

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

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ANNUAL MEETING 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026

3:00 - 5:00 pm

Oregon City Library

606 John Adams St., Oregon City

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Annual Meeting Rules

1. Receipt of the Annual Meeting Workbook constitutes notification of the proposed business of the Annual Convention of the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County (LWVCC). If you need another copy, please email info@lwvclackamas.org.
2. The privilege of the floor shall be limited to members of the LWVCC.
3. Debate: No one may speak twice to any point of consideration until all who wish to speak have done so.
4. A member may move to stop debate.
5. Motions:
 - a. Anyone making a motion of substance must present a copy to the Chair.
 - b. Motions to adjourn or cast a unanimous ballot need not be written.
 - c. A motion to consider a non-recommended item is not debatable and shall be voted on immediately. [Non-recommended item explanation: If you wish to propose an item not recommended by the Board, but previously submitted to the Board, you may move that it be considered as a program item. The members will then vote immediately without debating its merits, whether to consider it or not. If it passes, by a simple majority, it will be debated equally with recommended items. A non-recommended item must be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote.]
6. A member voting with the prevailing side may request reconsideration.
7. Annual meeting minutes are to be approved by the board no later than the first fall board meeting.

Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure is necessary for the orderly conduct of a local Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Rules (continued)

The Chair should recognize a member desiring to speak. When recognized, the member should first state her or his name.

Order in which motions are made [order of voting]:

A. Main Motion

- To amend [can be amended and debated]
- To amend the amendment [can be debated]
- To commit or refer [can be amended and debated]
- To postpone to a definite time [can be amended and debated]
- To stop debate [requires 2/3 vote]
- To lay on the table [requires vote to take from the table]

B. To reconsider [must be made same day by one who voted on the prevailing side; can be debated and requires majority vote]

C. To adjourn [a privileged motion; to adjourn to a specific time and place; can be debated]

The six steps of a motion: A motion must be

1. Made. Say, “**I move that...**”
2. Seconded
3. Stated by the Chair, after which the motion becomes the property of the assembly and cannot be withdrawn without its consent
4. Debated or amended [if debatable and amendable]
5. Put to the vote, affirmative or negative, by the Chair
6. Declared by the Chair according to the result of the vote

Proposed Agenda

3:00 p.m.	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>Delegate Count (2026 Quorum = 18 Members)</p> <p>Appoint Minutes Review Committee</p> <p>Adoption of Proposed Agenda</p>	Allie Barnes
	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Proposed Budget – Motion and Discussion</p> <p>Nominating Committee Report</p> <p>Membership and Milestones</p>	<p>Marcella Easley</p> <p>Marcella Easley</p> <p>None</p> <p>Diana DeMaria</p>
Break		
	<p>Current Positions – Motion to retain/Discussion/Vote</p> <p>Discussion of ideas for advocacy and civics education</p> <p>Budget – Vote to adopt</p> <p>Structure of team of chairs and coordinators</p> <p>Election:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">officers, directors, unit leaders, nominating chair</p> <p>Directions to leaders from the membership</p> <p>Other business</p>	<p>Marge Easley</p> <p>Allie Barnes</p> <p>Marcella Easley</p> <p>Allie Barnes</p> <p>Allie Barnes</p>
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment	

2025-2026 BOARD AND LEADERSHIP

Officers:	President	Allie Barnes
	Treasurer	Marcella Easley
	Secretary	Alice Seeger
Director:	Board	Carolyn Robb
	Board	Marge Easley
Coordinators:	Membership	Diana DeMaria
	Action	Marge Easley/Nancy Murray
	Civics Education	Nancy Murray
	Website	Allison Browning
	Communications	Allison Browning
	Voter Service	Courtenay Carr Heuer
	Events	Betty Janes
Off Board:	Nominating Committee	Vacant - We Need Volunteers!
Unit Leaders:	Wilsonville	Dolores Passarelle
	Lake Oswego	Robi Ingram-Rich
	Evening Zoom	Nancy Murray
	East Clackamas County	Marcella Easley
Budget Committee:	Budget Chair	Nancy Murray

LWVCC 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

League of Women Voters of Clackamas County (LWVCC) Annual Meeting May 17, 2025

Minutes

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Nancy Murray. Members in attendance were: Hilly Alexander, Allie Barnes, Janet Brumbaugh, Susan Carey, Ewa Chomka Campbell, Diana DeMaria, Marge Easley, Marcella Easley, Dianne Eppinger, Karen Faw, Karen Griffin, Donna Hammersly, Robina Ingram-Rich, Betty Janes, Sonja Kollias, Karan Kuntz, Elizabeth Leahy, Libby Medley, Nancy Murray, RoeAnn Oberg, Dolores Passarelle, Alice Seeger, and Mary Pat Silveira. With twenty-three members present, the twenty needed for a quorum was met.

