

Program Planning 2018 Toolkit

**Turning
Ideas into
Action**



Program Planning 2018: **Overview**

- The Program Planning process is what keeps LWV a uniquely grassroots, or bottom-up vs. top-down, organization.
- The LWV program platform represents who we are, and those issues that LWV members support and believe in.
- During this year's meeting we will review and discuss the LWVUS Priority Issues, as well as our own local "Hot Topics."

Program Planning & **LWVPA Members**

Every year, our members come together to discuss policy issues which matter most to us, to create the agenda for the next two years. We can't do this without you and need your input!

- Where should LWVPA focus its energy?
- What do you want to work on?
- What issues are our priorities?

Program Planning 2018: Meeting Objectives

1. **Review** the purpose of program planning and more specifically this year's program planning priorities for national & local issues.
2. **National:** Address the inputs requested from LWVUS: *Making Democracy Work* advocacy and action plan, rather than studies.
3. **Local:** Local Issues Discussion: Opportunity for members to share their interests, ideas or proposals.

What is Program Planning?

What does each League do?

Each **January/February**, League **members meet** to review our program **positions** in relation to the current and upcoming political landscape.

This year, we will be talking about

- the **LWVUS** in the **2018–2020** biennium
- the **LWVPA** in the **2018–2019** League year

[Read LWVUS positions **in full** here](#)

[Read our local positions here](#)

Next Steps

And then?

Suggestions from our program planning meetings in January will be **reviewed** by our **LWVPA Board of Directors**.

At our Annual Meeting in May 2018, **LWVPA members** will discuss the board's recommendations and adopt our local program for 2018–2019.

Our board sends our **LWVUS** program recommendations to the **LWVUS Board of Directors**. In June 2018, **delegates** to National Convention in Chicago will consider the national board's recommendations and adopt the national program for 2018–2020.

LWVUS National: Proposed Focus 2018-2020

National: LWVUS - Proposed Program Focus 2018-20 (Overview)

Campaign for Making Democracy Work®

- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Campaign Finance
- Redistricting

LWV US (National):

Useful Materials



1. [LWVUS 2018-20](#)
[Recommended Program:](#)
**Campaign for Making
Democracy Work®**
2. [Summary of LWVUS](#)
[Policy Positions:](#) **Impact
on Issues (pdf)**

LWV Palo Alto: Current Areas of Emphasis

LWV Palo Alto (Local):

Useful Materials

1. LWVPA Current Priorities:
Issues for Emphasis
during 2017-18
2. LWVPA Positions: Local
Program LWVPA
Positions in brief

January 27, 2018: Meeting Agenda

“Turning Ideas into Action”

Saturday, January 27, 2017 | 8:30am - 12:30pm | PCC: Raptor Room

Agenda

8:30 am: Socialize/Sign-in/Welcome

Meet new members and catch up with members you haven't seen in a while

- **Welcome:** Open with introductions Board and Members (around the table)

9:00 am: Introduction to Program Planning

- What is Program Planning?

9:15 am: National Program Review, Discussion & Consensus

- Review [LWVUS Program Priorities](#) for 2018-2020 (*Campaign for Making Democracy Work*®).
- What does LWVPA want National to focus on? Any other areas of focus to propose?
- Discuss and develop consensus. Members endorse (or add) LWVUS priorities. (Resources: [Current LWVUS positions on National Issues \(full\)](#) and [Overview Positions.pdf](#)).

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10:00 am: Short Break for Brunch

10:25 am: Local Program Progress & Review

- Update: Midterm reports on education & advocacy progress in 2017-18 on LWVPA local issues.
- Review: [LWVPA positions of emphasis](#) used in LWVPA education/advocacy during 2017-18.
- Local Program Emphasis for 2018-19? Determine education/advocacy work going forward, given national's directives, focus and positions. (Develop consensus on our 'Hot Topics').
- Members to prioritize top 3-5 areas of emphasis for 2018-19.

12:00 pm: Wrap up Review & Recommendations

- Review national LWVUS priorities LWVPA has endorsed to submit to Convention.
- Review local LWVPA priorities for 2018-19, (top 3-5) to recommend to LWVPA Board during General Meeting in May 2018.

12:30 pm: Adjourn / Extended Brunch / Socialize