

The LWVPA Board Recommends the Following Local Program for 2017-2018

Review the current LWVPA Education Position to determine if an update to this position is needed.

Update LWVPA positions on Natural Resources, Housing under Social Policy, and City Finance under City Government.

Continue all other LWVPA positions.

Vote on bylaws change to reflect maximum dues reduction for additional household members and students.

Note the July 2016 bylaws change by the LWVPA Board (per LWVUS, following adoption at 2016 LWVUS Convention) to extend membership eligibility to all "persons" (replacing "citizens") at least 16 years of age.

LWVPA Recommended Program Issues for Emphasis:

Advocacy and education on:

- climate change, Palo Alto's Sustainability/Climate Action Plan (S/CAP)
- housing, transportation/transit
- local immigration (due process – sanctuary city)
- local campaign finance
- constitutional rights

Education on:

- civic involvement
- civic discourse
- civic savvy (fact v. fiction)

Activities to reach out to the homeless, other underserved populations and organizations that work with new citizens, regarding:

- voter registration
- get out the vote
- civic education

Advice to the Board:

- Ensure there is a Board committee to act on each of the Issues for Emphasis.
- Re-activate an Observer Corps to follow PAUSD, City Council and other City boards and commissions as appropriate.
- Work actively to develop collaborations with neighboring Leagues and other nonpartisan organizations, as appropriate.

Recommended Program for LWV Santa Clara County

Conduct a study of Independent Oversight Committees to determine:

- Does the committee meet?
- Do they have any power—in what areas?
- What reporting mechanisms are there, and to whom do they report?