

Adopted Program 2007-2009

The members of LWVLA voted to determine the issues the League will focus on for two years in order to create, modify, or use its positions. This is called the League's "adopted program." For 2007-2009 LWVLA voted to retain all previous positions except those listed below for active updating and to focus its efforts on the following:

CONTINUATION OF 2005-2007 PROGRAM

STUDY

CITY FINANCE: The study continues with a focus on the impact of city employee pension plans on the city budget work in progress.

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REVOLVING DOOR: The series of educational discussions will focus on the options for prevention, rehabilitation, and problems relating to the return to society for those incarcerated.

UPDATE

EDUCATION (K-12): The update focuses on the governance and accountability for the school districts represented by LWVLA, including the charter school movement and how this affects governance and accountability for local schools.

UPDATE POSITIONS 2007-2009

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS. The LWVLA Housing position was adopted in 1967 and last updated in 1980. The LWVLA Homelessness position was adopted in 1987. An update of these positions is needed to address the status of efforts by local government, working with other levels of government and the private sector to aid the homeless and low income people by increasing housing supply and accompanying social services. The study update scope could include the interaction between these two positions and other LWVLA positions which should be reconciled and include disabled access to housing.

POLICE: The LWVLA position was written in 1978 and last updated in 1992. The position primarily addresses the role of the Police Commission. The study update scope could include changes in the roles of local law enforcement post 9/11, issues related to LAPD's role in enforcing immigration laws, the recruiting, training and community policing policies, how the LAPD has addressed the consent decree.

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ELECTION INTEGRITY: Begun with the observation of vote counting and mandatory audits in the election process, it will continue with research on other organizations that are involved in this topic with the possibility of proposing an alliance.

INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING: This project will consist of educating members about the Pasadena LWV position on Instant Runoff Voting with the purpose of LWVLA's adopting this position through concurrence.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES/GLOBAL WARMING: In 2000, LWVC developed a Sustainability Toolkit for local Leagues and it has been used in a variety of projects. One of the facets of Sustainable Communities is to safeguard our environment. The committee will gather and present information as to what Los Angeles is doing to address the Global Warming issue and what we as individuals can do to make this a more sustainable community.