The announced topic for the League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) January 8 forum was program planning. However, because we are facing a special county election for elections director early in February, with a large field of candidates and little time to evaluate them, we decided instead to host a candidate’s forum in January. All of the announced candidates (see list on page 10) have been invited to participate. We believe that it is crucial to choose a qualified person for this important position, and we hope for a good turnout. We also encourage members to suggest questions to ask the candidates; please send them to voterservice@lwvseattle.com, or call the League office at (206) 329-4848.

Despite the change in plan, League work this month focuses on program planning at the state and local levels. Members can participate in the process at their unit meetings; those who do not attend units are welcome to fill out and return the state and local worksheets included in the planning information on their own. This Voter includes reports from the active committees, with their plans and recommendations for new studies, actions and/or position updates. It also includes the current LWVS positions in brief for members to review. At their units, members will be asked to identify areas where changes may be needed in positions, and to consider possibilities for new studies. At the state level, the Voter includes a packet containing some background information and worksheets for members to evaluate state positions, identify important issues, and suggest program items.

We encourage all members to attend units this month or otherwise make their opinions known. This is your opportunity to influence the direction League work takes in the coming year.

**KING COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ELECTIONS DIRECTOR**

*First all-mail county election.*

Ballots will be sent to all registered voters between January 12 and 14; they must be returned (postmarked) by February 3.

It is not too late to register to vote. The deadline to register by mail is January 3; new residents may register in person at the King County Elections Office in Renton through January 18.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle will present a public forum featuring the candidates for King County Elections Director on Thursday, January 8 at 7:30 at Seattle First Baptist Church.
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President’s Message

The cold dark days of December and January are a great time for reflection, evaluation and redirection. Although January 1 marks the beginning of our personal and financial year, it is the halfway point of our League year. This is the time we check the progress on the 2008–2009 goals and begin the planning for the 2009–2010 year (yes, 2010, can you believe it?)

For the most part, we had a good year. We have gained new members and new alliances, but we have also lost a few. Several Seattle League members attended the very sad but also uplifting memorial service for our own tireless advocate for children and their health, John Roberts. It would not surprise anyone who knew John to hear that he had planned every detail of his celebration of life service. Groups that John was involved with, including the League, were asked to set up informational tables about their organizations in the vestibule of the church.

Although John was remarkable in his accomplishments, his diverse interests and involvement in a wide variety of organizations is characteristic of many of our League members. I am always amazed at the number of activities and volunteer positions in which our members participate. I have run into our Monday CIS volunteers staffing a booth for the Group Health senior caucus or working at a homeless shelter lunch on Tuesday. I have seen members rush into a League meeting from their volunteer jobs at the museum, the zoo or a tutoring program. We have members who take lessons in painting, violin and cello as well as members who perform regularly. And I always make it a point to check with our many book club enthusiasts for good reading tips. We are a group with diverse interests united by our belief in promoting a better understanding of and participation in democracy and our willingness to volunteer to make changes that will improve our communities. We are fortunate.

On evaluation, we have had a successful year. We have made good progress on our shared goals for the 2008–2009 League year, and I personally continue to work toward accomplishing my plans for my two-year term as president. I think for the most part we are on track. The only redirection would be to interact more with other groups and make the League’s presence known in the community outside the city of Seattle. We will continue our League involvement with the response to the financial crisis and encourage you to learn more about budget cuts in your local community and what you can do to help soften the effects.

Denise D. Smith

Mission Statement
The League of Women Voters of Seattle, 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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Forum Schedule

The League of Women Voters of Seattle hosts public forums the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming forums are listed below; check the Voter each month for detailed information on the next forum. To find the Voter on the Seattle League website go to www.seattlelwv.org. Click the League library tab on the top banner and you will find the link to the current Voter.

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December Board Briefs  By Karen Adair, Secretary

**Membership**
Current membership stands at 856. However, 40 members who are in arrears may be dropped shortly, before we have to pay National the PMP assessment.

**Treasurer’s Report**
Because of the successful auction, we may finish the year in the black, without having to tap into the Bridge Fund to cover expenses.

**Units**
Board members will focus on visiting units with no members serving on the Board.

**Fund Development Report**
The Board thanked Victoria Bennett for all the work that she and her committee did to make the auction a success. The auction hit all the committee’s budget targets and came in under budget on expenses. This year, costs were cut significantly. Our profit came to $71,334.28. The auction committee recommended and the Board agreed that we would not renew the contract with Kip Toner Associates for next year’s auction. The hard working auction committee pointed out a leadership problem for next year—no one from the committee will be returning, and, in addition, they faced problems getting League members to help.

**Civics Ed Projects**
The Board agreed to support the Civics Ed Committee in two projects, a fundraising trivia contest event and a joint effort with the state council of social studies teachers and the bar association on a second civics ed event. Both of these projects are still in the planning stages.

**Program**
The State and Local Program Planning materials will be presented through articles in The Voter this year, to free up the January forum (see below). The Drainage Study Committee has completed writing their report for February’s program. The National Popular Vote, a national study, will be on our calendar for April.

**Nominating Committee**
Allison Feher and Jaclyn Wall agreed to serve as the two Board Members on the Nominating Committee.

**Voter Service**
January’s forum has been changed to a forum for Elections Director Candidates. There may be eleven candidates. The deadline to register is December 12. Keep feelers out for issues that will be on upcoming ballots and inform Sarah Luthens, Voter Services Chair. We will also continue working on SHA elections oversight and voter registration.

**Holiday Hours**
League Office is closed December 24 through January 2.
Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Date: Monday, January 5
Time: 12:45-2:45 p.m.
Place: League Office

We will be reading and discussing Fareed Zakaria’s Post-American World. Please join us. Email Ellen Berg or Peggy Saari for more information: ellenzberg@msn.com, peggysaari@comcast.net

FUND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, January 6
Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Place: League Office

Calling Event Planners! If you enjoy event planning, this one’s for you! The Board is considering having a fundraiser in March or April. One of the factors affecting its decision is whether there are volunteers both eager and committed to pulling off a wonderful event. Act on your New Year resolution to become more involved! Join our exploratory session to discuss ideas and available tasks! For information, email Victoria at funddevelopment@seattlelwv.org or leave a voice mail for her at (206) 329-4848.

