

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROGRAM PLANNING 2010-2012

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009 FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM - BROWN BAG SUPPER
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON - BROWN BAG LUNCH

LOCATION: CEDAR LANE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
 9601 CEDAR LANE, BETHESDA

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBER HANDBOOK AND THIS FACT SHEET TO THE MEETING!

The annual local League’s program planning meetings provide the opportunity for all members to indicate their support for or suggest alteration of current League positions (both local and national, this time) and their interest in new issues for study and action in the coming years. It is also the time to suggest topics and activities for Unit meetings, Brown Bags, forums and field trips. Come with your ideas, all suggestions will be considered, be bold!

DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Retain - the position should remain as is.
- Edit - minor wording changes should be made to position to improve clarity.
- Readopt - Continue a current study on the issue.
- Drop - delete the position because it is no longer relevant or should no longer be a League position.
- Informational update - not recommending a new study but would like an article in newsletter or briefing at a unit meeting.

FOR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MONTGOMERY COUNTY

LWVMC Current Positions	Retain	Edit	Readopt	Drop	Informational Update
Budget Process					
Charter and County Government					
Child Care					
Children’s Services					
Corrections					
Education					
Elderly					
Election Process					
Fire and Rescue Services					
Health Care					
Housing and Public Accom.					
Land Use Planning					
Local Revenue					
Police Services					
Transportation					

To propose a new study or activity:

1. How would you title this study or activity?
2. What are the purposes and goals, scope and focus of study or activity?
3. Have other members expressed interest in working with you on this study or activity?

All LWVMC committees should be discussing ideas for next year. For example, the Land Use Committee discussed a study of a Bus Rapid Transportation System for our county as well as reviewing the existing bus system: is the coverage of areas sufficient, is it reliable, is it well-funded? The committee wants to continue to monitor the zoning code update and several master plans, particularly in the Gaithersburg West and White Flint areas.

On the national level, some ideas floated from other Leagues around the country include:

1. A study of the Fair Elections Now Act (for Senators and House of Representative members) - LWV Boulder, CO and Colorado State LWV
2. A study of civic education in the schools and civic knowledge of the general population, as well as efforts by Justice Souter, the Sandra Day O'Connor Foundation and others to promote civic education - LWV New Mexico
3. A Department of Peace, Cabinet level - LWV of Boone County, Missouri
4. A study of the Role of the Federal Government in Education - LWV of Palo Alto, California.

FOR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS UNITED STATES

LWVUS Current Positions	Retain	Edit	Readopt	Drop	Informational Update
Representative Government					
Voting Rights					
Citizen's Right to Vote					
DC Self Government and Full Voting Representation					
Election Process					
Apportionment					
Campaign Finance					
Selection of the President					
Citizen Rights					
Right to Know/ Citizen Participation					
Individual Liberties					
Public Policy on Reproductive Choices					
Congress and the Presidency					

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continued LWVUS Current Positions	Retain	Edit	Readopt	Drop	Informational Update
International Relations					
United Nations					
Trade					
U.S. Relations with Developing Countries					
Arms Control					
Military Policy and Defense Spending					
Natural Resources					
Natural Resources					
Resource Management					
Environmental Protection and Pollution Control					
Air Quality					
Energy					
Land Use					
Water Resources					
Waste Management					
Nuclear Issues					
Public Participation					
Agricultural Policy					
Social Policy					
Equality of Opportunity					
Equal Rights					
Education, Employment and Housing					
Fiscal Policy					
Tax Policy					
Federal Deficit					
Funding of Entitlements					
Health Care					
Immigration Policy					
Meeting Basic Human Needs					
Income Assistance					
Support Services					
Housing Supply					
Child Care					
Early Intervention for Children at Risk					
Violence Protection					
Gun Control					
Urban Policy					
Death Penalty					

To propose subjects for study and other League activities, contact Maxine Lewack by phone (301-384-8255) or email (rhmg1@verizon.net) **by Wednesday, January 6, 2010.**

NOTES:

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