

LWVSC POSITIONS IN BRIEF 2019-2021

EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

Electoral Democracy: LWVSC supports policies that ensure fair and open elections through unbiased and equitable redistricting, encouraging voter registration and access to voting, open primaries, and use of voting equipment that ensures that voters can participate without any undue obstacle and produces election results that can be verified as accurately reflecting the intent of voters.

State and Local Government: LWVSC supports development and monitoring of government structures, processes, and procedures that are efficient, responsive, representative, transparent and accountable; providing citizen access to, and participation in, decision-making; and a system of state and local taxation that is equitable and provides adequate revenue for public purposes.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Racial and Gender Equity: LWVSC supports gender and racial equity, including ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and the promotion of fairness in hiring, advancement, pay, and representation in public appointments.

Education: LWVSC supports public state-supported education at all levels that is high quality, effective, equitable, fully funded and accountable.

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Protection of Children’s Rights: LWVSC supports programs and policies that ensure quality services, personnel, financing and training at all levels of government in order to meet the needs of children and families, and a juvenile justice system that has as its primary purpose the rehabilitation, safety and well-being of the offender.

Criminal Justice: LWVSC supports improvements in function and oversight of the Department of Correction to promote the rehabilitation, safety and well-being of inmates, with attention to offenders’ responsibility to the community and preparing them for their return to the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Natural Resources: LWVSC supports promotion of an environment that is beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, habitat preservation, waste management and water resources and sustainable agricultural programs and practices.

Transportation: LWVSC supports local, regional and coordinated multi-modal transportation services that efficiently and economically meet community needs and enhance planned growth, but do not adversely affect the environment.