CIVICS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, January 13
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Place: League Office

For more information, contact Jaclyn Wall at speakingstrategies@hotmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, January 13
Time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Place: League Office

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, January 20
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Place: League Office

We will discuss transportation tolling in the region. We will have a speaker beginning at 10:30. We are also the Puget Sound regional subcommittee of the state transportation committee. During the year, we discuss many transportation issues that affect the region. We meet at the Seattle League office on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Please consider joining us as we learn about and make decisions regarding potential action on a variety of transportation issues that affect us all.

For more information, contact Linnea Hirst, Chair, Puget Sound regional subcommittee, LWVWA transportation committee: lwvquilter@comcast.net.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

ECONOMICS AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
Date: Saturday, January 31
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: 909 E. Newton #D9

For more information, please call Nora Leech at (206) 329-4848.

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

The Immigration Committee has decided to meet on a quarterly basis since our local study has been published. The next meeting will be in February.
Announcements

HELP WANTED: OPPORTUNITIES TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK

CIS Desk
The Citizens Information Service needs a volunteer on Friday afternoons from 12:00 to 3:00. We need someone to answer the phones and be the first contact for the League at the front desk. This is a great way to learn about what’s happening in the community and within the Seattle League. The commitment is once a week for two hours. We also need volunteers who can serve as substitutes for other time slots (also no more than two hours). Contact Cynthia Howe, the CIS Coordinator, at (howe.john@comcast.net) or Lindsay at the League office, (206) 329-4848.

Port Study Group
If you are interested in tracking activities related to the Port of Seattle, please contact the Port Study Chair Linda Brown at (brownlj@comcast.net).

Civics Trivia Party
The Civics Education Committee is planning to host an evening get-to-know-League event featuring a civics trivia contest this spring. If you would like to work on developing civics questions (example: What year did Washington become a state?), or would just like to help plan a fun party, contact Jackie Wall, Civics Education Chair at (speakingstrategies@hotmail.com).

TIME SENSITIVE: YOUR OPINION ON HEALTH CARE NEEDED

League members,

The Office of the President Elect web site http://change.gov/agenda/health_care_agenda/ has called for public comment on health care to be submitted before December 31, 2008 with the following post:

Sign up to lead a health care discussion over the holidays.

Health care is a top priority for President-elect Obama and for Senator Tom Daschle, Secretary-designate for Health and Human Services (HHS). They both are committed to health care reform that comes from the ground up -- that’s why this holiday season, we’re asking you to give us the gift of your ideas and input.

Sign up to lead a Health Care Community Discussion in your home, community center, or even a local coffee shop, anytime until December 31.

We encourage you to participate in this discussion by hosting or attending a discussion group. Information is available at the Health Care discussion website: http://change.gov/page/s/hcdiscussion.

For those not able to attend a meeting in their neighborhood, the Seattle League will host a discussion group on the eve of the deadline at the Seattle League office Tuesday, December 30, from 6:00-8:00 pm. To stimulate our discussion, League member Bruce Smith, M.D. will give a brief presentation on the present state of the US health care system. Although the office will be closed during this period, we believe this is an opportunity we should not miss. Someone will be here to open the doors at 5:30; dress warmly, just in case.

We hope you can take advantage of this opportunity to give your opinion.
**Support the Education Fund!**

**By Betty Sullivan, President, League of Women Voters of Seattle Education Fund**

Fundraising is now under way for the League of Women Voters of Seattle Education Fund, including funding for the 2009 *They Represent You* (the TRY). You should have received a letter asking for your contribution.

It is vital that the Education Fund remains strong because League educational and voter service activities are supported through the Education Fund. The Education Fund supports:

- Studies
- Publication of studies
- TRY publication, printing, and distribution
- Speakers Bureau
- CIS Desk
- Voter registration events.

In addition, the Education Fund pays for approximately thirty percent of the staff and support expense that sustains the education and voter service mission of the League. This alone amounts to over $25,000 per year.

Major donors will be recognized on the back page of the TRY in sponsorship categories which begin at $250. All donations, no matter the size, are appreciated and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Memorials to deceased members will also be recognized.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Education Fund!
IRE OPPORTUNITY
CONTINUES
The following information was taken from the LWV website and gives members another way to support the LWV Seattle Education Fund.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 extends for 2008 and 2009 the “IRA charitable rollover” provision. This provision allows taxpayers aged 70 ½ or older to make tax-free contributions of up to $100,000 in both 2008 and 2009, from either traditional or Roth IRAs, to qualified charitable organizations such as the League of Women Voters Education Fund. Donations from IRAs are not treated as an itemized deduction, like most charitable contributions, but are excluded from taxable income. Thus, the IRA rollover provision applies to taxpayers who itemize as well as those who take the standard deduction.

Every donor’s circumstances are different, so please consult with your tax advisor to see if an IRA rollover is right for you. Contact the LWV development office in Washington, D.C. at (202) 429-1965 for additional information.

AUCTION FINAL
BY VICTORIA BENNETT, AUCTION CHAIR

We’d like to acknowledge a few more contributors to the auction. Gloria Butts, Josephine Dawson, Coralea Doty, Jean Hurlburt, A. Kaufman, Ann Martin, Virginia Nielsen, Laura Parma-Veigel, Helen Baker St. John and Gael Tarleton helped to bring us a record total from sponsorships and contributors. Many, many thanks! One person donated a special service to the auction. We extend thanks to Allison Orlando at Alphagraphics for spiral binding the auction catalogs and for making the “Vote to Make a Difference!” buttons. The latter will have plenty of uses in the years ahead!

“And when the cash was counted at the end, The League had thousands of dollars banked to spend.” Just how much do we have to spend? There’s a tiny bit of fine tuning to go, but the auction has made over $71,300! The net amount we needed to raise per the budget presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting has been met. Congratulations, everyone!
LEAGUE NEWS

CIVICS TRIVIA, ANYONE?

Both kids and adults need a grounding in civics. What can the League do that would couple learning with pleasure? The Civics Education Committee has an answer. It will be hosting its first civics trivia contest in February. At present, the committee invites YOU to submit questions for the contest. How many justices sit on the U.S. Supreme Court? What are the two foremost responsibilities of a citizen? No doubt you can come up with plenty of questions from the simple to the obscure. Categories you might consider include questions on what it means to be a citizen; women and voting; roles performed by various office holders; constitutional amendments; famous one-liners and campaign slogans (give the person and context); music associated with a political period; state government. There are many ways to approach civics—use your imagination, then share it with the committee!

