



LWV BALTIMORE COUNTY

PROGRAM PLANNING 2020-2021

Program Planning meetings occur on **February 4th** and **February 28th**. All members are urged to attend and join the discussions.

Local League engagement begins in our grassroots program planning process. It is an opportunity for each member to have a direct role in determining which issues we study and which areas of action we focus on the next year. Members may recommend areas of new study (or concurrence) and weigh in on whether current state positions should remain as they are. The LWV Baltimore County board will review your recommendations and present its Recommended Program at the 2020 Annual Meeting in June.

If you cannot attend, please review the attached Position Statements, then fill out the review and mail or email to the League office by **March 1st**.

Please bring these materials with you to the meeting of your choice.

Part 1: REVIEW OF CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS (page 2-3)

In this process we review the current positions and recommend retaining, updating or dropping positions. Are existing positions relevant today? Do you believe we should update or drop any of the current positions? What is missing from our positions?

Part 2: PROPOSALS FOR NEW STUDY OR CONCURRENCE (page 3)

League positions allow us to support or oppose issues before the County Council. We arrive at positions through a new study and consensus or through concurrence with existing local League positions or with positions developed by a resource committee. Where do you believe we need new positions? Should we arrive at them through consensus or concurrence with the position of another League.

We may also recommend advocacy initiatives and educational studies and meetings on timely topics as part of League Program.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Our board will consider your proposals using the following criteria:

- Does the League already have a position?
- Is government action needed? Or possible?
- Is the county the appropriate level of government to address the issue?
- Is the issue timely?
- Will League involvement make a unique impact?
- Is there member interest? Will it attract new members?
- Do we have people power to man the study? • Does the title specify the focus of the study?

2020-2021 LOCAL LEAGUE PROGRAM PLANNING: REVIEW OF CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

Position	Retain	Edit	Informational Update*	Re-adopt Study	Drop	Notes
Government						
County Government Charter						
Firearms Legislation						
Real Property Assessments and Taxation						
Transportation						
Natural Resources						
Land Use						
Sludge Management Utilization						
Solid Waste Management						
Source Reduction and Recycling						
Social Policy						
Alternatives to the War on Drugs						
Department of Aging						
Economic Development						
Education						
Quality of Education, Part 1						
Quality of Education (Teaching, Part 11)						
Early Childhood Education						
The Principalship						
Safe Schools/ Safe Communities						
Charter Schools						
Health Care						

Position	Retain	Edit	Informational Update*	Re-adopt Study	Drop	Notes
Housing						
Meeting Basic Human Needs						
School Age Child Care						

Definitions of Terms:

Retain for Action - The position remains as is.

Edit - Minor wording changes to improve clarity.

Informational Update - *Voter* article or other researched information to members.

Re-adopt - Continue current study.

Drop/Delete - A new Study and Consensus is required to have the positions available for use.

Concurrence - Agreement of the members on a specific position developed by another League or at League level.

*If you checked informational Update or Re-adopt Study, please elaborate as to focus and purpose.

PROPOSAL FOR NEW STUDY OR CONCURRENCE

Title:

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?)