

LWV CVA 2021-22 Program Planning
In-Person Meeting: Saturday, December 4, 2021 – 10 am – Noon
Brooks Family YMCA (McIntire Park) – Community Room

What is “Program Planning”? Program Planning happens annually at the local League level. It is the time when we consider the positions taken by our League on the local and state or national levels. Our positions give the League a voice and are the result of an established process: the LWV takes action on an issue or advocates for a cause when there is an existing League position that supports the issue or speaks to the cause. **Without a position, League action/advocacy cannot be taken. This is what your League of Women Voters is all about and Program Planning is your opportunity to weigh in.**

For 2021-22, we will study **Local** and **National League positions** in preparation for our May 12, 2022 *LWV CVA Annual Meeting* as well as the June LWV-US convention. Do we wish

- to retain current positions;
- to act on them; and/or
- begin new studies with the goal of establishing consensus and positions for action on other issues?

To prepare for our 2021 meeting, check out our **Local Program: Positioned for Action** as described in the *LWV CVA 2021-2022 Membership Handbook* [green cover]. On pages 15 -20, you will find “Action” items on: **Government, Natural Resources, and Social Policy**. (These positions can also be found on our website: lwv-cva.org under the pull-down menu, “Explore the League” – Advocacy, then click on “Local.”) LWV CVA Vice-President Carol Cutler recommends that you read the Program section (pages 15-20) of the *LWV CVA 2021-22 Membership Handbook* **before** you come to the meeting.

To check out the LWV-US national positions, go to <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues>. This is the link to “Impact on Issues: A Guide to Public Policy Positions, 2020-22”. A summary of the League’s public policy positions can be found on this LWV-US link: https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/impact_on_issues_2016-2018_positions_in_brief.pdf. See also pages 2-3 in this newsletter for a list of the LWV US positions.

For further information about Program Planning, contact Carol Cutler, 434-293-2463 or email: gertrude3@icloud.com.



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At Program Planning this year we will consider
“LWVUS National Positions”

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**

At Convention 2020, delegates voted to support a program that would fully utilize core League positions around Voting Rights and Election Reform.

The campaign for Making Democracy Work[®] – includes ensuring a free, fair, and accessible electoral system for all eligible voters. Leagues at every level continue to work to protect and advance voting rights and election reform at this critical time for our democracy, as well as fight efforts in Washington, D.C. and state legislatures to suppress voters.

At the same time, the *League of Women Voters* continues our transformational journey to strengthen the organization while also engaging new and future activists around the League’s core issues. As we look to achieve our transformational goals around relevance, impact, focus and culture, we also look to the priority issues that are at the heart of the League’s mission.

To check out the unabridged and complete LWVUS national positions, go to <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues>. This is the link to “Impact on Issues: A Guide to Public Policy Positions, 2020-22”.

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A complete list of LWV-US National Positions can be found on the following page of this newsletter.

We will also consider LWV CVA Local Positions which can be reviewed by going to pages 15-20 in your 2021-22 Member Handbook. Bring your copy of the Handbook to Program Planning! See page 4 of this newsletter for the check-sheet of options for each Local Position.

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LWVUS National Positions: Complete List of Positions

Which LWVUS Positions does your League use to act at the state and local level? Please check all that apply.

LWVUS Positions

Citizen's Right to Vote
DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation
Apportionment
Redistricting
Money in Politics (formerly Campaign Finance)
Selection of the President
Voter Representation/Electoral Systems
Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation
Constitutional Amendment Proposals
Constitutional Conventions
Individual Liberties
Public Policy on Reproductive Choices
Congress
The Presidency
Privatization
United Nations
Trade
Developing Countries
Arms Control
Military Policy and Defense Spending
Natural Resources

Resource Management

Transfer of Federal Public Lands
Air Quality
Solid Waste
Nuclear Waste
Climate Change
Water Resources
Nuclear Issues
Public Participation
Agriculture Policies
Equality of Opportunity
Employment
Fair Housing
Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action
Pay Equity
Equal Rights for Women
Same Gender Equality
Education
Federal Role in Public Education
Fiscal Policy
Funding of Entitlements
Health Care
Immigration
Meeting Basic Human Needs
Income Assistance
Transportation
Housing Supply
Child Care
Early Intervention for Children at Risk
Violence Prevention
Gun Policy
Urban Policy
Death Penalty
Sentencing Policy
Human Trafficking

LWV-CVA Program Planning for 2021-22 - Checksheet for Local Program

LWV-CVA Local Program	Retain	Update	Take Action	Delete	COMMENTS*
Government:					
Intergovernmental Cooperation					
Tax System					
Magisterial Districts					
Redistricting					
Election Integrity					
Transportation					
Natural Resources:					
Climate Change					
Energy					
Land Use					
Water					
Waste Management					
Social Policy:					
Child Care					
Education					
Gun Violence Prevention					
Health and Family Life Education and Health Services in Area Public Schools					
Housing					
Regional Library System					

