

# 2021 Planning Meeting LWV-ASC

**LWV**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup>  
OF AMES & STORY COUNTY



WHY  
ARE WE  
HERE



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- Our opportunity to discuss the areas where we want to focus our local energy and League resources.
- Decide our top issues for advocacy and education over the next year (locally) and what will we recommend to LWVIA and LWVUS for the next two years.
- **This is OUR MOST IMPORTANT MEMBER MEETING OF THE YEAR**
  - *This is what makes us a grassroots organization!*



# AGENDA





## Teams

1. RED

a. Birthday- January,  
February, March, April

2. White

b. Birthday- May, June, July  
August

3. Blue

c. September, October,  
November, December

- [2021 Planning Meeting Jeopardy Template \(jeopardylabs.com\)](http://jeopardylabs.com)



## Topic → Study → Position

- What are the top issues that LWVUS, LWVIA and LWV-ASC should consider for a study, position, and/or event?
- What specifically could (should) be studied?
- Are there events related to these issues that should be considered? Are there speakers or presenters who should be invited?

## Goals for the Meeting



Review our core issues and previous studies and reaffirm our positions.



Identify topics



Identify new LWV-ASC studies

# Current LWV-ASC Positions

- Affordable Housing
- Agriculture
- Children at Risk of Abuse
- County Recreation
- Electric Utility
- Land Use
- Leisure and Recreation
- Living Wages
- Senior Recreation
- Story County Hospital
- Transportation

# What is a Topic?

- Governmental issues of great and timely importance that should be considered for concerted study and subsequent action at the national, state or local level.

# What is a LWV Study?

- The result of the careful, complete, comprehensive and detailed inquiry by LWV members
- **Proposing a Study :**
  - A short description of the scope and objectives of the proposed study is submitted for review and recommendation by the Board.
  - Considerations:
    - Are there people available to work on the issue?
    - Is the problem one that can be addressed by governmental (as opposed to private) action?
    - Is the issue one in which the League is likely to make a difference in the outcome?
  - Our most recent Study: **Ames Resource Recovery System 2020 Report and Policy Recommendations (Haug et.al, 2020).**



# What is a League Position?

- Positions are **a result** of a LWV study
- Studies can take place at all three levels of the League, depending on the level of government capable of making the changes members seek.

# What is a League Event

- Programs/events are presentations on topics related to the League's positions, studies, mission, and policies.
- Programs/events are open to the public
  - Masks & Quarantine: What Can Law Bring to the Conversation? Anne Kinzel
  - Iowa Weather & Climate Variability Over The Years". Jason Glisan
  - Government, the Economy, and Human Welfare: An Historical Perspective Joshua Rosenbloom.

# LWV-US-National Level Topics

- Voting Rights
  - Expanding Voter Access
  - Redistricting
  - Money in Politics
  - Fighting Voter Suppression
- Elections
  - Educating Voters
  - VOTE411
  - Increasing Voter Registration
- Other Issues
  - Health Care Reform
  - The Environment
  - Census
  - Immigration

# 2021 STATE PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

[2021 LWVIA State Policy Priorities \(Final\)  
copy.pdf](#)

# Small group agenda

1. Local issues
2. Topics identified
3. Positions needing update
4. Events or programs related to these issues or topics identified
5. Are there speakers or presenters who should be invited?

# Our Charge!



Issues



Topics



Studies/Positions



Events

# Local Issues

- Diversity and Inclusiveness
  - Systemic Racism
- Voting Process (education)
- Rural Transportation
- Home Rule (local control)
- Immigration
  - Low salaries
  - Prejudice
- Housing



- Redistricting
- Education – post Covid
- Health and Welfare
  - Mental Health
  - Create a resource for services
- Voting
  - Redistricting
  - Electoral College
  - Lowering the voting age
- Government Classes in school

# Topics

- **DEI –Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
  - JEDI Warrior (Justice, equality, diversity, and inclusion)
- Local Police / Human Relations
- Compiling services in Story County
- Ranked choice voting
- National popular vote interstate compact
- Home rule



# Positions Meriting an update

- Local wages
- Affordable Housing

# Programs Events

- Voting Issues
  - Voting age, electoral college, redistricting
- Impact COVID19 on Education
  - Parent, social worker, teacher, student,
- School Vouchers (superintendent or school board president)
- Politics of Gender Iowa Safe Schools)
- Home Rule