There are three ways for you to submit your civics questions:
• send a letter to Civics Education Chair Jaclyn Wall at the League office, 1620 18th Avenue, Suite 101, Seattle 98122;
• leave a voice message for Victoria at (206) 329-4848;
• email funddevelopment@seattlelwv.org.

The committee will sift through the questions to choose a sample for the pilot event. If you’d like to be part of the process, join the committee! It meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the League office. If the initial contest is a success, more trivia contests will be held. Also, plans are afoot to package the questions for use at schools in the area.

Be a part of the fun! Send in your questions, and be prepared to form a team to “strut your stuff” in the actual contest.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 8 at The Pub at Third Place, 6504 20th Ave NE; the doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Snack on delectable Greek appetizers and souvlaki while your team vies for the top prize. There will be a moderate cover fee in addition to regular food and beverage charges. Stay tuned!

CANDIDATES FOR KING COUNTY ELECTIONS DIRECTOR, listed in alphabetical order

Bill Anderson, Auburn, a former bank executive with experience in information technology, currently a consultant to the legal community on financial security and fraud issues.

Chris Clifford, Renton, a high school teacher and political activist.

Sherril Huff, Seattle, currently the appointed King County Elections Director, former assistant King County elections director, former deputy mayor of Bremerton, former Bremerton City Councilmember, and former Kitsap County auditor.

David Irons, Seattle, a former King County Councilmember and former Issaquah School District member.

Julie Anne Kempf, Seattle, a former King County elections superintendent.

Pam Roach, Auburn, a state senator from Auburn and a former legislative aide to then King County Councilmember and state senator Kent Pullen. She has served as chair of the Washington State Senate’s Government Operations and Elections Committee.
This year’s second League of Women Voters of Washington Action Workshop was well worth the price of admission. If you’ve never attended an action workshop, you should know that the education you get from the speakers is quite valuable, even if you have no plans to be an active lobbyist for the League. There were four speakers, and while some of the information we received was a bit disheartening given our current economy, their presentations were all excellent.

The first speaker was Jennifer Priddy, Assistant Superintendent for Public Instruction, who gave a talk on the “Depth, Breadth, and Causes of the K-12 Finance Crisis.” She explained how Washington State’s Basic Education funding model is structured. Washington currently ranks 42nd in the nation in terms of funding of basic education. Due to funding limitations, the state does not adequately cover the cost of all required elements of basic education. This financial burden has increasingly been shifted to the local school districts, to be covered through local levy funding. Levy funding, however, is capped at 24% of total operating expenses for most districts (Seattle being an exception, with a 32% cap). During periods when the economy was good, school districts were able to meet these revenue limitations through cost-containment measures, such as delaying spending on maintenance, new construction, and curriculum updates. But costs, such as employee health care benefits, pay increases, and energy/operating expenses, have increased at a far greater rate than funding. This has forced many school districts to tap their financial reserve funds. Seven Washington school districts are already on “binding conditions” (minimally able to meet their financial obligations). As the current economic downturn further decreases revenues, an additional five districts are at risk. The overall picture was a microcosm, in many ways, of what’s happening in all areas of government.

The second speaker was Jessica Finn-Covey, a policy specialist for Climate Solutions, who spoke about the four environmental priorities they are working on: 1) capping pollution and investing in options; 2) funding for the Green Jobs Initiative ($10 million for job training programs in this field); 3) increasing energy efficiency; and 4) supporting transit-oriented community development and creation of additional affordable housing within existing communities. She soldiered on and managed to do a nice presentation despite the unexpected vanishing act of her PowerPoint just minutes before her talk.

Our LWVWA Olympia lobbyist, Lonnie Johns-Brown, was the third speaker of the day. Lonnie offered an overview of the political landscape in Olympia and her assessment of the outlook for League advocacy in the upcoming legislative session. The state anticipates an over $4 billion budget deficit; the challenge will be how to cut spending to achieve a balanced budget. The state has $800 million in its Rainy Day fund, but this money is difficult to access. There may be a legal challenge to I-960, which requires a 2/3 vote to approve tax increases above a mandated cap. This initiative has placed limitations on the state’s ability to increase tax revenues to keep pace with inflation and other cost increases. Her advice was to focus on financially neutral policy actions, encourage the legislature to close tax loopholes and eliminate tax incentives as a means of maximizing revenues, and advocate for limiting cuts to human and health services and education wherever feasible. She suggested that this is a time for interest groups to work together toward positive changes, rather than to compete. For information relating to areas where funding is likely to be cut, Lonnie suggested going to the Office of Financial Management’s website and looking at the priorities of government. (www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/pog/finalreport2009-11.asp.)

The final speaker was Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. Senator Haugen spoke on “Adjusting Priorities.” The current budget crisis is the result of decreased tax revenues due to the economic downturn, compounded
by restrictions on how and where specific tax revenues can be spent and unfunded federal mandates. The senator cited examples from her experience on the transportation committee. One is that federally mandated anti-terrorism measures have resulted in the loss of 85 State Patrol trooper positions. Another instance is that impact fees paid by developers for the creation of roads in areas of new development must currently be returned if unspent within seven years, but funding restrictions limit where and how these funds can be spent, preventing their use on projects which would improve or help to maintain the transportation network as a whole within that community. Senator Haugen reviewed potential solutions to these funding challenges, such as removing restrictions on how taxes and tolls can be used. Areas which need to be addressed in the upcoming session include: improved funding, maintenance and vessel replacement of the ferry system; disaster planning to assess existing grids and provide alternative routes; evaluation of congestion tolls and excess speed taxes as a means of decreasing congestion and reducing pollution/greenhouse gas emissions; upgrading road systems to include pedestrian and bicycle routes which are separate from vehicle lanes; and the development of funding sources for transportation other than the state gas tax.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. LWVS recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization’s ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. LWVS affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.
Elections director must be top-notch

By DENISE D. SMITH AND BECKY COX
GUEST COLUMNISTS

Voters of King County will choose an elections director in the county’s first all vote-by-mail election on Feb. 3.

The King County executive has appointed this position since the home rule charter was adopted in 1968. Last month a voter-approved citizen initiative changed that. All candidates for elections director will compete for a partial term of two years in the nonpartisan countywide election; there will be no primary.

