LWVMD Vote By Mail Consensus Report Form

League Name_______________________ Date ___________

# of members participating _________  # of guests ________

Resource Person __________________________________

Discussion Leader _________________________________

General

Should LWVMD support the use of vote by mail (ballots automatically mailed to all qualified voters) for all elections in Maryland?

   Yes _____  No ________  Unsure ________

   Comments

For each of the following questions, what importance do you assign to each one?

Actions Before An Election

1. A postage paid envelope should be provided for voters to return their ballot.
   
   Essential _____  Preferred ______  Against _______  No Preference ________
   
   Comments

2. Ballots should be mailed to voters at least 3 weeks before an election.
   
   Essential _____  Preferred ______  Against _______  No Preference ________
   
   Comments
3. Voter education and outreach must be a priority during a transition to VBM.

   Essential _____ Preferred _____ Against _____ No Preference ______
   Comments

**Actions During An Election**

4. Available technology should be used to enable tracking the ballot throughout the process of its mailing, return and counting.

   Essential _____ Preferred _____ Against _____ No Preference ______
   Comments

5. Mailed ballots should include a privacy envelope, so voters can seal their completed ballot in an envelope that goes inside the mailing envelope.

   Essential _____ Preferred _____ Against _____ No Preference ______
   Comments

6. Drop boxes that are appropriately secured, equitably distributed, and clearly identified should be available for voters to return their ballots.

   Essential _____ Preferred _____ Against _____ No Preference ______
   Comments

7. The limited in-person polling places should be available, conveniently and equitably located, and easily accessible, with at least one in every county.

   Essential _____ Preferred _____ Against _____ No Preference
   Comments
**Actions After An Election**

8. Ballot counting should begin before Election Day and final results released only after all certified votes have been counted.

   Essential ______ Preferred ______ Against ______ No Preference ______
   Comments

9. Voters should have an opportunity to sign the oath on a ballot envelope that has been rejected due to a missing signature.

   Essential ______ Preferred ______ Against ______ No Preference ______
   Comments

10. VBM should include signature verification procedures that include prompt notice to the voter of any challenge and an opportunity to resolve it.

    Essential _______ Preferred _______ Against _______ No Preference ______
    Comments

Other issues or comments noted that do not fall under one of the consensus questions:

Recorder____________________________________