Our January forum is the one time of the year that we come together to decide on the issues we want to study and to address in the forums for the next year, beginning in the fall. Certainly some of the forums will be candidate and ballot issues forums, but we do want to move forward with other burning issues that our members want to address.

Our committees are the impetus for studies that lead to positions. As they learn from speakers and others, they formulate ideas about the issues most important to them. These ideas can lead to studies, which then help us develop our positions on an issue—those positions are what we use to take action. Our local positions “in brief” are printed in this issue. We can use these positions to support the actions that we may want to take on some issue, such as law enforcement.

Although nonmembers cannot participate in the consensus part of the program, they are welcome to attend and participate and share their ideas about what they’re most interested in. This is a good way for all of us to learn more about issues we may not have considered, or may be of interest to younger members.

This is the year of social justice. We plan to have a panel at the forum to discuss some of the major social justice problems facing Seattle and King County, and no doubt some of the suggestions will become the basis for forums. We have just formed a social justice committee, and members of that committee will decide what major issues they want to take on.

But it’s not necessary to confine your ideas to social justice. For example, the National League wants Leagues around the country to take action on voter rights and election reform. Perhaps luckily for us, the disgraceful voter suppression laws do not apply here, although we could work more on getting out the vote. There are members who have long wanted to investigate the reasons people decline to vote—such a study could lead to ways to better counter voter apathy.

Or an issue of great concern to many younger people is the enormous weight of college loans. Many articles have been published about some of the regulations that make it hard to renegotiate or discharge the loans, among other things. Certainly this could be the basis of a “hot topics” forum.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Voter are guidelines for local program planning and developing studies, including forms for the units to return before the end of the month. Any suggestions for forums that members want to work on must include the names of those who will take responsibility both for forums and studies.

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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday, and is ready to face a new year with renewed enthusiasm—and hopefully ready to direct some of that enthusiasm to all that the League does.

We did a tremendous amount of voter service and education last fall, before the election. Now, as the Legislature begins its 2017 session, and as we’ll see changes in government actions at all levels, it’s time to get involved and take action. There is much to do both on the state and Seattle-King County levels.

As you are probably aware, the National League is making voter suppression a top priority. If you were at our evening with David Domke you were probably as appalled as I was at the number of states—13—that put new voting restrictions in place for the 2016 election. When you get mail from the National League, it will probably suggest something you can do to help overturn these onerous restrictions.

We are fortunate in this state that we generally promote voters voting. I think, however, that a bill will be introduced into the State Legislature this year that will make registration more difficult. Stay vigilant! But we do need to work to make sure more voters understand the importance of voting and fill out those ballots.

Locally, we are setting up a social justice committee. There’s so much to do in this regard we could have multiple committees, but we’ll start with one and see what direction members want it to go in. Some of the planning will begin at the January 5 program planning forum. Last year we had as a speaker Nick Licata, recently retired from the Seattle City Council, discussing his book Becoming a Citizen Activist. It’s reading that can certainly get your juices flowing.

This year we are planning to have a panel discussing the “intersectionality” of social justice needs, with speakers from various social justice organizations, such as Black Lives Matter, someone from the immigrant community, from the LGBTQ community, and so on. (Note: at this writing the panel and speakers have not been confirmed.) As you listen to these speakers, you may think of issues that you want the League to confront and possibly develop a program on. For example, do we need a study to develop a position on an issue we haven’t thoroughly explored before, such as income inequality? Or do we have a position that supports some action that we could take, or some issue that could be the basis of a “hot topic” forum?

One interesting idea that has come up is for King County members in various cities to request (demand?) of their city councils that those cities join Seattle in becoming sanctuary cities for immigrants. And yes, we do have a position that supports that:

Support an emphasis in law enforcement on building trust in immigrant communities, to include the policy of asking about an individual’s immigration status only if he/she has been charged with a felony or misdemeanor.

I know a lot of people, especially many of our new members, are eager to get started taking some sort of action. But I do have to remind all of us that we need to base our actions on the positions that we’ve developed over the years. These positions contribute a large part to League’s credibility. In fact, a renewing member recently returned the information form answering the question, “What do you expect from League?” The answer:

Non-partisan objective analysis and discussion of key issues affecting our quality of life.
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**JANUARY**

*The Voter Deadline*
Monday, January 16

Forum: Program Planning
Thursday, January 5
7:00 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church

Board Meeting
Saturday, January 7
10:00 a.m.
League Office

**FEBRUARY**

Econ. & Tax. Committee
Saturday, December 31
9:30 a.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Board Meeting
Saturday, February 4
9:00 a.m.
League Office

*The Voter Deadline*
Monday, February 13
The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum most months between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled at other locations and times. The tentative schedule of forums for 2015-6 appears at left; check The Voter each month or the LWVS-KC website, seattlelwv.org, for up-to-date information. Past forums are frequently televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on Saturday, December 3, 2016. This is a summary of their work. In the absence of Secretary Zara Kublin, this month’s brifs were written by Katie Dudley.

This month’s board meeting came at the heels of the December 1 Town Hall event at which Professor David Domke spoke about how we should move forward after the November election.

Linda Snider, treasurer, noted that our accounts reflect an uptick in membership, much to the excitement of Board members.

Pat Griffith, Action Chair, described the upcoming Action Workshop at Horizon House, which already had 70 registered attendees at the time of the board meeting. She also described a quickly-growing December 19 busing event to Olympia for Washington Ceasefire.

Stephanie Cirkovich gave her update and with the board discussed how to implement the Social Justice Committee, and who could chair it.

In January, the Program Planning Forum is scheduled for the 5th at the Baptist Church, and we discussed the planning, as well as the structure of this forum. We definitely want lots of attendees (as always!) to give us ideas about what to study over the next year, and even further into the future.

Becky Cox gave the Board her Membership update - there has been an uptick in membership, with 33 new members that she was aware of. New members are very interested in Social Justice.

Amanda Clark thanked the members of the board who attended and help set up the successful event with David Domke.

State Convention is coming up, and Seattle is hosting. We need lots of volunteers and as always, we need ideas and suggestions. We are hoping to have a dynamic and exciting convention, and we want visitors from outside of Seattle and King County to be able to enjoy their visit to Seattle, so ideas are welcome.