The League of Women Voters has a keen interest in the election process; indeed, it is a cornerstone of our 89-year-old organization. We believe voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed and the elections director position is critical to protecting that right.

The Leagues of Women Voters of Seattle and King County South believe this position should be held by a dedicated public servant of high integrity with leadership abilities and management experience. The King County Council has passed an ordinance specifying three additional qualifications for this position, which include earning certification as an elections administrator from the Washington secretary of state within 30 months. Clearly the council also believes the position requires specialized training.

The league recommends that the electorate and those who advise the electorate -- such as the media, political parties and interest groups -- seriously consider the importance of management experience and familiarity with election law, as well as personal integrity, when recommending candidates to fill this position.

The elections director will be responsible for processing and verifying the votes of more than 1.1 million voters, administering elections in 143 jurisdictions, managing 61 full-time staff and at election time 600 temporary employees. The director oversees a $19 million budget.

As an elected official, the elections director is accountable to the voters in elections every four years and cannot be removed from office for poor performance before that time except by a complicated and time-consuming recall process. We strongly believe this position, key to safeguarding our democratic process, is not amenable to on-the-job training.

The voters must be aware that as an elected official, the elections director will have to campaign and raise funds for that campaign. Although this is a nonpartisan position, the reality is that there will be party endorsements and special interest contributions. Voters will have to judge for themselves the candidate’s ability to maintain a nonpartisan stance within our very political community.

King County is the 14th largest county in the country by population. Our election process is complicated. We need an elections director who can ensure from Day One that our election process is secure, accurate, recountable and accessible. Confidence in our democracy depends on confidence in the increasingly complicated election process and in the individual the voters select to oversee that process.

Denise D. Smith is president of LWV Seattle. Becky Cox is president of LWV King County South. They also represent the views of 10 past presidents of the LWVS and LWVKCS: Nancy Eitreim, Betty Sullivan, Peggy Saari, Jan O’Connor, Nancy Bagley, Gunbjorg Ladstein, Pat Emerson, Lois North, Joan Thomas and Miriam Helgeland.

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Membership Report by Kitty Mahon, Membership Chair

Happy New Year! The recent election and level of interest and involvement demonstrated by League members and by members of the community was inspiring. Our recent forums on the ballot issues, early childhood care and education and the financial crises are indicators of the League’s responsiveness to the needs of the community and its unique ability to address these issues in a nonpartisan and informative manner.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle continues to work on its mission and goal to keep our democracy strong. Here are some points to consider when you think about the benefits of being a member of the League.

Understanding the League
For more than 88 years, the League has been working to create a more just society. We are an organization rich in history and accomplishments.

The focus of our work revolves around the member-studied, member-approved public policy statements about issues that are important to communities across the country. The League works at local, state and national levels; we are a national organization with active groups at the community level.

How Can I Be Involved?
The League of Women Voters of Seattle has a number of standing or study committees (civics education, economics and taxation, social justice, immigration, international relations, land use, transportation, port study, and privatization). In addition, there is ongoing committee work for outreach, membership, the observer corps, fund development and technology.

Check out the briefings in this month’s Voter to learn more about these committees. If you are interested in participating or volunteering some time please get in touch with the appropriate chair.

We also have ongoing need for help on special or limited projects. Watch the new “Help Wanted” column for opportunities.

Donors
Many, many thanks to the wonderful League members who have recently donated to the League by contributing beyond their membership level: Elaine Newell, Virginia Gunby, Kathleen Hinson, Mary Coltrane, Stan Sorscher, Lois Griswold, Barbara Royalty, Vivian McLean and Susan Chakravarti. A special thank you to Sue Mecklenburg for renewing at the contributing member level.

In Memory...
Bernice Wheatley, by Jan O’Connor

The League has been informed of the death of Bernice Wheatley, a long-time League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) member who had moved in recent years to be near her daughter in Spokane. Bernice joined LWVS in 1957, lived in the Montlake neighborhood and was a faithful member of the Capitol Hill/Montlake unit. Bernice was our timekeeper. At 7:30, we were underway. We enjoyed meeting at her home, and discussing the family pictures that hung on her walls and other memorabilia.

Bernice was a busy person. She worked at the CIS desk. She was also a faithful volunteer at the arboretum gift shop and an active participant in the activities of the 43rd District Democrats. She and her husband, Earl, were regular attendees at League and community events. One of my favorite memories is of seeing them walking hand in hand over the Montlake Bridge on the way home from some activity.

A memorial service for Bernice will be held at the University Unitarian Church, 6556 35th Ave. NE, on Saturday, December 27, at 2:00.
BOOK REVIEW

by Vicky Downs

Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Help America

By Thomas Friedman

Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Help America is a new book by New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman. Friedman says the US has lost its way, partly because of bad habits that have weakened our ability to take on big challenges such as environmental degradation and the need for cheap sustainable sources of energy. In addition, the world has a problem: it’s becoming hot, flat and crowded thanks to global warming, the rise of an energy-consuming middle class in places such as India, China, and Brazil, and a rapidly growing population. These elements are combining to make our planet unstable.

Happily, Friedman is “soberly optimistic” that we can become the “Re-generation”: we can develop sustainable sources of energy by learning to recycle waste, and adopt strategies to change our way of living. By doing so, America will “find its groove” and help save the world. This book tells how we slid into our present environmentally critical situation, and then suggests ways that are largely already available to us to get out.

I found the chapters that describe ways we can develop a sustainable “green” world particularly riveting and at times inspiring. I learned we should change entire energy systems, not just individual light bulbs and inefficient laundry driers. Friedman writes that the energy grid in the US is really an unhelpfully tangled collection of supply systems. This results in enormously time-consuming efforts to use a new energy source. For example, he shows why it took over eleven years to connect a new wind farm in California to the grid.

In addition, we need to rethink what we mean by “systems.” I hadn’t realized that my old Subaru had a braking system and a separate system for moving the car. My Prius combines those systems so that every time I’m driving downhill, unneeded energy goes into battery storage for later use. This hybrid is both using and making energy, and the system thereby becomes more efficient and less costly to drive. Friedman goes on to suggest ways in which our homes can become energy-efficient systems as well. Imagine collecting energy from the sun as it touches the walls and windows of our homes, and using it later to heat water, or to keep the living room a comfortable 70 degrees summer or winter. I especially appreciated reading about future “intelligent” homes using a utility system that will be programmed to run the dishwasher and fill the battery of my plug-in car at night when the cost of electricity reaches its cheapest daily rate.