**(Use back of form/additional page as needed)*

1. Is there a **new study** (one only) on a **local issue** you would suggest? Describe issue and give scope for the study. List volunteers willing to work on the study. _____

2. Is there an **update** (restudy) of a **current position** (one only) you would suggest? List reason for restudy and define scope. Also **give volunteers willing to work on the update**. _____

3. Is there a position you want to **delete**? Explain why you think the position is no longer needed or valid. _____

4. Is there a LWV-CVA position you think needs to be emphasized for **action**? If so, what **type of action** would you like to see? (e.g. holding a forum, lobbying elected officials, etc.) If more than one position is selected for advocacy/action, prioritize the items in chart above. _____



The League of Women Voters of Virginia –

Pre-Session: “Outlook of the Upcoming General Assembly Session”

Virtual Meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 10 am to 2 pm

Every year in December, the League of Women Voters of Virginia sponsors the “Pre-Session Women’s Legislative Roundtable” before the next Virginia General Assembly Session which begins on January 12, 2022. We invite directors and policy and advocacy experts from many nonprofit organizations to speak about their priority issues and legislation, and to give their predictions on what may or may not happen during the next Session.

Join the League and our partners for a preview of our legislative program for the upcoming 2022 General Assembly session. Confirmed speakers include:

Virginia Commissioner of Finance, K Joseph Flores,
Virginia Commissioner of Elections, Christopher Piper
Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth and
Director of African American Outreach, Traci J. DeShazor
Campaign Legal Center, Legal Counsel, Austin Graham
Amanda Pohl, Program Director, Reflect US
Connor Kish, Sierra Club
Brenda Cabrera, Voter Registrars Association of Virginia

Eventbrite registration is free:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwv-virginia-pre-session-tickets-172114558277>

Virginia Redistricting Commission – Update

On November 12, the Supreme Court of Virginia unanimously rejected the three nominees for **Special Master** presented by Republican leadership (citing conflicts of interest with each) and one nominee presented by the Democratic leadership (who questioned the working rules). This signals the likelihood of a nonpartisan process, which is exciting news. New nominees must be submitted by November 15. See the League of Women Voters of Virginia website for further news: lwv-va.org

Welcome New LWV CVA Member!

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LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting

By Muriel Grim, chair, LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee

The Natural Resources Committee meeting was held virtually on October 26, 2021. The topic for February's Sunday Seminar will be either solar power farms or reducing plastic waste. There is a need get out information and explanations about both of these topics.

As we switch to more use of electricity we must examine how to best produce it using solar energy. There are potential problems with producing almost as much greenhouse gas as we eliminate if we are not careful about how we generate solar energy. Starting with mining the minerals needed for solar panels and then clearing away trees and soils that act as carbon sinks this may happen. We also must consider potential environmental problems from waste water. Finally, the amount of land that is often stripped bare could be needed for agriculture or natural habitats.

The tsunami of plastic waste is being addressed by Governor Northam's state-agencies single-plastic policy and by localities considering a plastic bag tax. This is a very confusing topic that needs a lot of explanation. Unfortunately as a result of the recent election it is now in danger of being removed from consideration. This may mean it would not be appropriate for our Sunday Seminar. Anyone interested in more information about UVA's plans for single use plastic elimination can watch a report to the Albemarle County Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (SWAAC) at their November 18 meeting at 4 pm. Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee web page is: <https://www.albemarle.org/government/facilities-environmental-services/solid-waste-alternatives-advisory-committee/-toggle-all>

Affordable Housing: We will continue working on making people aware of the total cost of housing not just the basic price. Sidewalks are now beginning to show up as a necessary accompaniment to affordable homes. In addition to vehicular transportation, walkability is now starting to be recognized as a necessity. These are two of our concerns regarding the actual cost of affordable housing.

We are collaborating with environmental activists on keeping track of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan update. Anyone with any suggestions about input to the comp plan update should send them to msgrim2012@gmail.com.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday our November meeting will be moved to 5th Tuesday, November 30 at 1 pm. For information about the LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee, contact Muriel Grim, msgrim2012@gmail.com.

LWV CVA Electoral Board Observer Corps Report

The following, reported by Karen Davenport, LWV CVA Observer, Louisa County, although not “breaking news” is an excellent example of what happens/may happen at electoral board meetings prior to an election.

Louisa County Electoral Board Meeting (call-in attendance)

October 13, 2021 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Electoral Board members and County Registrar were in attendance. There were 2 call-in attendees.

