

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LANE COUNTY

DECEMBER 2010

PROGRAM PLANNING

Every year our local League meets to discuss, examine and decide what local issues we want to look at for the next year. Sometimes it is a new issue, problem or situation in Lane County that we have never studied or discussed. At other times we want our local League to take Action regarding a particular issue that we have already studied. Or perhaps, when we look at a position, we believe it needs more work or change or further explanation for the members.

This Program Planning Unit is that time to decide. The first item of business is to request any changes to our existing positions. A chart for that purpose is included in this material.

The next part of Program Planning is “Brainstorming.” This is when you think of ideas, issues, or problems on which the League should study and take action. There is an excellent write-up in the attached LWVOR material on proposing New Studies. Please read it before you meet. This year we will also be evaluating State League positions and also “Brainstorming” for new positions.

After our December units the unit results are presented to the Board for discussion and recommendations to our Annual Meeting in April. Our League’s recommendations for state program are sent to the State League. The State Board makes its recommendations for the next year to the State Convention in May.

A listing of all the positions is in your Directory. Before you come to your unit, please read it and think about whether you would want a change in any position. There is no change from the positions listed in last year’s Directory.

CURRENT POSITIONS

RETAIN

DROP

UPDATE

RE STUDY

GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND PROCESS

Boards, Commissions and Committees

Lane County Government

Urban Services

Structure of Local Government

ECONOMIC POLICY

Capital Improvement Financing

Local Government Finance

Sustainable Economic Management

Tax Increment Financing

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Housing

Planning and Zoning

Sign Control

Sustainable Metropolitan Management

Transportation

GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

Elementary and Secondary School Facilities

Library Services

Mental Health Services for Adults in Lane County

Parklands

NATURAL RESOURCES

Solid Waste

SOCIAL POLICY

Ending Violence in Lane County

2011-2013 LWVOR Program Planning

EXISTING PROGRAMS

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When discussing program, members must consider existing programs and whether to retain, drop, update or restudy them.

Following are some definitions that may help as League 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 again 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.

RE STUDY: means to undertake a review of the position in order to potentially change it.

PROPOSING NEW STUDIES

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If the issue is already covered in LWVUS positions, is it necessary to study it on a state level? When proposing new studies, please keep the following things in mind:

1. What are issues of statewide importance that are most critical in your community?
2. How could League of Women Voters of Oregon, along with your local League, have greater visibility and credibility?
3. What issues of statewide importance will stir the imagination of your members or potential members?
4. What studies of educational/advocacy projects would help your

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 LWVOR focus its time and resources on this study or project?

Also consider that:

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.
4. If the issue is already covered in LWVUS positions, is it necessary to study it on a state level?

Following are some definitions that may help as League members discuss new program.

TITLE: A statement of the content of a program item. It may include a League position. All program items imply League action when a position is reached whether or not the wording so specifies. Once adopted, the title cannot be changed by the state Board or Council.

SCOPE: A statement defining the limits and direction of a study item. It may include a timetable and may be modified by the state Board or Council. It is binding on the committee, which must try to meet its directives as far as possible.

OUTLOOK FOR WORK: A statement prepared by the committee which describes the activities to be carried out in the course of the study. While the Outlook for Work may be approved by the Convention delegates, the committee may modify it if, during the course of study, more or less work or time becomes necessary.

POSITION: A statement of the body of opinion of members expressed

during the member agreement process. It may be incorporated into the program item as a basis for action. Once dropped, it may not again be incorporated into the program without a new study.

Forms and any new study proposal should be submitted to the LWVOR office by January 31, 2011.

2011-2013 LWVOR Program Planning: Existing Program

Unit: -----

Date: -----

Contact Name: -----

Email: ----- Phone: -----

(in case we have questions about the responses on this form)

No. of members participating: -----

To see all LWVOR positions, go to <http://www.lwvor.org/lwvorpositions.htm>. To see all LWVOR positions as well as action that has been taken using those positions, go to <http://www.lwvor.org/advocacypositions.htm> and click on "Issues for Action", or refer to your printed copy of Issues for Action 2008-2009.

LWVOR Positions

Retain
Drop
Update
Restudy*

GOVERNANCE

Citizen Participation and Access

Constitutional Provisions

Economic Development Revenue Bonds

Election Laws

Emergency Board

Fiscal Policy

Initiative and Referendum

Oregon Election Methods

Oregon State Courts

Redistricting

NATURAL RESOURCES

Air Quality

Coastal Management (and Offshore) (UPDATE IN PROCESS)

ENERGY:

Conservation

LWVOR Positions Nuclear

Retain
Drop
Update
Restudy*

Land Use

Parks

Seismic Risks

WATER:

Update in process
Policy and Planning

Update in process
Quality

Resources-Columbia Basin

SOCIAL POLICY

Adult Corrections

Child Care

Children at Risk

Education-Postsecondary

Farmworker Issues

HEALTH POLICY:

Adult Mental Health

Mental Health Services for Children and Youth