Friedman warns us that the change to a new and efficient “green” America will not be easy. However, we are now in a crisis and “no crisis should ever be wasted.” We should use it, he says, to help us do what it takes to change our government, our industries and ourselves.

I found this an absorbing read. I’ll confess to skimming the early sections which tell us how the world got into the current energy and environmental mess, and then closely reading the sections picturing the job we need to do in America now. This is a book for the beginning of a new year and a new administration: it can help inform every level of government and issues of concern to the League of Women Voters.

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.
Program Planning at Unit Meetings
by Nora Leech, Program Chair

Now is the time for League members to make a critical examination of our League Positions in light of our current political environment and upcoming issues impacting the quality of life in our communities. This year we are examining the League of Women Voters of Washington positions and the Seattle League’s local positions. Allow discussion time to be evenly divided between the two. Note that your planning material includes two forms to be completed, one for the state and one for the local League.

At your unit, we are asking you to consider the following questions in reference to our official League positions. Do we need a new position requiring a study, do we need to adjust a position, do we need to sunset a position because it is no longer relevant? We are also asking for suggestions for new studies. We have included the recommendations from our committee chairs for your information. They are the people charged with following their respective issues closely and suggesting League action. (When making a suggestion for a study, it is important that you identify people willing to be on the study committee.)

Unit results at the local level will be tabulated and presented at the annual meeting in May, at which all the adjusting of positions and suggestions for new studies take place.

So come ready to listen and speak. Your voice is important to keep a healthy membership-based organization.
Principles

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.
Unit Instructions for Local Program Planning

1. Review the Criteria for the selection of local study items:
   a. The issue must fall within the principles of the LWV.
   b. It must be one on which governmental action is needed.
   c. It must be within the province of local government.
   d. It must be one to which the League can make a significant contribution.
   e. It must be timely.
   f. Options must exist for citizen action.

2. Discuss and vote on new Local Studies
   This is a consensus decision with agreement on major principles and the absence of major opposition. To the extent possible, be sure that suggested topics meet each of the six criteria listed above. Suggestions which do not meet the criteria may take the form of an update or an article in the Voter.

   Prioritize your choices. Please indicate on the ballot the names and phone numbers of any unit members who wish to work on a specific new study or update.

3. Review existing Local Positions
   Identify any positions that you feel should be updated.

Possible Studies

The following are ideas members have suggested for program study. These are not recommendations from the Board, but are presented to inspire your own thinking about issues that we may want to study or update in the next year.

Local issues:
Update Neighborhood Planning
2009 New Local Program Planning Suggestions

Unit: 
Number of Members: 

Possible Studies

Topic: 
(describe scope and focus)

Cumulative Votes
Names of potential study members:

Topic: 
(describe scope and focus)

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(describe scope and focus)

Cumulative Votes
Names of potential study members:

Positions to be Updated

Positions:

Return by January 23, 2009 to:
Nora Leech, Program Chair
League of Women Voters of Seattle
1620 18th Avenue - Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98122

Individuals who are unable to attend unit meetings may also complete this form.
December 2008 Committee Reports

CIS
At the CIS desk we have 9 regular volunteers answering phones on the desk, working three-hour shifts. We also have 9 volunteers who are called as substitutes, totaling 18 altogether. I am still looking for one more regular on Friday mornings. I will train new volunteers. An ad should be on the website if it isn’t already.

The CIS desk is a good ‘feeder program’ for people to get familiar with the League and move on to other things should they like. The CIS desk volunteers help with mailings and callings as well as answering in-coming calls from members and the public.

Cynthia Howe, CIS coordinator

Civics Education Committee
The Civics Education Committee is planning a new project—a Civics Trivia Contest that could be a fundraiser as well as a package we offer to schools and other organizations so they could run the contest themselves.

On the 26th I’m scheduled to speak with Pam Inglesby of the WABA (Public Legal Education), Paula Fraser of the WA State Council for Social Studies and possibly a few others about a joint project for the public that would foster civics education. I will keep the Board informed of what activities are discussed.

Jaclyn Wall, chair

Drainage Committee
Our drainage study should be ready for reading by Dec. 1. Our questions should be ready for the January Board Meeting.

Jan O’Connor, chair

Economics and Taxation Committee
We are examining the dynamics and forces that brought us to the recession we are in. We just completed reading Karl Polanyi’s book *Great Transformations*, describing the last time unregulated capital and markets brought on a crisis, in the early 1900s. We are beginning to read Kevin Phillip’s book *Bad Money: Reckless Finance, Failed Politics and the Global Crisis of American Capitalism*, describing the current crisis. I will work on examining the holes in our positions needing to be addressed given our current economic crisis and upcoming potential government actions.

Nora Leech, chair
Members: Jan O’Connor, Betty Sullivan, Vicky Downs, Laura Weese

Education ad hoc
Our positions on education are relatively old but not completely out of date. The key issues currently, and for the foreseeable future, are related to funding. This is primarily a state issue. Sometime during December, the Basic Education Finance Task Force will release its final report and recommendations to the Legislature. The task force is proposing a radical new approach to funding education. There will be some aspect of early learning included—primarily for at risk kids. This should be a hot topic for the upcoming legislative session. As Education Chair, I will try to keep our members informed. The Seattle School District is going through tough times as are other districts. Seattle has the unique problem in that it has substantial excess capacity. This is the primary reason that the Board and Superintendent are again closing schools. The final decisions about which schools and programs will be eliminated will be made at the end of January. I have not held any committee meetings as I don’t really have a committee. If there are members who would like to work on education issues, please contact me. As a greater Seattle League, we contain more than one school district, and it would be good to have members who want to keep an eye on the ones not in Seattle. I also consider early learning and higher education as education issues. So let me know if you have a particular interest.

Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, chair
The immigration committee has decided to meet on a quarterly basis since our local study has been published. Members continue to follow several issues at the local and national level. For example, we will be watching for any changes in local services that negatively impact immigrants and also monitoring developments in the Seattle School District’s Bilingual Education program.

We may publish short articles in the Voter to inform members about local, state or national issues impacting immigration. We are also interested in collaborating with the Social Justice committee on immigration issues.