For 2017, President Amanda Clark nominat-
It’s the “objective analysis” that is so important to our positions and thus our actions.

There’s another possibility for taking some action and learning more about how League operates with government. There are 21 newly elected members of the State legislature, and the League’s State lobbying team plans to meet with every single one. One of the lobbyists told me she’d be pleased to have someone join her in her meetings, and thinks it’s a good mentoring opportunity to help interested members get involved with lobbying. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know and I’ll see what I can do to match up lobby team members and you.

Some bills that are counter to League positions have already been filed. Here are a few that you can already start contacting your representatives about:

HB101: Allow concealed guns to be brought into arenas and stadiums

HB1011: Another “bathroom bill,” requiring transgender people to use the bathroom of the gender on their birth certificate

SJR8200: Amend the state’s constitution to remove the clause saying that education of all students is the state’s “paramount duty”

There’s much more that we all do. If you attended the Action Workshop on December 10, you’re aware that when you receive the Legislative Newsletter from the State League, you are strongly encouraged to contact your legislator affirming the League’s stance on a particular bill. Write, call, visit your legislators.

Most important, keep up your enthusiasm. Let’s make 2017 a year that League takes action to improve the quality of life for everyone.

We do have forums on the “hot topics” of the day. These are often educational, not action-oriented, and bring together speakers who address the issue from various points of view. Some of these forums may not be related to our positions—yet—but can plant the seed that leads to more study. Some examples of previous hot topic forums have been on sex trafficking, the death penalty, and aging issues.

Whatever the outcome of the program planning, the plans will go to the Board and then to the membership at the annual meeting in May for final approval.

So—bring your ideas, your interests, your passions to the meeting, and persuade others to join you in bringing these to the public.
Committees

**Economics and Taxation Committee**
DATE: December 31  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 909 E. Newton, #D-9, Seattle

**Education Committee**
DATE: January 26  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.  
PLACE: League Office

**International Relations Committee**
DATE: January 9  
TIME: 12:45 -2:45 p.m  
PLACE: League Office

**Social Justice Committee**
DATE: TBD  
TIME: TBD  
PLACE: League Office

We encourage participation in our committees by all interested members. It’s a great opportunity to meet and talk to community leaders, stakeholder organizations, and experts where you can have direct input on local issues that affect you.

Don’t see a committee that covers your issue? Call the office and let us know. Sometimes people are working more informally without regularly scheduled meetings. If so, we may be able to help connect you with them or help you start your own.

**Mission Statement**
The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Board Briefs, continued:
ed Abigail and Joanna Cullen to serve on the Nominating Committee, and the Board agreed by consensus.

The Board again discussed an evening unit meeting for members whose days are filled with work - Katie Dudley is the person to contact if you are interested in building such a unit. The location hasn’t been decided, but will likely be downtown.
**WANT TO BRING MORE TO LEAGUE?**
**BOARD MEMBERS WANTED!**

- Do you ever wonder how decisions about local League issues are made or how League works?
- Do you want to be more involved with local League decisions/issues?
- Do you have some free time to devote to increasing voter participation in our elective process?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, please contact one of us to find out about serving on the Seattle-King County League of Women Voters Board of Directors!

**Abigail Doerr**, 206-329-4848, abigail.doerr@gmail.com

**Joanna Cullen**, 206-329-4848 eftreasurer@seattlelwv.org
Updates from our State and National Leagues

All members of the LWV of Seattle-King County are also automatically members of the LWV of Washington and the LWV of the United States, whose work focuses on issues of state and national concern, respectively. Be sure to sign up for weekly email newsletters and/or visit their websites: www.lwvwa.org and www.lwv.org for the latest information.

Olympia and Our Washington

LWVWA has wrapped up a series of four successful action workshops preparing new and longtime members for the upcoming legislative session. Even if you weren’t able to attend there are still several ways to get in on the action:

1) Read and respond to the Legislative newsletter — your voices really help!

2) Learn about this year’s Legislative Priorities on the LWVWA website.

3) Double the effectiveness of League’s efforts by sharing our priorities with your legislators. Hearing from you as a constituent as well as a League member really reinforces the message.

We are sharing short statements from members about why they love League — helping us to better tell our story and energize our mission.

I love the League of Women Voters because each time we gather, in large or small groups, I am stimulated, energized and proud to count these members as friends.

—Gwenith Gadberry, Mason LWV

If you would like to participate, send your statement to Sue Hughes at suhughes111@comcast.net. Your statement should begin with “I love the League of Women Voters because…” and be only one to two sentences.
Voter Service

Election Season 2017

There will be a special election on February 14, 2017 - ballots will be mailed January 27. To vote, you’ll need to be registered by February 6; if you have any updates to be made to your registration info, do it by January 16. Maple Valley has submitted Proposition No. 1, for a general obligation bond for park and recreation facility improvements, and Shoreline School District No. 412 has submitted Proposition No. 1 to rebuild schools and build an early learning center.

Other election dates include:

- April 25, 2015 Special Election
- August 1, 2017 Primary Election
- November 7, 2017 General Election

Information about King County Measures is released about 45 days prior to the election itself.

Come Join Our Campaign!

From voter registration, ballot issue research, election forum planning, to speakers bureau, we’re going to need all hands on deck to meet the challenge of this very busy year. Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of these activities - email us at voterservice@seattlelwv.org or call the office. We’re not asking for a commitment (yet), just a willingness to be on the contact list as we develop these activities.
Welcome to New Members:

Kyler Danielsen describes herself as a civic-minded, overly-enthusiastic millennial with a law degree and a pet hedgehog. She practices land use and environmental law for a large Pacific Northwest firm. Kyler spent time living in France, New York and Oregon, but she loves her birthplace of Washington State. Her favorite pastimes include reading, attending comic conventions, drinking hot chocolate, listening to melancholy music, and supporting social justice causes.

Rachel Schriber joined the League of Women Voters after the election. She has been teaching an all-girls homeroom in which they covered learning styles, self advocacy and the history of feminism. Rachel says, “It was so hard to face them the day after the election when they pondered, ‘what do we do next?’”

Rachel is hoping to be a very active and involved member to facilitate changes that will protect and further strengthen the gains of gender equality in education.

