

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROGRAM PLANNING 2009-2011

### Program Proposals for 2009-2010, League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC)

### Program Proposals for 2009-2011, League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWV-NCA)

### Program Proposals for 2009—2011, League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD)

Monday January 26, 2009 from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Brown Bag Supper

Tuesday January 27, 2009 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Brown Bag Lunch

Location: Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda

The annual local League program planning meeting provides the opportunity for all League members to indicate their support for current League positions and their interest in potential new issues for study and action in the coming year.

At our meetings in January 2009, the LWVMC is asking each member to have a direct role in program development in the following ways:

1. Suggest new governmental issues that League members might choose for concerted study and action;
2. Evaluate current positions for change, update or deletion; and
3. Suggest topics and activities for unit meetings, Brown Bags and field trips.

Following is a listing of the categories on which the LWVMC has positions; refer to your Member Handbook for the details. We are asking that you complete the next page: a) to indicate your interest in new studies, b) to update, change or delete current positions and c) to suggest topics, activities or events. On the following page, please list an activity or study which you are interested in working on and/or suggest names of members who would be willing to work on it too.

<b>LWVMC Current Positions</b>
Alternative Election Methods
Budget Process
Charter and County Government
Child Care
Children’s Services
Corrections
Education
Elderly
Fire and Rescue Services
Health Care
Housing and Public Accom.
Land Use Planning
Local Revenue
Police Services
Transportation

**League of Women Voters of Montgomery County**

**Proposals for new study, update or change or other activity:**

Brief description of proposal(s):

Type of Activity (check one):

- Unit meeting presentation
- New study
- Update or change of existing position
- Brown Bag or Field Trip or other activity

Submitted by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and e-mail contact \_\_\_\_\_

Please list potential volunteers and provide their e-mail and phone number contact information.

Suggest any community partners (other than League members) who might work with you.

Add any other comments

If you are not able to attend one of the two meetings in person, please complete the sheet – or complete more than one sheet, if you have several issues or activities to suggest - and mail them to the League office by January 23, 2009.

Please submit by January 23, 2009 to Jean Clarren, VP for Program Planning

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Following is the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWV-NCA) Program Planning Guide for Local Leagues. A representative from the LWV-NCA will attend the LWVMC Program Planning meetings to solicit your input.

### **League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWV-NCA) Program Planning Guide for Local Leagues**

Local Leagues are asked to schedule a time to conduct program planning for regional issues and complete the following steps:

#### **1. Decide whether you want to readopt all current LWV-NCA positions.**

Current positions cover Airports, Beltway Safety, Comprehensive Health Planning, Controlled Substances, D.C. Financing, Land Use/Housing, Regional Governance, Transportation and Water Resources. The LWV-NCA Board recommends that all current positions be readopted so that they are available for action should the need arise.

#### **2. Review and discuss the following ideas developed by the NCA Program Development Committee:**

- **New Study: Review and Assessment of the Council of Government's National Capital Region Climate Change Report (issued July 9, 2008)**

The report includes significant greenhouse gas reduction goals for the region as well as 78 recommendations to help area leaders and citizens meet the targets. The LWV-NCA Board envisions that educational seminars, speakers, and/or forums would be scheduled.

- **Water Resources Update: The Reality of the Drinking Water Supply in the Metro Area in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

This study would update the LWV-NCA's 1999 study and publication on this subject. Since then, there has been enormous growth and expansion of the outer suburbs, impacting streams and aquifers. Water authorities in both Virginia and Maryland have found it necessary to extend water intake pipes into the middle of the Potomac River upstream from the intake pipes serving the District of Columbia. We have seen periods of floods and of low water conditions. A reappraisal of the issues analyzed in the original report plus inclusion of any new relevant water-related issues will result in informational units and a public education effort.

- **New Study: Adequacy and Reliability of Electricity in the Washington, DC Metro Area**

A study committee would look into the distribution, generation, maintenance and adequacy of electrical energy in the Metro area, including alternative sources of energy. The study will result in informational units.

- **Transportation Update: Improvements to Transit Service in the Washington Metropolitan Area**

A study committee would survey measures being undertaken to improve transit service in the Washington Metropolitan Area, including a consideration of fare structures, subsidies, private-public interconnections, promotional and media approaches, income and development density issues, energy efficiency and competitiveness of transportation modes. It would produce a “Facts for the Efficient Area Traveler” indexed by mode, geography and cost comparison resources.

3. **Add any additional suggestions of your own. They must be regional in scope.**
4. **Considering all ideas from Items 2 and 3, decide which ones you endorse, if any, and select the top two.**
5. **Ask for any volunteers willing to work on the issues and for any ideas as to potential partners or resources.**

The third category for planning is from the state League (LWVMD) whose three major categories are: Government, Natural Resources and Social Policy. Please indicate after review of current state positions if there are any changes you suggest and your proposals for new studies or concurrence.

**League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD)  
2009-2011 Program Planning**

**Review of current LWVMD positions**

Please review the current LWVMD positions and complete table below. If you checked Informational Update or Readopt Study, please elaborate as to focus and outlook for work.

Definition of Terms:

Retain - the position should remain as is.

Edit – Minor wording changes should be made to position to improve clarity. Please describe desired change.

Readopt – Continue a current study on the issue.

Drop – We should 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 a Voter article or other information to members on the topic.

Title	Retain	Edit	Informational Update	Readopt Study	Drop	Notes
<b>I. GOVERNMENT</b>	*****	***	*****	*****	****	*****
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE						
Judiciary						
Sentencing						
Capital Punishment						
Corrections						
Juvenile Corrections						
ELECTION PROCESS						
Fair Campaigns						
Filling Vacancies in the General Assembly						
Primary Elections, Single Member Districts, Term Limits						
Voting Rights & Election Admin.						
ETHICS						
FIREARMS CONTROL						
FISCAL POLICY						
Fiscal Structure						
Budget Process						
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REDISTRICTING						
STATE CONSTITUTION						
<b>II. NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	*****	***	*****	*****	****	*****
COAL						
HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT						
LAND USE/GROWTH MANAGEMENT						
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT						
TRANSPORTATION						
<b>III. SOCIAL POLICY</b>	*****	***	*****	*****	****	*****
CHILDREN'S SERVICES						
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE						
DRUNK DRIVING						

Title	Retain	Edit	Informational Update	Readopt Study	Drop	Notes
EDUCATION						
Financing Education						
Competent Teachers						
Choice in Education – Vouchers						
Public Charter Schools						
High School Graduation Testing						
Adult Literacy and English Education						
MARRIAGE / CIVIL UNION EQUALITY						
HEALTH CARE APPEALS						
HOUSING						

**Proposals for new study or concurrence**

Proposed title for study:

Purpose: (What is the goal? Why does the issue warrant state positions? What is the scope or focus of the study?)

Outlook for work: (What will the study committee do? What issues should be analyzed? What are the steps needed to complete the study/concurrence?)

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of program planning for the next year(s).

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 Bonnie Franklin and Naomi Glass, NCA Program Co-Chair  
 Nancy Soreng, Program Chair, LWVMD