Proposed Position Updates Based on Local Immigration Study

The following position updates are proposed based on consensus from the immigration study that was presented and discussed in September 2008.

LWVS Board determined that there was a clear consensus among members in support of three of the consensus questions that were discussed, and the changes are described below.

• Question 4C: Seattle League positions refer to rights of citizens. In recognition of the large number of immigrants who are not citizens, do you think League should update these positions to reference residents instead of citizens?

Based on consensus in support of #4C, Change position statement in the Law Enforcement/Crime Prevention Section (page 10).

Support police policies based on adequate planning, staffing and training that protect the rights of free speech and assembly, while providing safety for all of the citizens. (2002, 2008)

• Question 6: The federal government requests the aid of local law enforcement agencies in enforcing federal immigration policy. Some law enforcement jurisdictions, however, place a strong emphasis on building trust in immigrant communities; consequently, they do not question an individual’s immigration status unless the individual has been charged with a felony or misdemeanor. Should league support this policy?

Based on consensus in support of #6, add a new support statement in the Law Enforcement/Crime Prevention Section (page 10, directly following the support statement shown above).

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)

• Question 5: The federal government excludes most categories of immigrants from qualifying for national health care programs. Some local jurisdictions, however, follow the policy of providing health services to all residents without regard to citizenship status. Should the league support this policy?

Based on consensus in support of # 5, add a position statement below to page 13 in the Health and Safety Section. Insert it immediately after the Health and Safety Heading.

Support provision of public health services to all residents without regard to their citizenship status. (2008)

The Immigration Committee analyzed unit recordings and believes that there was also consensus regarding local government’s support of ESL classes for all immigrants and the committee will propose an additional position update at the Annual Membership Meeting. Specifically, in question 6 of the Immigration Report members were asked: Of importance to the economic well-being of immigrant workers is job training and ESL classes in order to qualify for higher-paying jobs. Do you support the involvement of local governments in sponsoring job-training and ESL classes for all immigrants?”

The Immigration Committee also felt that there was membership support to make additional updates with the Citizen Participation section of our positions so that the language is more inclusive. Therefore additional updates in that section may be proposed at the Annual Meeting in May.
We would like to distribute copies of the immigration report and any position updates that are accepted to all local league presidents in the state and to members of the state board. We would like to encourage local leagues to adopt our consensus by concurrence at the LWVWA state convention in June.

Barbara Reid and Annette Holcomb, co-chairs

**International Relations Committee**
The International Relations Committee is in study mode. We have read and discussed the three papers RAND prepared for LWVUS under the heading “Strategies for a Secure World” this fall. And now we are moving on to read and discuss Fareed Zakaria’s “Post-American World.”

The LWVUS Board is going to consider whether to set up a taskforce on nuclear arms control at their January meeting. What they decide will impact our plans. Last month we were asked to prepare a rationale and outline of themes for a potential *National Voter* article on the issue; their response was that it seemed “workable” and that they may schedule it for the June issue. What, if anything, we would be expected to do on that is also up in the air.

Ellen Berg, chair

**King County Coordinating Committee**
The King County Coordinating committee of the Leagues of Women Voters of Seattle and King County South meets as needed to discuss King County issues of concern. This past year we have coordinated testimony and letters on King County’s Mental Illness and Drug Dependency funding (MIDD), homelessness funding, and the elected Elections Director. The committee has had a presentation from KC Department of Natural Resources on Water Reclamation. We have also had a recent request for action on the King County Library governance and will develop an informational *Voter* article on King County Library jurisdiction and governance. There are no recommendations for King County studies from the coordinating committee.

**Land Use Committee**
In conjunction with other organizations, we’ll look at how three of the committee’s main interests—historic preservation, affordable housing and incentive zoning (which offers developers benefits in exchange for providing community benefits)—can be used to more effectively protect Seattle’s dwindling supply of affordable housing, and create a significantly greater stock. We’ll also look at how incentive zoning combined with ecofriendly building methods (rehabbing buildings is usually greener than razing them) positively impacts our neighborhoods, and also the ongoing effort to clean up Puget Sound.

Karen Kane, chair

**Port Committee**
Port Commission Study members have been attending the Expert Forums that are a part of the port strategic planning project that will determine the direction of the port for the next 20 years. We have developed interview schedules for individuals we will be interviewing for the study, including commissioners and key port staff members. We plan to meet with Paige Miller for more background information and historical perspective on the port and the commission. We would welcome additional members on the committee.

Linda Brown, chair

**Privatization Committee**
We have done research on the background of the privatization movement. We are researching past efforts in our region and what is being considered for our region. We will have two think tanks (pro and con) come to speak at our committee meeting in January and we will have two representatives from government (county and city) to talk about local experiences.

Nora Leech, chair
Members: Mary Barton, Valerie and Neil Chovins, Lynn Felsinger.
**Social Justice Committee**
The Committee has developed a workplan for 2009 that includes recommending a local study on the crisis in mental health service delivery. Potential issues for consideration in the study are the dire lack of funding for services, low quality housing and case management issues, as well as low wages paid to staff and high staff turnover.

In addition to recommending the mental health study, the Social Justice Committee's 2009 workplan includes:

- **Local Budgets.** The committee will monitor local budget issues, in particular King County's "lifeboat" that extended funding for human services and will expire in 2009. Key budget issues to be monitored include mental health and public health funding.

- **Homelessness.** The committee will continue work on homelessness issues. We will consider organizing a forum on the Eastside with elected officials.

- **Death Penalty.** The committee will coordinate with the State League if local action is needed.

- **Income Tax.** The committee will coordinate with the Taxation Committee and the State League if local action is needed.

- **County/City Jail.** The committee will invite speakers to educate us about policy and budget issues related to jails in King County and local cities, including the city of Seattle.

- **Voting Rights.** The committee will monitor voting issues, including access and barriers to voting in particular.

- **Health Care.** The committee will monitor health care issues in the context of local budget discussions, as well as in general.

- **Mental Health.** The committee will monitor mental health issues in the context of local budget discussions.

Finally, issues that the Social Justice Committee will hold in reserve for work during 2009 include marriage equality, children & youth justice, and public investment in infrastructure (jobs).