Seth Daniel Watson grew up in Massachusetts in a family with a long history of immersion in civic affairs. His father was a newspaper publisher and his mother a lawyer. In 1976, at nine, he cut his teeth on his first political campaign. Four years later, he accompanied his grandmother as she drove while he hopped out and pounded political yard signs into the ground.

Following a meandering hiking & camping trip, Seth relocated to Seattle in 2011, where he has continued to pursue a passion for the outdoors and civic affairs. A lawyer by training, he joined King County government in Human Resources. He lives on Capitol Hill with his partner.

Concerned about voter suppression in our country, he is committed to constructive action following the election and joined the League of Women Voters and bringing along his colleague, Megan Pedersen.

Welcome to the League of Women Voters!
Got a friend or a family member who wants to know what to do now that election season is over? Get them a League membership so that they can start the new year informed!

Join the League!
Take part in informed discussions of the issues facing our communities. Members automatically receive the VOTER, either in print or electronically, for the latest updates on current studies and action, monthly forums, committee activities, voter registration, and other volunteer opportunities. In addition, members receive action alerts about legislation in Olympia and Washington, D.C., as well as publications from the state League.
League membership is open to men and women.

Name: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________

Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Dues and contributions:
□ $75 one year individual membership
□ $110 one year household membership
□ $40 low or fixed income
□ $35 student
□ Enclosed is a contribution of $ __________

Please make your check payable to LWVS-KC and return with this form or go online to www.seattlelwv.org/membership.

Membership dues and contributions are not tax deductible; however, eligible tax deductible contributions may be made to the LWVS-KC Education Fund.

Thank you for supporting the work of the LWV!
Please return this form to:
League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County
1620 18th Avenue, Suite 100
Seattle, WA 98122-7007

Celebrating 96 years of educating voters, improving elections, and making democracy work!
Features

In preparation for the Program Planning forum, some committees were asked to write about what they are focusing on. These are ideas that have led to forums or may in the future. These may suggest ideas that you would like to bring to the Program Planning forum, or illustrate how ideas begin to form into programs for further action, or encourage you to join one of the committees to further the program. In any case, they illustrate some of the important work our League is doing.

Economics & Taxation Committee
by Nora Leach

Last year, we hosted prominent experts to speak to the League leadership about the coming revenue shortfalls. King County Budget Director Dwight Dively. Former Washington State Revenue Director Don Burrows.

We had lively monthly discussions on state and federal trends to cut taxes for the wealthy and our own state’s trend toward over dependence on regressive sales taxes and fees for service.

We reviewed books, lectures and articles on economic trends. Last year readings included books such as Dark Money by Jane Mayer, Capital in the Twenty First Century by Thomas Piketty, “Comedy and Tragedy of the Euro”, the New York Review of Books.

This year, we hope many of our newest members will join us as we explore our economic future under President Trump, the struggle this legislative session in Olympia to fund schools, mental health, stagnant wages due to the past recession and we will be engage our speakers to again review City/County revenue gaps to pay for public health and homelessness.

We also hope to lead a session on Washington State Taxes for any of our new members wanting to learn the basics.

Editor’s Note: highlights from last year’s Economics & Taxation Committee update are included below:

Currently, Washington’s tax system has been deemed the most regressive in the nation. In other words, poor people in this state carry a heavier tax burden relative to wealthy people than anywhere else in the United States.

According to the nonpartisan and nonprofit Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Washington households in the lowest one-fifth of income pay 16.8 percent of their income in state & local taxes, while the top one percent of income-earners pay only 2.4 percent. Now, hardly anyone thinks this is fair.

A participant at the Mason County League Action Workshop asked why we should not pay more taxes to support programs.

Why not? Three reasons:

1. We are earning less and paying a lot more. According to Paul Krugman, “After 2000, labor in general began losing ground relative to capital (investments). Share of national income going to employee compensation began dropping fairly fast.” Most people who work for a living are working more and getting less.

2. We are paying more for services that used to be paid by the government.

College: It used to be the state paid 80% and the student paid 20%. That is now reversed.

Parks: Entrance fees are becoming prohibitively high, and facilities are in increasing disrepair.

Roads & bridges: Individuals must pay as they go to cover costs of maintenance.

Debt: People are carrying high debt. It can cost 6%-12%, with interest compounded daily. This debt can include student loans, medical bills and credit cards.

Fines and penalties: From traffic violations to prison bail, costs for supporting institutions are increasingly paid by individuals as the government withdraws support.

3. We are feeling insecure. Climate change, globalization, diminishing labor protections make us fearful of the future.

But why are we the most regressive?
Great Decisions, 2017
by Rosalie McCreary

What is Great Decisions, and how is the League of Women Voters connected? The Foreign Policy Association was founded in 1918 as the League of Free Nations Association formed by 141 distinguished Americans to support Woodrow Wilson's efforts to achieve a just peace. The Association was reconstituted in 1923 as the Foreign Policy Association with a commitment to the careful study of all sides of international questions affecting the U.S. John Foster Dulles and Eleanor Roosevelt were among the incorporators. Discussions among citizens spread, and FPA branches in the 1930s and 1940s were the forerunners of the independent World Affairs Councils of the 1950s. FPA's publications became known for their clear and impartial analysis of foreign policy issues. The “Off-The-Record” lecture series was formed in 1938 by 19 women wishing to be better informed about international affairs. FPA's international affairs radio and television broadcasts go out to millions of citizens.

In 1954, the Great Decisions program was launched in Oregon. Based on the annual briefing book prepared by FPA's editors, Great Decisions has become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world.

In the 1960s FPA undertook a new educational challenge – to improve the teaching of world affairs in the nation's schools. Today the preparation of innovative study materials and teachers' guides, as well as workshops for teachers, are FPA priorities.

The mission of the Foreign Policy Association today, as it has been throughout its 98 year history, is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process. FPA shares the goals of the League of Women Voters of informed citizen participation in our democracy through an understanding of the daily news and influencing the foreign policy debate.

The 2017 topics are:

• THE FUTURE OF EUROPE
• TRADE AND POLITICS
• CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA
• SAUDI ARABIA IN TRANSITION
• U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND PETROLEUM
• LATIN AMERICA'S POLITICAL PENDULUM
• PROSPECTS FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN
• NUCLEAR SECURITY.

