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Program Planning 2022-2024

A beginner's guide to program planning



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE U.S.

Community Norms



Bring your full self and limit distractions



Use the chat box to add thoughts, experiences, and/or questions



What is learned here, leaves here



No one knows everything, together we know a lot



Don't yuck my yum



Oops, ouch, and educate



Assume best intentions



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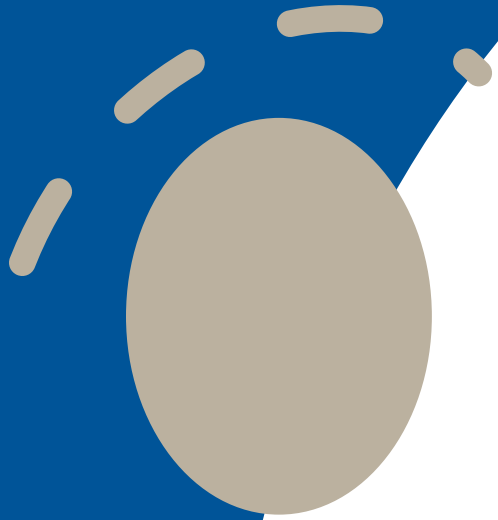


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What is program?

League program is the education and
advocacy platform that we adopt to move
our mission forward.

What is program planning?

- Program planning is the grassroots process of recommending and selecting governmental issues for study and agreement in reaching a position.
- Program is based on Member Understanding and Agreement.



LWVUS Program Planning 2021-2022 Timeline

March 1, 2022 - Deadline



October 21, 2021

Program Planning materials sent to all Leagues.



January-March 1, 2022

Local, state Leagues and ILOs hold program planning meetings.



Mid-March 2022

LWVUS Board votes on proposed program.



May 2022

Proposed program posted on www.lwv.org



June 23-26, 2022

Convention
Delegates consider and vote on proposed program.

2020-2022 Proposed Program

- **Recommended Program:
The Campaign for Making
Democracy Work®**
- **The LWVUS Board
recommends that Program
2022-2024 continue the
Campaign for Making
Democracy Work® with
Leagues throughout the country
working on:**
 - Voting Rights
 - Improving Elections
 - Money in Politics
 - Redistricting

Program Planning Form



All program planning
response forms must
be submitted
electronically



Program planning
response forms are
due Tuesday, March 1,
2022



[http://s.alchemer.com
/s3/2021-Program-
Planning-Survey](http://s.alchemer.com/s3/2021-Program-Planning-Survey)



A copy of the
questions are included
in the materials posted
on the League
management site



New this year! A Save
button to retain
information and
return to form at a
later time before final
submission.

Program Planning form questions

Do you support the proposed program focus, continuing the Campaign for Making Democracy Work® (which includes Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Redistricting, and Money in Politics? (Yes/No).

Would you like to recommend another program item, in addition to or instead of the Campaign for Making Democracy Work ®? (Yes/No) Please provide a statement (300 words or less) describing the scope of your recommendation, including a description of the issue area, its importance in advancing the League's mission as well as resources needed to carry out the recommendation.

Program Planning form questions cont'd

Which areas of the 2020-2022 national program priorities (Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Money in Politics, Redistricting) within the Campaign for Making Democracy Work ® has your League worked on during the current biennium? Select all that apply.

Which LWVUS Positions does your League use to act at the state and local level? Please check all that apply. (For more detail on LWVUS positions, see Resources section.)

Please provide anything else you would like to share on Program Planning. Keep your response to 300 words or less.

Article XII of the LWVUS Bylaws outline the process

Sec. 1. Principles. The Principles are concepts of government supported by the League and are the authorization for adoption of national, state and local program. They may be amended by the convention in the same way as program is adopted under Section 2 of this Article.

Sec. 2. Program. The program shall consist of action to implement the Principles and those governmental issues chosen by the convention for concerted study or concurrence and action.

Program Bylaw (Continued)

A. Local and state League and ILO boards shall make any program recommendations to the national board by a date, set by the board, that is at least three months prior to the convention.

B. The national board shall consider these recommendations and formulate a proposed program which shall be sent to the presidents of local and state Leagues and ILOs at least six weeks prior to the convention.

Program Bylaw (Continued)

C. Any League that plans to propose the adoption or amendment of a national League position by concurrence with a position statement of another League or Leagues shall submit the recommendation to the national board as specified in Section 2A of this Article. Any League, or the national board, that plans to propose the adoption or amendment of a national League position by concurrence with a position statement of another League or Leagues on the floor of convention shall send the proposed position statement, background information, including pros and cons on the issue and an explanation of the rationale for using this form of member agreement, to all Leagues at least six weeks before convention.

Program Bylaw (Continued)

D. The convention shall adopt a program by a majority vote on each subject presented to it. A program recommendation submitted by a local or state League or ILO by the date set by the national board as specified in Section 2A of this Article but not proposed by the national board may be adopted only if its consideration is ordered by majority vote of the convention and the vote on adoption comes on a following day. A two-thirds vote is required to amend or adopt a national League position by concurrence on the floor of convention.



IMPACT ON ISSUES

A Guide to Public Policy Positions



2020-2022

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THE UNITED STATES

LWVUS Positions



Study

- Developing consensus and member agreement in broad terms on what they think about various aspects of the policy issue.



Concurrence

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Sharing concurrence suggestions with Leagues



LWVUS 2022 Convention Concurrences lwwus2022concurrences@groups.io

This group is for the posting of concurrence submissions for the LWVUS 2022 Convention.

Leagues submitting concurrences should follow the procedure set forth by the Program Planning Committee. All concurrences related to the 2022 Convention will be posted here.

The messages section is only to be used by League members to ask clarifying questions of the concurrence posters. It is NOT for general Convention discussion or to debate the concurrences or other Convention business. For this reason all messages will be moderated by LWVUS staff.

- Assume positive intent of all participants.
- Our nonpartisan and DEI policies apply to this space.
- If you see a message that you believe is inappropriate please contact the group facilitator with a link to the message.
- Please do not start a new topic but include your message under one of the existing topics.
- All messages are moderated. Please do not resubmit a message unless it has been 48 hours since you submitted it and no action has been taken on it. All messages will be reviewed and either posted to the message or kept moderated while a member of staff discusses the message with the sender.





Incorporate DEI

- A DEI lens is a way of examining the process as to how it is perceived by a variety of communities, voices, and perspectives, and what, if any, barriers may exist that prevent it from being equitable or inclusive of everyone.



Program at Convention

- Board-recommended 2022-2024 program (sent to Leagues six weeks before convention).
- Not recommended program items granted motion to consider.
- Concurrences granted motion to consider.
- Resolutions expressing the will of the convention body on issues.

*Convention Workbook

*Convention Rules

LWVUS Program Planning Resources



If you have questions about the program planning process, email us at progplan@lwv.org



To access the 2021 Program Planning Survey and Leader's Guide visit: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/policies-guidelines/leaders-guide-lwvus-program-planning-2022-2024>

LWVUS Program Planning




The program planning process will culminate with adoption of our organization-wide program of education and action focus at LWVUS Convention 2022.



The input of League boards will help shape the proposed program of study and action that will be submitted to convention delegates for debate and a vote.



The program planning deadline is Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Each League is entitled to one response.



Questions or
want to talk
about a specific
issue?

progplan@lwv.org

**June 23 –
June 26
Denver,
CO &
Virtual**





Questions