Vanessa Soriano Power, chair

**Transportation Committee**
The Puget Sound regional transportation sub-committee of the League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) transportation committee is meeting December 16th to discuss the proposed choices for the final mile of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Based on that discussion, we will decide whether we want to recommend action on that issue. If we do, our recommendation would need to go to the Seattle League, King County South League and LWVWA, since all three of those jurisdictions will be involved in making the final decision.

In January we will have someone come to discuss regional tolling issues with us, with a particular focus on the 520 question.

Linnea Hirst, chair, Puget Sound regional transportation sub-committee of the LWVWA transportation committee
LWVS Positions 2008 - In Brief

CITY GOVERNMENT

Citizen Participation
- Support legislation that links the granting and continuation of corporate subsidies, tax preferences and incentives to specific criteria which ensure transparency and accountability. 2007

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

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

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 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**

**Schools (general)**
- Support an educational system that 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

**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

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

Early Childhood Programs
- (see section on Human Resources/Social Policy)

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 Greenbelts
- Support comprehensive planning, acquisitions, development, preservation and use of parks, open spaces, and green belts, both public and private, to provide a wide variety of facilities for all age groups. IWE 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

**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

**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, 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 53.04.01 (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.
LWVWA PROGRAM PLANNING PACKET FOR 2009 – 2011

REPORT FORM

State program will be debated and formally adopted at Convention 2009 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma May 29 – 31st. Before that can take place, local Leagues throughout the state must come together and make recommendations to the state Board. It is the responsibility of the state Board to propose program based on those recommendations. Local League recommendations must be received by the State League Office no later than Monday, February 16, 2009.

The following resources should be of help to you in preparing for your program planning meetings and as possible additional background material for your members: In League, Chapter 10, LWVUS; Empowering Citizens, A Guide to Influencing Public Policy, LWVUS, 1996; (available at www.lwv.org); Program In Action, A Leader’s Guide to State Program, LWVWA; LWVWA Bylaws, Article XI: (available at www.lwvwa.org).

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT IN THE STATE OFFICE OF YOUR OFFICIAL PROGRAM PLANNING REPORT FORM AND THREE WORKSHEETS IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009! Remember to allow time for your board to review and approve the results of your state program planning process.

If you have any questions please contact the State Office at 206-622-8961, 800-419-2596, lwvwa@lwvwa.org

Name of Local League or Unit at Large ____________________________________________________________

Person Reporting ___________________________________________ Phone ____________________

Email ____________________________________________________________

Number of members participating in program planning _______ Total membership ________

Methods used to solicit members’ views:

_____ Unit Meetings  _____ VOTER Tear-off  _____ Special Mailing

_____ General Meeting  _____ Board Meeting  _____ Telephone

_____ Other ____________________
November, 2008

TO: Local League Presidents, UAL Chairs, and League Leaders, State Board/Off-Board Members
FR: Linnea Hirst, Program Chair
RE: State Program Planning for 2009-2011

The League of Women Voters believes that informed and active citizens, joining together to explore common problems and identify shared goals, can resolve the tough issues that confront our communities, our nation and our world.

We work to build informed citizenry through League program. We study and educate our members and our communities about public policy concerns, we encourage public discussion of these problems and citizen participation in solving them, and we take action to achieve solutions that contribute to the benefit of all.

Our program – our education and advocacy work – focuses on public policy issues. The League's work on public policy issues is directed toward government action. That action could include passage of laws, promulgation of regulations and policies, provision of adequate budgets and staffing, enforcement of laws and regulations, planning and citizen involvement opportunities.

**The League must have a position before it takes action.** Advocacy, or action, begins when Leagues select an issue for concerted study, followed by member agreement through consensus or concurrence. Local League program focuses on issues that can be addressed by local government, state League program addresses state level issues, and the LWVUS program addresses national issues.

**Program Planning: the way the League chooses its issues.** League members choose issues to place on our public policy agenda, and consider what role their local League will play in addressing those issues during the program planning process. They also decide which items to recommend as state (this year) and national (next year) program priorities. The process culminates when the program is adopted at the local annual meeting and the biennial state or national convention. Our State Convention will be held May 29 – 31 in Tacoma, WA at the Hotel Murano.

Here are some questions to consider in selecting an issue for League work:

- Which issues are of such vital concern to our members and our community that they demand attention now?
- Which issues will benefit from the League's special expertise or perspective?
- Is there a real possibility that citizens working on this issue can bring about positive change?
- Will League work on this issue have a measurable impact on our community or state? How will results be evaluated?
- Will working on this issue give the League opportunities to collaborate with other groups and individuals?
Once members have decided that an issue of public concern requires League attention, we must determine what role the League should play in addressing those issues, including:

1. **Study:** to reach member agreement on an issue so that the League can take action.  
   **Questions to ask:**
   - Does the League already have a position?
   - Is there a government solution to the problem?
   - Is there enough time to do a study and then act to influence the resolution of the problem?

2. **Update:** to review an issue  
   **Questions to ask:**
   - Is the League position still useful?
   - Is the position sufficiently general?
   - Are there significant developments in the issues area that are not reflected in the position?
   - What is the proper scope of effort to update the position?

3. **Action:** always the goal of the League’s study process. Member understanding and strong support are essential for successful action.  
   **Questions to ask:**
   - Are the timing and the political realities right for success?
   - Does the community expect or need the League to be a player on this issue?
   - Will League action on this issue make a significant difference?
   - Could a focused, targeted action campaign enhance LWV visibility and stature?
   - Do our members understand our position and our action goals?

4. **Citizen Education:** to help citizens understand the complexities of an issue and encourage people to participate in reaching a solution; can also lay the groundwork for successful advocacy.  
   **Questions to ask:**
   - Does our community need help in understanding this issue and its possible solutions?
   - Is there enough time to develop and implement our project before citizens must make a decision?
   - Is it more important to help citizens understand this issue than to advocate our League position at this time?

For example, state League has ongoing public education projects on Tax Structures and on Growth Management. Recent studies include State Ferries, Early Care and Education of Young Children, and Water Update articles. We also do marketing of the civic education book *The State We’re In Washington*, and we do Voter Service information and activities. State program also includes all the action League of Women Voters of Washington does, e.g. Action Workshop, Lobby Day, Lobby Team, Washington News Service radio program slots and various active committees.
It is important to be familiar with our current positions. You can find these on the LWVWA web site www.lwvwa.org or in Program In Action 2007-2009. Hard copies are available for $3.00 upon request from the state League office.