League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Great Decisions will meet every other Tuesday beginning February 7th and ending May. The address is 909 E Newton Street, Unit D9, Seattle. The #49 bus stop is a half block away on 10th Ave E. Coffee and cookies at 7:15 pm, discussion 7:30 – 9 p.m. All members and friends are welcome. Briefing books can be ordered at a cost of $25 from fpa.org or Google Great Decisions or call 1-800-477-5836. Discussions are based upon the discussion questions in the briefing book. If you have questions, call Rosalie McCreary 206-687-7415.

Washington State is the most regressive due to over-dependence on sales taxes to pay for most everything; generous tax exemptions to special interests; untaxed services in an economy increasingly moving away from manufacturing; few taxes on capital gains or unearned income from investments and real estate.

So, what do you think is fair?

Come join us in 2016 as we bring in experts to discuss our local, state and federal tax system and what can be done to protect our future and share the costs fairly.
BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

THE SECRET HISTORY OF WONDER WOMAN  By Jill LePore

In 1939, Americans saw shocking newsreels of the German army invading Poland and shooting ordinary citizens. Soon after, Americans were shocked to learn that Detective Comics’ (DC) Batman shot and killed a vampire with silver bullets. The negative reaction to guns in comics that were meant for children was strong and immediate. After all, shooting people was what the Nazi soldiers did, not Americans!

In 1938, almost every American child read comic books, with millions of Superman and Batman comics purchased each month. But the war in Europe and the Nazis in particular made parents question the value of such powerful superheroes. This seemed a serious threat to comic book publishers.

Olive Byrne came to the rescue by reassuring parents with her article in Family Circle. She interviewed William Moulton Marston, who often wrote about psychiatry. Marston said that comics are “mostly” good for children whose wishes are what Superman wishes for, too: “unbeatable national might” and protection of peace-loving people “from ruthless evil.”

M.C. Gaines published the superhero comics and “was so inspired” by the article, “he decided to hire Marston as a consulting psychologist.” Marston had predicted that women would someday rule the world and he swiftly urged publisher Gaines to introduce a female superhero “with the strength of Superman plus all the allure of a good and beautiful woman…as the best answer to critics.” It would help counter the current focus on “blood curdling masculinity.”

In 1941, Marston himself submitted the first draft of Wonder Woman, saying that she was meant to be “psychological propaganda for the new type of woman who should…rule the world.” She soon appeared in comics carrying her lasso that roped a suspect, forcing him to speak the truth. Her wide bracelets “could stop bullets,” and her outfit was a patriotic red and white halter, red boots and blue shorts.

“Marston’s Wonder Woman was a Progressive Era feminist, charged with fighting evil, intolerance, destruction, injustice, [and] suffering… on behalf of democracy, freedom … justice and equal rights for women.” She acted whenever she had someone or something to defend, and was frequently captured by miscreants. She skillfully escaped any shackle or confinement, and never killed.

Marston was in what might be considered a polyamorous relationship. His partners became good friends, and each seems to have exhibited strengths that appeared in Wonder Woman Comics. Sadie Holloway was “whip smart” and one of the few women in the early 20th Century to “leave home and enter college.” Like other “New Women” she meant to be as free as a man. After graduating from Mt. Holyoke College, she married Marston, but “always had [her] own work and pay.” She was often the breadwinner in the home.

Olive Bryne was Margaret Sanger’s niece, and much influenced by her belief that “love is stronger than force.” She wrote articles hiding her marriage with Marston and demonstrated strength with her well-known wide bracelets and fearlessness in the face of male power. It was she who took care of Marston’s children by both wives.

Aside from Superman and Batman, Wonder Woman became “the most popular superhero ever.” In the July 1972 issue of MS. Magazine, the cover story was “Wonder Woman for President.” In 2016 she was suggested as a possible mascot for the UN.

In 1943, I read Wonder Woman Comics. I could count on my heroine to never use guns, and always face evil with courage. She gave me hope when challenged by the third grade bully. In 2016, I am still grateful to the Wonder Woman of my youth, whose values inspired me to plan out my own future.

Marston said Wonder Woman’s secret mission was “to combat the idea that women are inferior to men, and to inspire girls.”

She did.

Opinions in this review are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the League.
Program: Program Planning

2017 - 2018

Local Program Planning

Choosing issues for study and emphasis for the coming year to two years

Principles of the League of Women Voters

- The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.

- The League of Women Voters believes that good democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens.

- The League of Women Voters believes that the right to vote must be protected for every citizen; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.

- The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.

- The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation; promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest; share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare; promote a sound economy; and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.

- The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of peace.
This year, we will be participating in the program planning process at the local level. Please prepare for the program planning unit meetings by reviewing the national and local positions for completeness and relevance. Positions in brief appear in this Voter. Links to our full positions can be found on our website, seattlelwv.org/advocacy. For a print copy call the LWVS-KC office. At unit meetings, discussion time should be divided between national and local program planning.

Local Program Planning

At the local level, program planning consists of identifying the issues League should be working on in the coming year. The first step is to review the existing positions and determine whether we need new positions in order to be able to act on a current issue; whether any existing positions need to be updated; and whether there are positions that are no longer relevant and should be eliminated.

If members see a need for new local positions, they may want to suggest a study. An appropriate issue for a study must:

- fall within the principles of the LWV;
- be one on which governmental action is needed;
- be within the province of local government;
- be one to which the League can make a significant contribution; and
- be timely.

In addition, options must exist for citizen action, and there must be sufficient energy within League to carry out the work of a study committee.

Please note that studies are adopted by the League at the Annual Meeting in May. By that time, members interested in working on the study should have defined a scope and focus for the study.

The focus is the statement of the main topic for study. It should be clear and direct, but general enough to be flexible as the study proceeds.

This: A study of housing alternatives in Happyville for the elderly.
Not this: A study of housing.

The scope is the statement explaining the extent and limits of the study. It is not a list of planned activities or meetings.

Focus: A study of utilities in Happyville.
Scope: A study of the administration, cost, and availability of utilities in Happyville, in particular the public water system.

