

LWVO Education and Advocacy 2018-19

November 6 general election

LWVO analyzed six City ballot measures, two Peralta Community College measures, and one Regional Parks measures, and took positions on six of these. *Vote with the League* was posted on our website, and discussed at the October Hot Topics meeting and at 20+ Neighbor to Neighbor meetings in members' homes. The post-election Hot Topics reviewed election results and focused on oversight of how measures will be implemented, and how LWVO and the City can better inform and involve voters in future elections.

Police Commission

LWVO urged the City administration to provide more extensive training to this new independent commission in procedures for its meetings and operations as well as information on police policies and practices.

Public Ethics Commission

LWVO has paid particular attention to the PEC's attempts to reform public financing for campaigns, and reviewed systems that seem to be working well in other cities. We are urging the Commission to use Seattle's voucher system as a model.

Redistricting

LWVO was a primary sponsor of Measure D (2014) to establish an independent redistricting commission for the City Council and school board. We have begun working with Oakland Rising and with responsible City officials to ensure that Measure D is implemented in a timely and transparent manner. We are preparing a budget to be proposed for inclusion in the City budget to ensure sufficient funding for the Commission and its development.

Observer Corps

Members of the Observer Corps have logged almost 200 meetings of City commissions and City Council committees, forwarding reports to the LWVO Action Committee for review and appropriate response. OC Coordinators works with actions on trainings to inform observers and all League members about City departments and activities. Of note for conveying much useful information was the session on records management.

Homelessness

Action worked with the Program Committee on the successful Speakers Series meeting on homelessness, and is planning additional speakers and Hot Topics discussions to describe the many programs which the City can and does participate. How best can the League contribute?

We didn't cover as much as we want to these past months. The Action Committee is seeking more members to share our engaging and rewarding work.