well with established Program priorities.

#### 1. Making Democracy Work

- Voting Rights
- Voter Protection and Service
- Election Reform
- Money in Politics
- Redistricting

#### 2. Housing

- Housing supply - availability, affordability, and production
- Homelessness

#### 3. Climate Change

#### 4. Criminal Justice

- Racial Justice Act for All (co-sponsor)

#### Other Legislative Issues - as time and resources permit.

- Support requests from local Leagues and ILOs for advocacy on bills of specific interest to their jurisdictions
- Act as appropriate another core issues like the Initiative and Referendum Process and Open Government
- Consider Program Director recommendations for action on the highest priority bills in their program areas.