There are, however, many current issues on which our positions are up-to-date, but on which League action or citizen education is nevertheless desirable. Such issues are appropriate for “hot topic” forums. Unlike studies, hot topics need not be limited to local issues. The planning form on page 21 lists the most popular topics suggested by our members and committees. We ask units to pick their top three from this list and rank them 1, 2, 3. In addition, we ask members to indicate which topics they might be willing to work on. This does not require a huge commitment of time; it simply means helping to find speakers and background readings for one month’s program. But we do need such help: the topics that appear on the final schedule will be those on which people are willing to work.
1. **New study or update proposal**
   Topic/focus:

Members willing to work on issue (please indicate whether you would be willing to chair a study committee):

2. **Hot topic selections**
   Please make three choices from the topics below and rank according to which ones members would most like to see in next year’s program. 1 is the highest rank.

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3. **Other suggestions**
   If there is a topic that at least three members of your unit would be willing to work on, please list it below and it will be considered.

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4. **Comments on program & the planning process**

*Program Planning forms must be returned to the League office by January 25th.*
The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County

Local Positions in Brief

as of May 21, 2015

Editor’s Note: The positions that follow have been shortened due to limitations of space. The subheadings and criteria listings have been removed. The years listed after the position are those in which it was adopted or revised. For a complete set of the current positions, including the national and state positions, visit our website: www.seattlelwv.org/advocacy.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Citizen Participation

Vision of the City

Economic Development
- Support measures to achieve a healthy economy characterized by services that meet basic human needs. 1995
- Support measures to enhance the economy. 1995
- Support the use of public funds for economic development that benefits the public. 2006
- Support the evaluation of publicly-funded economic development activities to ensure that stated goals are achieved. 2006
- Support business regulation that is clear and consistent, and that protects public health, worker safety, and the environment. 2006
- Support legislation that links the granting and continuation of corporate subsidies, tax preferences, and incentives to specific criteria which ensures transparency and accountability. 2006

Neighborhoods
- Support communication and cooperation between the city, other local governmental entities and neighborhoods to plan for, create and maintain healthy neighborhoods. 1992, 1993, 1994, 2002, 2003
- Support a process that allows stakeholders to participate in the development and implementation of neighborhood plans. 2002

Land Use Planning and Zoning
- Support the interdisciplinary approach in comprehensive planning. 1969, 1972, 1974, 1984
- Support density that is well planned, respects neighborhoods, facilitates public transportation, is environmentally sensitive and complies with growth management open space goals. 1992, 1994
Publicly Owned Property
- Support legally required procedures for determining when and what kinds of property are considered surplus. LWE 2004

Public–Private Partnerships
- Support measures to ensure accountability and adequate citizen participation/oversight in public-private partnerships. Our vision recognizes that public-private partnerships may serve as a mechanism for the City to work in concert with the private sector to achieve public objectives if specific elements are present. 2002

Privatization
- The following core services, functions and assets critical to the well-being of the people, should remain with government and not be transferred to the private sector: Courts, police, public health, public schools, prisons, voter services, taxation, parks, lakes, water and mineral rights, beaches, streams, and forests. 2010
- Specific criteria should be the basis for decisions regarding whether core government services, functions and assets not listed in the preceding section should be transferred to the private for-profit sector. 2010
- Public agencies are required to make a documented finding of adequate return on investment for the public for any government contribution of funds or assets to the private sector. Periodic performance audits should be required and made public regarding whether stated public benefits were met. 2010
- Government employees and elected officials after leaving government service should be prohibited for two years from working for any private company for which they had oversight responsibilities or authority over awarding contracts. 2010

Governmental Structures
- Support home rule for the city of Seattle. 1963, 1975, 1984
- The city should have control over those matters which are of strictly local concern.
- Support measures to increase accountability, responsiveness and efficiency of city government.
- Support the separation of powers and an adequate system of checks and balances among the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government (and these respective functions), with the responsibilities of each being clearly defined. 1963, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1990
- Support election criteria to foster fair and effective representation. 1996

Budget and Finance
- Support adequate financial resources for city government.
- Support criteria for use in prioritizing programs and projects. 1988
- Support measures and procedures to ensure that the city's budget and the budgets of other local governmental entities are prepared using sound financial management procedures and that citizens have ample opportunity to participate in the development and review of the proposed annual budget. 1983, 1988, 2003

Capital Improvement Projects
- Support specific methods for financing capital improvements. 1985, 1987
- Support measures to evaluate the development and implementation of capital improvement projects. 1985

Law Enforcement/Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation
- Support a well-trained and adequate police force, responsive to public needs. 1969, 1979, 2002
- Support police policies based on adequate planning, adequate staffing and adequate training, that protect the rights of free speech and assembly, while providing safety for all. 2002, 2008
- Support an emphasis in law enforcement on building trust in immigrant communities, to include the policy of asking about an individual’s immigration status only if he/she has been charged with a felony or misdemeanor. 2008

Trade
- Support the encouragement of more trade activity if this growth is well planned and sensitive to environmental concerns and to the needs of workers both in the U.S. and internationally. 1978, 1982
- Support an international trade policy set primarily at the national level. The State and City should be involved in formulating this policy.

Municipal Court
- Support a municipal court system organized to effectively and efficiently meet the needs of our urban community. 1986
Ethics in Government
- Support ethics in government and measures to ensure that public officials and employees and members of boards, commissions, and advisory committees perform their responsibilities in the public interest in accordance with the highest ethical standards and measures to increase citizen confidence in government. 1994, 2003

Public Library
- Support a public library system that provides the public with fundamental library services and access to information technology. 1993

HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY

Human Services
- Support measures to provide basic food, shelter and health care for those unable to provide for themselves and to provide training and opportunity for employment. 1982, 1984, 1990, 2004
- Support funding for community mental health services that addresses factors such as the number of individuals needing services, complexity of client needs, and local factors such as housing and labor markets that affect the cost of providing services. 2004
- Support removal of artificial barriers to advancement in employment. 1993
- Support the involvement of local government in sponsoring ESL classes for all immigrants. 2008
- Support measures to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, religion, age, gender, physical or mental disability, race, national origin, marital status or socio-economic status, and promote equal rights for all persons. 1994, 2000

