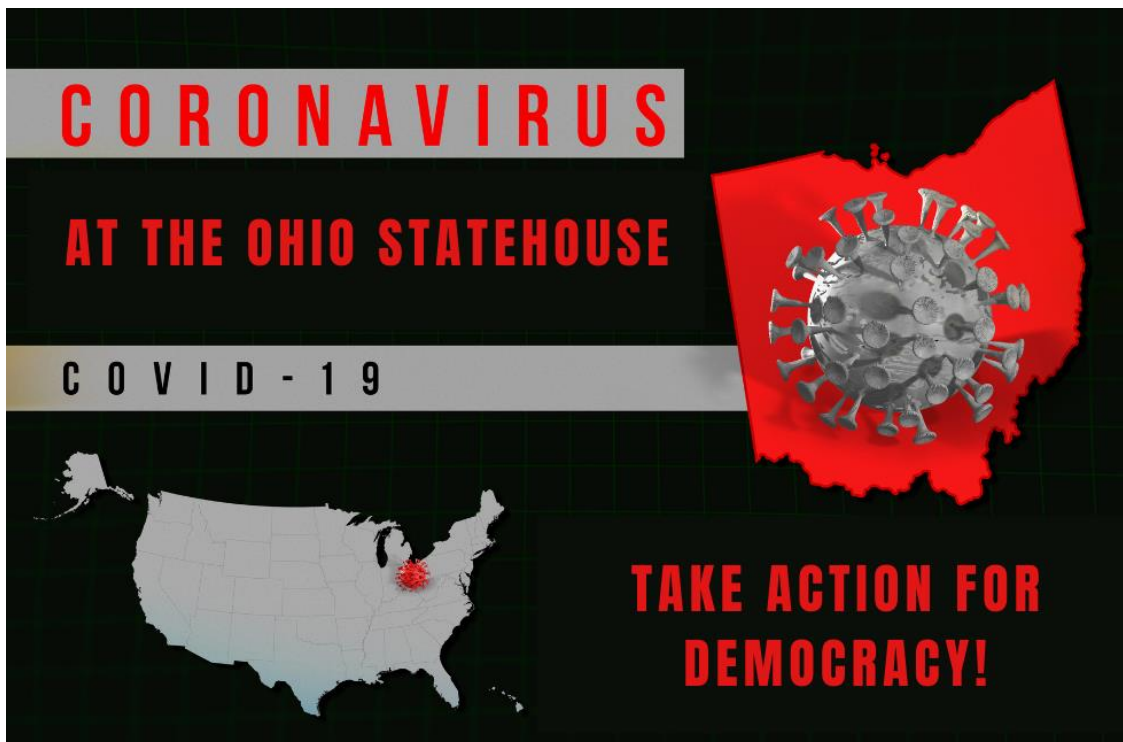




**TAKE ACTION! CLICK HERE to send messages to your state senator and representative asking them to ensure a mask mandate and the ability to present virtual testimony at the Ohio Statehouse.**



## **A Message from LWVAA President**

The summer of 2020 found us heavily engaged in the election and beginning to focus on **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** (DEI) program planning.

Working with the Hudson League, we offered a series of DEI workshops that were developed by the LWVUS. Hudson and Akron shared the presentation of these workshops and Jackie Derrow and Arrye Rosser were our League's presenters.

These workshops and all resources are available on our website. In as much as future planning will incorporate DEI initiatives, it behooves you to get up to speed on this program. Future DEI programing will be produced by a coalition of

Leagues (Akron, Cleveland, Hudson and Kent), and will center around DEI issues in public education, health care and the criminal justice system.

A second area of up-coming programing will **focus on redistricting**. Common Cause Ohio and LWVOH are spearheading this programming. Liz King and I will be members of the speaker's bureau.

Our league needs members to join the initiative and serve as facilitators of community and/or district-level map making. [Click here](#) to learn how you can join the effort.

