

## **Program Planning for 2019**

Program is an essential component of League activity; as the national League of Women Voters says in League Basics, “Program is the League’s reason for being, the basis for both advocacy and education efforts.”

Program planning is the opportunity for members to tell our League board what public issues they want to explore by proposing a new study or suggesting a topic for an educational meeting or activity. Every year we review our Lane County positions and review state and national positions in alternate years. This year we will look at our local League positions and the LWVOR positions.

When we consider our existing program positions, we are thinking about whether we still agree with the conclusions, if changing conditions require additional information, or if there is an area where we might want to take action that would require a new study. Our new directory has summaries of our local, state, and national positions. Please review them before December’s unit meeting and bring your directory for reference.

Before suggesting a new local study, members should remember that we can use both state and national positions to take action at the local level. After our December meetings, the LWVLC board will discuss the suggestions from units for local programs and make recommendations for member consideration at the annual meeting in April. Suggestions for new state studies will be forwarded to the LWVOR board for consideration and recommendation to next year’s Convention.

The program planning process is an important League tool for identifying issues for study, review and update, and/or concurrence. It gives members and Leagues the opportunity to balance the pros and cons, assess possible support, and consider the viability of issues.

The following information is adapted from the LWVOR information on program planning:

### **EXISTING PROGRAMS**

When discussing program, members must consider existing programs and whether to retain, drop, update or restudy them. Following are definitions that may help members discuss existing programs.

**RETAIN** means keep position as is; no change.

**DROP** means to remove the position completely from our list. All further advocacy will be discontinued. It may not be incorporated into the program without a new study.

**UPDATE** means to study the position topic for informational purposes only, with no intention to update the position, only to update the knowledge base for the members.

**RESTUDY** means to undertake a review of the position in order to potentially change it.

## **PROPOSING NEW STUDIES**

When proposing new studies, keep the following in mind:

1. What are issues of importance that are most critical in our community?
2. Will the study bring greater visibility and credibility to the League of Women Voters?
3. What issues will stir the imagination of our members and attract potential new members?
4. What studies of educational/advocacy projects would help our League to link with individuals and organizations representing different viewpoints, ages, racial or ethnic identities, or other diverse groups that are underrepresented in the League?
5. Why should the League focus its time and resources on this study or project?
6. Is the issue one that can be addressed by government action?

Also consider:

1. The issue must fall within the Principles of the League of Women Voters.
2. The issue should add balance to the League program and have good appeal for our members.
3. League of Women Voters' volunteer time and financial resources must be available.

<b>LWVLC Program</b>				
<b>Current Positions</b>	<b>Retain</b>	<b>Drop</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Restudy*</b>
<b><i>GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND PROCESS</i></b>				
Boards, Commissions and Committees				
Lane County Government				
Urban Services				
Structure of Local Government				
<b><i>ECONOMIC POLICY</i></b>				
Capital Improvement Financing				
Local Government Finance				
Sustainable Economic Management				
Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing				
<b><i>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</i></b>				
Housing				
Planning and Zoning				
Sign Control				
Sustainable Metropolitan Management				
Transportation				
<b><i>GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES</i></b>				
Elementary and Secondary School Facilities				
Library Services				
Mental Health Services for Adults in Lane County				
Parklands				
<b><i>NATURAL RESOURCES</i></b>				
Solid Waste				
<b><i>SOCIAL POLICY</i></b>				
Ending Violence in Lane County				

## LWVOR Program Planning: Existing Programs

LWVOR Positions	Retain	Drop	Update	Restudy*
<b><i>GOVERNANCE</i></b>				
Campaign Finance Reform				
Civil Discourse				
Constitutional Provisions				
Economic Development Revenue Bonds				
Election Methods				
Election Laws				
Elections Methods				
Emergency Board				
Fiscal Policy				
Initiative, Referendum, and Recall				
Oregon State Courts				
Redistricting in Oregon				
<b><i>NATURAL RESOURCES</i></b>				
Air Quality				
Offshore and Coastal Management				
Energy Conservation				
Nuclear Energy				
Land Use				
Parks				
Seismic Risks				

Water Policy: Quality and Quantity				
Water Resources of the Columbia River Basin				
<b><i>SOCIAL POLICY</i></b>				
Adult Corrections				
Child Care				
Children at Risk				
Public Postsecondary Education				
Farm Worker Issues				
Adult Mental Health in Oregon				
Mental Health Services for Children and Youth				
Homeless Youth in Oregon				
Juvenile Justice				

\*Please explain any positions that you want to restudy. Why do you feel it's necessary? What do you hope to gain?