Some ideas for presentation at your program planning meeting:

Someone in your League could make copies of each section of Program in Action and ask various members to take one section and present the history and the positions in each for discussion. According to Barbara Seitle, who has been involved in this exercise, it doesn’t take as long as you might think, and it works pretty well. Each member who has accepted their assignment, does their homework and comes prepared to make recommendations for the group.

Your League might ask various action committee chairs to give a brief description of the work of the committee, and examples of recent uses of the LWV positions. The Seattle area League uses this activity to both bring members up to date on committee activities and to trigger thoughts on the current positions and potential study issues.
Worksheet I: Review of Current LWVWA Positions (10 minutes)

Below you will find a list of all LWVWA positions. Check whether you want a position kept, dropped or revised. If you want a position revised, please explain. Attach extra sheets if needed. Positions in Brief for all these items follows, and can be found in detail in Program In Action 2005-2007, A Leader’s Guide to State Program. Return each worksheet to the State Office.

Name of position ___________________________________________ Reason ___________________________________________
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NATURAL RESOURCES CONT.

SOCIAL POLICY CONT.
Worksheet II: Listing and Ranking of Issues for State Program 2009-2011

Please list in the table below the items you want to give attention to. Specify what role the issue should play, e.g. study, update. After discussion, rank the top three items in order of importance: give it a 1 if it’s the most important and 3 if it’s your third choice.

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Worksheet III: Outlook for Work, Your League Proposes:

Your League may submit up to three proposed program items, including new studies, updates, action or citizen education. If what you propose requires state members’ time and/or money, give details below.

The **TITLE** identifies the proposed program item. The scope explains whether it is a new study, an update on an issue previously studied, a citizen education project or an action campaign.

The **SCOPE** should outline the direction of the work and include the important components. One paragraph is usually long enough.

The **OUTLOOK** for work should help members determine whether the item is practical and manageable.

Please include:
- The expected length of time needed for completion
- Possible sources of information
- Role of local Leagues
- Members willing to work on the project and their contact information.

**Title:**

**Scope:**

**Outlook for work:**
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– Government –

Education Action to support in principle the Basic Education Act (1977) and the Levy Lid Act. Action to obtain a balanced tax structure and to maintain uniform assessment practices to ensure equitable and sufficient financing. Action to support adequate and stable state funding of common schools in Washington including the costs of in-service training. Action to increase visibility, accessibility and accountability of the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. Action to support closer links between schools and social services, so that every child is ready to learn. Action to support greater involvement of parents, an increased role in decision making for teachers, and more flexible state education requirements. Action to provide greater access to public higher education to all, at whatever point in life it can be beneficial.

Port Districts Action to encourage cooperation among port districts, but with local options for voter control over major policy and expenditure decisions.

Representative Government Action to facilitate changes in the state constitution to achieve a representative and effective state legislature. Action to promote an informed electorate. Action to limit methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public’s right to know, combat undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the election process. Action to support the initiative and referendum process, adopt improvements to the process and require additional information for voters. Action to protect the interests of all affected parties in considering the formation of new counties. Action to clarify in legislation the processes in county formation and to require that the entire county have the ability to vote on separation. Action to support election methods that promote “representative-ness,” citizen participation and accountability and that produce proportional representation. Action to support a majority vote requirement if achieved through a mechanism such as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). Action to support a primary that is “open” and encourages minor party participation if a primary continues to be used.

State Tax Policy Action to obtain a balanced tax structure that is fair, adequate, flexible and has a sound economic effect.

Washington State and Indian Treaty Rights Action to enhance salmon resources, establish a procedure for retrocession of jurisdiction and support tribal land use planning of trust lands.

– Transportation –

Transportation The League supports a balanced state transportation policy that defines the role of the state and supports increases in funding to provide adequate revenue and flexibility for a multi-modal system of transportation.

– Natural Resources –

Energy Action to support an energy policy within Washington State. Action to educate the public on energy conservation. Action to establish incentives for efficient use of current energy sources and the greater use of alternative energy sources.

Global Climate Change See LWVUS Impact on Issues.

Resource Management Action to obtain coordinated planning and ensure environmental quality in the use of water, air and land resources. Action to insure that forest management is carried out in a manner that will sustain healthy forests, streams and habitats.

Waste Management Action for coordinated control and reduction of solid waste. Action to reduce the amount of hazardous waste generated in Washington and action to promote safe management of that waste which is produced, including toxics in the home.

– Social Policy –

Administration of Justice Action to ensure that our courts are fair, efficient, accessible and staffed with qualified
personnel. Action to maintain a separate court system and facilities for youths that will balance the procedural rights of the adversary system with the protection of youth’s basic rights. Action to realize equity in sentencing standards. Action to obtain alternatives to incarceration is of prime importance.

**Children’s Programs**

*Child Support and Custody*: The League of Women Voters supports vigorous, efficient and innovative child support enforcement methods and broad education regarding the responsibilities and consequences of parenthood. The best interest of the child should be the overriding consideration in determining custody, visitation and an appropriate level of child support. The physical and emotional security of the child should be paramount. Children are entitled to support adequate to meet basic needs commensurate with the parents’ income, resources, and standard of living. Courts should have the discretion to order post secondary educational support in appropriate circumstances.

*Children’s Services*: Action to support stable and adequate funding for children at risk, with priority given to prevention, early identification and intervention services, community based treatment programs, day treatment programs and residential care.

*Day Care for Children*: Action to provide for the general welfare of children in day care centers. Action to ensure that the state enforce minimum standards that include provision for a safe, healthy, clean environment. Action to support sufficient staff with emphasis on competence and ability to provide a creative, challenging and caring environment.

**Economic Diversification** Action to ensure a balanced state economy with a strong mixture of large and small businesses. Measures to contribute to long-range planning and cooperation between all levels of government with local initiatives wherever possible.

**Gun Control** Action to provide governmental regulation of ownership and possession of firearms, and measures to limit their accessibility.

**Health Care** Action to provide universal access to affordable health services for all residents of the state of Washington and to control total system expenditures with seamless coverage regardless of ones health status.

**Human Resources** Action to achieve equal rights for all. Action to achieve equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing regardless of race, color, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability. Action to obtain measures that provide basic human needs for those unable to provide for themselves. Action to ensure that there are emergency support services for those involved in physical and/or mental violence.
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