Housing
- Support programs that promote individual choice of housing by enhancing the availability and affordability of alternatives throughout the city. 1992, 2000, 2004
- Support low-income housing programs which meet the needs of low-income persons, are well located with respect to schools, jobs, medical care, shopping and transportation, and contribute to the diversity of the neighborhood. 1978, 1982, 1994, 1995, 2000
- Support programs to aid homeless families and single adults and to prevent homelessness. 1995, 2004
- Support efforts to limit the damaging environmental and social effects of sprawl. 2000
- Support the efforts of government at all levels to increase the supply of affordable housing through a variety of programs. 2000
- Support policies which increase the density and the supply of affordable housing. 2000

Health and Safety
- Support provision of public health services to all residents without regard to their citizenship status. 2008
- Support measures to reduce the exposure of the population to toxics in the home such as: educating the public and public officials, informing the media, developing advocacy groups, improving building standards. 1990, 2001
- Support incentives to promote healthy homes. 1994, 2001
- Support research and education in the area of indoor toxics. 1994, 2001
- Support public health as a basic function of government that must receive adequate and sustained public funding. The activities that are critical in sustaining community health include: community-based preventive services; control of communicable diseases; emergency preparedness, and ensuring a safe and health environment. 2005

Human Rights
- Support a human rights agency as a necessary and useful local government function. 1966, 1969, 1976

Microlending
- Support the concept of microlending. 2000

Women
- Support local government policies that enable women to make economic and personal decisions for themselves and their families. 1981, 1993, 1994
- Support policies that promote gender equity in employment. 1993
- Support policies that promote awards of spousal maintenance. 1994
- Support a uniform system of legislation protecting a divorced spouse’s rights to pension benefits obtained during a marriage. 1994
- Support policies that promote reproductive choice. 1994

Teens
- Support government funding of programs to ensure health, safety, education and welfare of teens. 1995
- Support prevention and intervention programs to overcome problems of violence, suicide, homelessness, and family dysfunction. 1995
Children
- Support measures to assure that children have adequate food, clothing, education, medical care and a safe home environment free from abuse and neglect. While primary responsibility rests with the family, the community must provide the support if the family does not. 1985, 2003
- Support programs that provide parenting education and assist parents in problem resolution which is important in fostering positive child development and preventing delinquency. 2003

Early Childhood Programs
- Support the use of public funds for programs that meet the cognitive, physical and social needs of children from birth through age eight; that encourage parent education and involvement; and that provide health and human services to these children and their families. 1990, 2006

Drug Abuse and the Community
- Support measures to expand and fund drug abuse prevention education and drug abuse treatment programs as a means to reduce the demand for drugs. 1992, 2004

Juvenile Justice
- Support measures to develop and provide family, child and youth development programs to prevent delinquency, crime, and/or recidivism. 2002.

Cultural Activities
- Support city involvement in cultural activities. 1989, 1994

Historic Preservation
- Support the following criteria to be applied in designating an historic landmark: historical, architectural, and aesthetic values. 1986
- Support historic preservation policies which decide each designation on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration other public priorities, particularly human needs. 1986
- Support sharing the costs and benefits of historic preservation by the public and private sector 1986
- Support a process for determining landmark designation that includes a broad-based commission, public hearings, and final approval by the City Council, with provisions for appeal. 1986

SCHOOLS
- Support an educational system that provides quality staffing and citizen involvement and will permit each child to acquire basic skills, to develop the ability to reason, to develop self-esteem and social skills and that will challenge all children to achieve their full potential. A variety of educational approaches should be provided to achieve these goals. 1974, 1987, 2012

Financing
- Support adequate long-range financing for our public schools. 1962, 1968, 1970

Policy-Making
- Support a curriculum which includes academics, the arts, physical education and work skills. LWE 2004

Governance
- Support measures that clearly delineate authority and responsibility at the school building level and a governance structure that involves the community. 1997

Educational Reform
- Support educational reforms that address individual student needs and measures that allow innovation and flexibility in education. 1997

Administration
- Support the delegation of administrative functions to an appointed superintendent responsible to the board. 1962, 1970, 1971, 1987
- Support the school board and administration using all effective means of communicating with the public.
- The board must actively seek the counsel of parents, teachers, students and other citizens throughout all phases of the policy-making process. 1962, 1971
- Support the school board and administration establishing and implementing procedures for participation of school building staffs in district decision making.
- School building staff should be involved in the district decision making processes which affect them and their work with students. 1987

Teacher Compensation
- Support teacher compensation systems that reflect geographic cost of living variables and special demographic factors, and that reward teacher growth and excellence. 1992

Teachers
- Support an evaluation system for teachers that includes information from multiple measures of
student growth. The measures should reflect the overall performance of the student. 2012

- The following criteria should be used in determining a reduction in force (RIF) caused by budget reductions: seniority based on years of experience, teacher evaluations, and the needs of the school. 2012
- Support funding for professional development and teacher collaboration time as a priority for improving teacher effectiveness. 2012

Citizen Participation in Budget Process


Children at Risk

- Support programs and staff to provide early identification of children at risk and appropriate counseling and/or referral. 1985

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Support measures which are precautionary in their approach to the use of processes and materials which may have unintended harmful effects. 2004

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Green-belts

- Support comprehensive planning, acquisitions, development, preservation and use of parks, open spaces, unique areas, habitats, and green belts, both public and private, to provide a wide variety of facilities for all age groups. LWE 2004
- Support of the city’s park and open space plan. MI 2004
- Support measures to achieve a well-maintained, adequately funded, diverse and safe system of parks, recreation and open space which is accessible to all, with emphasis on public service that is flexible and responsive to changing demographics and social needs. 1990.
- Support preservation, acquisition and enhancement of open spaces, selected ecosystems and environmentally sensitive areas, and promotion of environmental awareness and sense of stewardship in the public. 1990, 1991
- Support Seattle Center as a unique urban park with a wide variety of activities and open space made available to residents and to non-residents of the city. 1981, 1989