- The September minutes were approved

Registrar's report:

- The plans for moving the registrar's office are not finalized. They should have more information in December.
- Absentee ballots sent out - 633. Absentee ballots returned so far - 567. 1057 people have done early voting on machines. Pre-processing days will be Oct 19, 26, and 30.
- Pre-election Logic and Accuracy testing of machine found one machine with a minor issue that has been corrected.
- Ballot drop bags on election day: Bags must be taken, on election night, sealed, to the registrar's office by 2 individuals (1 from each party).
- There have been no security incidents. However there were lighting issues at one of the polling places (a church). The Board will look into that and correct.
- There will be brochures describing election procedures at polling stations. Election officers will have them as will each party.
- There have been 5 trainings on the new poll books with another on October 14.
- The next meeting will be November 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

LWV CVA Child Care Committee News

By Beth Kariel, chair, LWV CVA Child Care Committee

Beth and LWV CVA member Rita Squillace are doing interviews for the LWV-VA State Child Care Study. If you know of any providers, parents or community officials whom you think might want to be interviewed for our study, please contact Beth, email: bethkariel9@gmail.com

Beth has been learning about President Biden's "Build Back Better Act" and its plan for child care. Our state league child care issue group has been discussing Universal Pre-K, and we'll be studying the pros and cons of Universal Pre-K in the months to come.

LWV CVA Community Engagement Committee News

By Lisa Hilgartner, chair, LWV CVA Community Engagement

In October the **Community Engagement Committee** worked with Voter Services to help with Voter Registration and getting folks to the polls for the November 2nd election. Posters were placed for both in break rooms and community bulletin boards in many stores in Charlottesville. Community calendars were populated with the Board of Elections Calendar for deadlines for registration, vote-by-mail ballots, along with reminders about requiring witness signatures, early voting hours and deadlines. General information about election day, November 2, a State Holiday, was disseminated on *Plug Away Monday* show on WINA [1040 AM; 98.9 FM] at 7:45 am each Monday. This effort was utilized to get the word out each week for the nine weeks prior to apprise voters of upcoming election info for that week. Periodically CBS19 and NBC29 News were notified to report on our efforts to get out the vote and news updates. With so many voters coming out and voting early as well as on election day, the “get out the vote” campaign appears to have been working!

LWV CVA Voter Services Report

By Lisa Hilgartner, LWV CVA Community Engagement Director

Virginia Governor's High School Voter Registration Challenge Update: The Virginia Governor's Challenge was established in 2016 to recognize high schools that register the most eligible students—those who are 18 (or will be 18 by the next election date)! High Schools across the Commonwealth must register 65% of their eligible senior class members in order to gain recognition from the Governor's Office.

LWV CVA is actively helping high schools in our area achieve recognition. In the first half of the academic year all four Albemarle County public high schools and Nelson County High School have accepted the Governor's Challenge for the 2021-22 school year. The deadline to achieve 65% registration is April 30, 2022.

The LWV CVA “High School Voter Registration Committee” will start up again in helping during the second half of the academic year beginning February 2022. The goal is to assist the other schools in our area not already in the program gain recognition. These schools include Charlottesville City, Louisa, Greene, and Fluvanna Counties, as well as private schools St. Anne's Belfield, Covenant, Miller, and Tandem.

If you have a contact or connection with any of these schools, please pass the word on to Lisa Hilgartner at lisamezzo@gmail.com or Susan Roberts at susanrofva@aol.com. We'd love to have these high schools on board as well. If you as a League member can give time to this project, we'd love to have you join our committee.

2021 Virginia Election Results
From the Department of Elections: go to
results.elections.virginia.gov

Meetings and Events for November/December 2021:
Mark Your Calendars Now!

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Wed., Nov 17, 3:00 – 5:00 pm	LWV CVA Board Meeting	Virtual Meeting	For further information, contact Carol Cutler, 434-293-2463
Tues., Nov 30, 1 pm	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Virtual Meeting	For further information, contact Muriel Grim, email: msgrim2012@gmail.com
Wed., Dec. 1,	LWV-VA Legislative PRE-SESSION	Virtual Meeting	Eventbrite registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwv-virginia-pre-session-tickets-172114558277
Sat., Dec. 4, 10 am to Noon	LWV CVA Program Planning for 2022 – <u>In-Person Meeting</u>	Brooks Family YMCA – Community Room	For further information, contact Carol Cutler, 434-293-2463
Wed., Dec. 15, 3:00 – 5:00 pm	LWV CVA Board Meeting	Virtual Meeting	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, 434-326-7873

Coming up in January!

Consensus/Concurrence Meeting on the Education Re-Study, LWV CVA Local position. Live meeting for members to consider this important update to our local Education position: Sunday, January 16, 2022, 2 to 4 pm. Venue to be announced.



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