

LWVC Program Planning Board Recommendations 2021-2023

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Purpose: Adoption of Program Planning Recommendations

Process: Read report

Outcome: Adopt a proposed program for 2021-2023 which will be Board's recommendation for adoption to convention delegates.

Preparation: Read information included below and come prepared to discuss and vote.

BACKGROUND:

Based on recommendations made by local Leagues and ILOs, the LWVC Board has the responsibility to consider and then to formulate a proposed Program for the upcoming two years, 2021-2022.

Per our By-laws, LWVC Program consists of a) action to implement the Principles and b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action. Our Board-recommended Program must be submitted to local League and ILO boards at least one month prior to convention, along with a list of not-recommended items.

Adoption of the Program, as proposed by the Board, will happen at the LWVC Convention, and requires majority vote. At Convention, delegates may make the request that a not-recommended item be considered. Consideration of a not-recommended item requires a majority vote and adoption of a not-recommended item requires a 3/5 vote of delegates.

March 1 was the deadline for local Leagues and ILOs to submit their Program recommendations. The results have been tabulated and are attached.

A total of **47 Leagues submitted Program recommendations.**

Many thanks to Helen Hutchison who combed through the submitted reports from the 47 local Leagues to collect the data. Local leagues added many comments expressing interest in variety of issues and noting their work and thoughtful concerns about issues with which their local communities are grappling.

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Summary of Recommendations from Local Leagues for Issues for Emphasis

Local Leagues were asked to rank up to three issues in a [Program Planning process](#). A first-place vote received three points, second place two points, and third place one point.

The topics input by local Leagues were consolidated. This process, by definition, requires judgment calls, both for what is combined and what is not.

LWVC Program Planning 2021-23 Results

TOPIC	Weighted Local League Votes	1st	2nd	3rd
Climate Change/ Sustainability	75	17	8	8
Housing and Homelessness	58	9	11	9
Making Democracy Work	31	7	2	6
Criminal Justice Reform	24	1	8	5
Water	21	3	5	2
Civic Education	11	2	1	3
Health Care	9	1	2	2
Current Priorities	6	2	0	0
DEI/Racism	6	1	1	1
Immigration	5	0	2	1
Education	5	0	2	1
Behavioral/Mental Health	4	0	2	0
Systemic Racism in Education	3	1	0	0
Voter Education/ Misinformation	3	1	0	0
Meeting Basic Human Needs	3	1	0	0
Education Funding	2	0	1	0
Land Use/ Preserving Farmland	2	0	1	0
Community Education	1	0	0	1
Environment	1	0	0	1
Digital Divide	1	0	0	1
Public Health	1	0	0	1
COVID 19 Recovery	1	0	0	1

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Recommendations: Issues for Emphasis

In addition to **Making Democracy Work** (our core issues – with special focus on redistricting, campaign finance, voting rights, election reform, money in politics, expanding the electorate, and adding civics education), we suggest the board consider recommending the following Issues for Emphasis:

- Climate Change/Sustainability and Water
- Housing and Homelessness
- Criminal Justice Reform

Water ranked high and we suggest incorporating that under Climate Change — even though there were many who wanted Water as a separate item.

Civics Education is a concern, and we propose adding that to Making Democracy Work.

DEI and Racial Justice. We recommend that our emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and racial justice be woven into all our work and that we are explicit that this is an overarching priority for the League. For example, here is what we wrote at the beginning of the Program Planning Kit:

Making Democracy Work: An Equity Lens

The League of Women Voters of California applies an “equity lens” by analyzing what we do from the perspective of how it impacts underrepresented individuals and communities. Program planning offers an excellent opportunity to develop representative League leadership and add rich, diverse perspectives to your work. While non-members cannot participate in the consensus portion of Program planning, they can be part of the meeting.

In that spirit, we encourage you to front end diversity, equity, and inclusion in Program planning by proactively reaching out to both League members and partners in your community who are young, Black, Latino, Indigenous, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, have disabilities, are in the LGBTQI+ community, or otherwise underrepresented.

There were no calls for new studies to be done or for any concurrences.