Energy

- Support the formulation of clearly-defined governmental policies on energy. 1975
- Support the adjustment of the economy to zero energy growth, and the establishment of a definite target date. 1975, 1982
- Support governmental controls to accomplish energy conservation. 1975, 1994
- Support research and development on a wide variety of new energy sources such as solar, solid waste, wind, geothermal, tides and nuclear fusion. 1975
- Deregulation of the electric industry should be approached cautiously because of its possible impact on the environment and various stakeholders. 1998

Solid Waste Management

- Support measures to achieve waste reduction and recycling of solid waste as a first priority with environmentally safe disposal of the remainder. 1985

Air Quality

- Support reducing the amount of carbon dioxide produced to achieve a sustainable system. Incorporate the best available science to achieve best practices which may include mitigation. 2005

Litter

- Support measures to control litter as an environmental and aesthetic problem. 2005
- Support the role of individuals, business, volunteer groups and government in controlling litter. 2005
- Support the efforts of all individuals/groups to change attitudes so a litter-free environment is valued. 2005

Drainage and Wastewater Management

- Support the development of governmental policies, legislation and processes for storm water management that protect and maintain habitats as part of a sustainable ecosystem. 2009
- Support emerging scientifically-based practices that encourage best management practices, low impact development and natural drainage systems. 2009

KING COUNTY

Governance

- Support a county-wide policy-making body with legal authority to establish policy for functions which require area-wide solutions. 1997, 2000
- Support a form of county government that is representative of the areas governed. 1997, 2000
- Support a form of county government that would have the power and resources to carry out its
functions including adequate financial resources. 1997, 2000, 2005

- Support increased efficiency and cost-effectiveness. 2000
- Support coordination and cooperation among all local governments, including ports, schools and special districts. 1997, 2000
- Support establishment of long-range goals, plans to attain them, and a performance budget in an understandable form, including a long-range capital improvement program. 1997, 2000
- Support maintaining discretionary county services, especially in the areas of health and human services. 2005
- Support cost containment through:
  - efficient administration of county systems
  - consolidation of special services, where appropriate
  - coordination between the cities and the county, particularly in the area of criminal justice
  - preventive services, including alternatives to incarceration. 2005
- Support the use of tools that would promote the annexation of urban areas, e.g. education, state mandates, and financial incentives. 2005

Ethics in Government

- Support ethics in government and measures to ensure that public officials and employees perform their responsibilities in the public interest in accordance with the highest ethical standards and measures to increase citizen confidence in government. 1994, 2000, 2003

Courts

- Support implementing a strong court administration responsible for unified customer service, efficient management systems and coordinated technology. 1999
- Support reducing jurisdictional overlap except to provide flexibility in dealing with case overloads. 1999
- Support changes to the judicial selection system that would ensure qualified judges, increase public awareness of judicial elections and provide the public the information needed to make informed decisions. 1999

Special Districts

- Support consolidation of like special districts and setting of minimum, enforceable, county-wide standards for special districts.

Farmland

- Support a flexible combination of governmental programs to prevent a nonreversible alteration to lands with prime or productive soils. The principal use of those lands should ultimately be food production. Governmental policies and programs including taxation and zoning should support King County agriculture (land and industry).

Solid Waste Management

- Support measures to achieve waste reduction and recycling of solid waste as a first priority with environmentally safe disposal of the remainder. 1985.
- Dependence on landfills for disposal of solid waste should be greatly reduced.

Transportation and Growth Management

- Support the concentration of population growth by coordinating growth management plans in order to support a mass transit system and to reduce sprawl. 2004
- Support a diverse, seamless, balanced transportation system that includes such features as regional and commuter rail, passenger-only and auto ferries, maximum development of high-occupancy vehicle lanes, express, local and feeder buses, transportation for special-needs, promotion of bicycle use, and adequate, safe pedestrian access to all transit and community services. 2004
- Support growth management/transportation planning and funding that includes cooperation and coordination among transportation systems to implement effective regional multi-modal transportation choices. 2004
- Support the use of public transportation systems through incentives such as convenient, affordable, secure transit services and pricing disincentives such as user-based taxes. 2004
- Support incentives for additional employer auto-trip reduction programs. 2004
- Support adequate and secure park-and-ride lots, community transportation centers and transit-oriented development where appropriate. 2004
- Support an increase in the amount of state, regional and local transportation funds to implement the most appropriate high priority transportation improvements consistent with adopted growth management and transportation plans. 2004
- Support coordination among all levels of government and industry in order to (1) share equipment, money and expertise and (2) form
regulations to control transportation of hazardous material. The response procedure should be simplified, allowing for a distinct chain of command and easy access to resource information. The importance of adequate training, for both the personnel responsible for transporting the hazardous material and the personnel handling the incidents, should be stressed. The funding for enforcement of regulations and training of personnel should be provided by the private sector and government. The state must provide adequate inspection and enforcement regulations. 2004

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY
- Support water conservation efforts by all users including education programs, voluntary and mandatory conservation requirements that take into account previous conservation efforts and alternative types of water reuse. 1996, 1999
- Support a regional approach to water resources, watersheds, basins, and aquifers and to the accountability of any decision-making bodies to citizens. 1999
- Support a legal framework to create a regional water entity to manage regional water development. 1996

WASHINGTON STATE WATER RIGHTS AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION
- Support the principle of maximum net benefits including human health and safety, riparian habitat, concurrency of supply with permitted demand, Indian treaty rights, protection of in-stream flow, and hydraulic continuity. 1996, 1999
- “Allocation of waters among potential uses and users shall be based on the securing of the maximum net benefits for the people of the state. Maximum net benefits shall constitute total benefits less cost including opportunities lost.” (Water Resources Act, 1971)
- Support federal and state standards and guidelines on a watershed basis. Other governments should meet or exceed federal and state regulations. County government should be the most restrictive. 1996
- All wells (Class A, B, and single family residential wells) should be measured and the data regarding water withdrawal, use and claims be reported to King County and the Department of Ecology.

PORT DISTRICTS
- Support public port districts as authorized by R.C.W. Title 53.04.010 (as of 1985) with emphasis on coordinated planning, public accountability, purposes of the port and environmental sensitivity. Puget Sound Leagues of Women Voters’ position adopted by LWV Seattle in 1982; amended in 1989.
SUMMARY OF PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS
League of Women Voters® of the United States

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT
Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.