We are planning two very important online programs:


- **February 13:** LWVAA 2021 Program Planning, Positions and Priorities meeting
- **March 1 and 6:** we shall consider consensus with the Arming School Personnel Proposal introduced by the Hudson League.

Please join us for both of these events, more details below and at lwvaa.org.

Finally, with the focus on DEI, developing a Membership plan to address this initiative is in the works. We discussed best practices for membership at our board meeting.

Stay Well!

Rosanne Winter



Join us for

a review of the League of Women Voters Ohio

# POSITIONS & PRIORITIES

Saturday, February 13, 2021, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Register at [lwvaa.org](http://lwvaa.org)

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE AKRON AREA

**LWVAA Feb 13 Positions & Priorities Meeting**

New to the League? Wanting to learn more about the League's positions on issues? Once a year we gather - this year virtually - to review the League's Positions and Priorities.

The League's Positions on issues - from government to social justice and the environment - underlie all League advocacy. Without a position, we cannot take action on behalf of the League.

Last year we reviewed the LWVUS positions. This year we'll review a subset of the LWV Ohio positions under the umbrella of Social Policy, specifically Juvenile Justice, Primary and Secondary Education and Higher Education. Below is a 1-paragraph summary of each of these positions. To review all LWV Ohio positions, [click here](#).

Our review can lead to studies and ultimately position revisions that, if supported by the membership and other Ohio leagues, can result in a vote at the LWV Ohio convention in May. This is grassroots democracy at its best.

This meeting is open to members and their guests who must [register in advance](#).

### **Date and Time**

**Sat, February 13, 2021**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

[Click here to register](#)

[Add to Calendar](#)

### **Location**

Online Event - link will be sent to registered attendees 48 hours before the event

We will be using the Microsoft Teams platform for this event. If you've been on Zoom, you'll find that Teams has a similar look and feel. Teams performs best when launched from the Chrome browser. If you've never been on Teams, you'll be asked to download the app when you join the meeting, or you can stay in the browser.

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## **LWV OHIO POSITION SUMMARY**

### **Primary and Secondary Education**

Support the use of public funds only for public schools. Support an elected State

Board of Education whose responsibility is policy making/planning. Support state education standards as a method of attaining a high- quality education. Support state funding for education that guarantees a realistic and equitable level of per-pupil expenditures, and support local school districts assuming a reasonable share of the financial burden.

### Higher Education

Support funding by the state to ensure that all Ohio citizens have access to higher education that provides general education and job preparation. Support Board of Regents, appointed by the Governor with confirmation by the Senate, to be a planning, coordinating board with broad policy-making powers.

### Juvenile Justice

Support community-based, least restrictive placement; rights and humane treatment of children who are juvenile offenders; alternative educational services; gender-specific treatment programs; unbiased treatment regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, or socio-economic status; statewide uniform standards for dealing with juvenile records. Oppose holding children in adult jails.

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**ARMING SCHOOL PERSONNEL**  
TWO-PART CONSENSUS MEETING  
Monday, March 1  
7 pm - 8 pm ET  
and  
Saturday, March 6  
10 am - 12 pm ET  
Register at [lwvaa.org](http://lwvaa.org)  
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Join us for our two-part consensus meeting on Arming School Personnel. We'll be learning about the issues related to this topic and seeking your input to answer the question, "Why are Ohio Schools allowed to arm their teachers without informing the community?"

Registration is easy, simply click the links below:

**Monday, March 1, 2021, 7 PM – 8 PM ET**

Description: Research on relevant topics

[Register Here](#)

**Saturday, March 6, 2021, 10 AM – 12 PM ET**

Description: Follow-up research consensus meeting

[Register Here](#)

Upon registration, you will receive a meeting link. Please submit any questions to: lwvaa@lwvaa.org. We look forward to seeing you online!

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(R-Bowling Green) District 2


**NOON - Monday, March 8, 2021**

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