Voting Rights
Citizen’s Right to Vote. Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.


Election Process
Apportionment. Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

Campaign Finance. Improve methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public’s right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the political process.

Selection of the President. Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct-popular-vote. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.

Citizen Rights
Citizen’s Right to Know/Citizen Participation. Protect the citizen’s right to know and facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making.

Individual Liberties. Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

Public Policy on Reproductive Choices. Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Congress and the Presidency
Congress. Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision making capability and effective performance.

The Presidency. Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

Privatization
Ensure transparency, accountability, positive community impact and preservation of the common good when considering the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Promote peace in an interdependent world by working cooperatively with other nations and strengthening international organizations.

United Nations
Support a strong, effective United Nations to promote international peace and security and to address the social, economic and humanitarian needs of all people.

Trade
Support U.S. trade policies that reduce trade barriers, expand international trade and advance the achievement of humanitarian, environmental and social goals.

U.S. Relations with Developing Countries.
Promote U.S. policies that meet long-term social and economic needs of developing countries.

Arms Control
Reduce the risk of war through support of arms control measures.

Military Policy and Defense Spending
Work to limit reliance on military force. Examine defense spending in the context of total national needs.

NATURAL RESOURCES
Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

Natural Resources
Promote the management of natural resources as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems.
Resource Management
Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

Environmental Protection and Pollution Control
Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

Air Quality. Promote measures to reduce pollution from mobile and stationary sources.

Energy. Support environmentally sound policies that reduce energy growth rates, emphasize energy conservation and encourage the use of renewable resources.

Land Use. Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.

Water Resources. Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water.

Waste Management. Promote policies to reduce the generation and promote the reuse and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes.

Nuclear Issues. Promote the maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Public Participation
Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

Agriculture Policy
Promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market.

Federal Agriculture Policies. Provide financial support to subsidize agriculture in specific instances, enforce federal antitrust laws to ensure competitive agricultural markets and apply clean air and water regulations to all animal and aquaculture production. The federal government should fund basic agricultural research to provide adequate safety of our food supply.

SOCIAL POLICY
Secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Promote social and economic justice and the health and safety of all Americans.

Equality of Opportunity
Equal Rights. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

Education, Employment and Housing. Support equal access to education, employment and housing.

Federal Role in Public Education. Support federal policies that provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12.

Fiscal Policy
Tax Policy. Support adequate and flexible funding of federal government programs through an equitable tax system that is progressive overall and that relies primarily on a broad-based income tax.

Federal Deficit. Promote responsible deficit policies.

Funding of Entitlements. Support a federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

Health Care
Promote a health care system for the United States that provides access to a basic level of quality care for all U.S. residents and controls health care costs.

Immigration
Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.

Meeting Basic Human Needs
Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.

Income Assistance. Support income assistance programs, based on need, that provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing and shelter.

Support Services. Provide essential support services.
Housing Supply. Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family.

Child Care
Support programs and policies to expand the supply of affordable, quality child care for all who need it.

Early Intervention for Children at Risk
Support policies and programs that promote the well-being, development and safety of all children.

Violence Prevention
Support violence prevention programs in communities.

Gun Control
Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.

Urban Policy
Promote the economic health of cities and improve the quality of urban life.

Death Penalty
The LWVUS supports abolition of the death penalty.

Sentencing Policy
The LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

Human Trafficking
Oppose all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement and well defined channels for citizen input and review.
# Unit Meetings

(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)

Meetings are open to all.

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<td><a href="mailto:winbergeng@Q.com">winbergeng@Q.com</a></td>
<td>206-524-7801</td>
<td>12:45 p.m. Brig Bldg. (6344) in Magnuson Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle</td>
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*Directions: Go into the Park through North entrance at 74th and drive EAST toward water. At the STOP sign, turn LEFT to park in front of the Brig, or RIGHT, for more parking.*

| **QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING** - Kathy Pugh and Marlis Worthington |            |             |                                                                          |
| ckp1966@comcast.net | 503-580-1240 | 7:30 p.m. Magnolia Church of Christ |
| marliswrt@hotmail.com | 206-283-7147 | 3555 W McGraw St, Seattle |
| **Thursday, January 12**          |            |             |                                                                          |
| **MERCER ISLAND** – Paneen Davidson | paneenie@gmail.com | 206-466-2023 | 9:30 a.m. Emmanuel Episcopal Church 4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island |
| **ISSAQUAH** - Margaret Austin    | barrie.austin@comcast.net | 425-392-5760 | Echo Room, Issaquah City Hall 130 East Sunset Way, Issaquah |
(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)

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<td><strong>UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD</strong></td>
<td>206-329-4848</td>
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<td><strong>SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW</strong> - Cathy Dormaier</td>
<td><a href="mailto:clcathy@skynetbb.com">clcathy@skynetbb.com</a></td>
<td>360-802-6799</td>
<td>11:45 a.m. contact Cindy Crowley for location. (253) 691-4223</td>
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<td><strong>NORTH CENTRAL</strong> – Jan Orlando</td>
<td><a href="mailto:orlanre@aol.com">orlanre@aol.com</a></td>
<td>206-524-0936</td>
<td>1:00 p.m. contact unit leader for location.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:judy.deiro@gmail.com">judy.deiro@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><a href="mailto:etheljw@comcast.net">etheljw@comcast.net</a></td>
<td>206-932-7887</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:plain11@juno.com">plain11@juno.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND</strong> – Bonnie Rimawi</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bonnierim@aol.com">bonnierim@aol.com</a></td>
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<td><a href="mailto:peterson-alice-jack@msn.com">peterson-alice-jack@msn.com</a></td>
<td>206-524-5530</td>
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<td>Joanna Cullen</td>
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**LWV SEATTLE-KING COUNTY:**

Program Planning

**Thursday, January 5**

6:30 p.m. - Doors open

7:00 p.m. - Forum begins

Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave (at Seneca)
Seattle, WA

*Accessible entrance on Harvard*

This forum is free and open to the public.

**Forum Info:**

We will hear from a panel of representatives of various social justice organizations. We will also discuss opportunities for League study and action on upcoming issues for the city and the region.

Let us know what you care about and what you want to study!