Introductions were made beginning with Diana DeMaria, providing overhead projection of documents used in the meeting discussions, Sonja Kollias, serving as Secretary pro tem for this meeting, and Nancy Murray, serving as meeting moderator. Then the attendees were asked to introduce themselves and to state the city where they reside. New members were recognized.

Betty Janes and Allie Barnes volunteered to serve as required readers of the meeting minutes to check for any errors or omissions from their perspectives. Once the minutes are in final form they will be forwarded to the current leadership team/board for approval.

The proposed agenda was accepted as presented.

- Nancy presented the FY 2024-2025 (to date) Treasurer's Report, highlighting our strong dues and donations positions in revenue, and noting the LWVUS Structural Transformation Plan's impact on our dues income and PMP expenses, and on our website expenses since next League year our website will be free. As of 05-15-25, we had total revenue of \$9,245 and total expense of \$6,850, with total assets of \$14,123 composed of a \$7,644 balance in our checking account and \$6,479 in a CD.
- Mary Pat Silveira presented two questions regarding PMP which would be answered later on the agenda during the Membership discussion.
- Nancy reviewed the 2025-2026 Budget Proposal (page 8 of the Annual Meeting Workbook} pointing out the LWVUS convention expense, the aggregate committee expense replacing the listing of expense items for each separate committee as well as the changes reflected in the Communication-Technology expenses.
- Mary Pat Silveira moved and Alice Seeger seconded the motion to accept the budget proposal as presented. A vote on the motion will take place following the meeting's break.

- Sonja Kollias presented the proposed bylaws revisions necessitated by the LWVUS's institution of a new membership system which required the deletion of references to any former membership joining and renewing processes. Those references were found in Articles III, VI and VII. Libby Medley moved and Betty Janes seconded the motion to accept the Bylaws revisions as presented in the 2025 Annual Meeting Workbook, beginning on page 10. Motion carried.
- Hilly Alexander presented the Nominating Committee Report as found on page 16 of the Annual Meeting Workbook, detailing the numbers of members contacted, the numbers responding and the difficulty filling officer and director positions as well as the required nominations for chair and member of the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee. As the discussion progressed, various members offered to help including: Allie Barnes who, nominated as a board director, indicated that she was willing to serve as president, or vice president, or whatever is needed; Marcella Easley who in addition to serving as a unit leader of a new eastside unit offered to learn about the duties of the League treasurer with Nancy Murray as mentor; Marge Easley who offered to serve on the board in a mentor capacity; and Alice Seeger who offered to serve in an as needed capacity. Nancy noted that Carolyn Robb had previously offered to serve on the board in the event that there would be a board of at least four directors.
- Diana DeMaria presented Membership Milestones recognizing the various members who have achieved significant years of membership in five-year increments, pointing out that Beryl Dahl recently celebrated 65 years of League membership, Karen Griffin 55 years and Nancy Murray 50 years.
- At this time, Diana responded to Mary Pat Silveira's earlier questions regarding PMP (per member payment), explaining the LWVUS Structural Transformation Plan did away with local Leagues collecting and forwarding dues payments to LWVUS and LWVOR. Nancy Murray noted that the new membership joining and renewal system called for dues to be paid online to LWVUS then LWVUS would allocate to us the portion designated for our League. It was pointed out that dues could still be paid by check, mailed to our PO Box.
- Libby Medley took the floor to explain the purpose of our League's Carrie Chapman Catt Award and to delineate the reasons that the Award was being bestowed upon Nancy Murray in recognition of her extraordinary and lengthy service to LWVCC. Sonja Kollias presented a message to Nancy from Carolyn Robb.
- Following the break, Marge Easley led a discussion of our proposed program for the coming League year as presented on pages 17-20 in the Annual Meeting Workbook and brought to the members' attention the value of adding the 13 Principles of the League of Women Voters to our program for advocacy.

- Diana DeMaria moved and Mary Pat Silveira seconded that the Principles be added to our proposed program of Priority Advocacy Positions; motion carried.
- Marge Easley moved; Karan Kuntz seconded that we accept the Priority Positions as amended with the Principles for our 2025-2026 program; motion carried. See the attached listing of the League Principles.
- Nancy Murray presented the previous Proposed Budget motion for a vote; the motion passed.
- Election of Nominees. Those members who earlier in the meeting volunteered to serve in board positions were considered 'nominations from the floor' and added to the Nominations for 2025-2026. Hilly Alexander moved and Robina Ingram-Rich seconded that the nominations as found on page 16 of the Annual Meeting Workbook and the nominations from the floor be approved; motion carried.
- As the meeting concluded, Allie Barnes reported on her observations of the LWVOR convention held the first week of May, noting that she was highly impressed with the 'youth' portion of the convention. Marcella Easley added that the 'youth' portion was awesome!
- Nancy extended a thank you to Libby Medley for her many years of League involvement and presented her with a bouquet of tulips. Sonja Kollias read a statement from Carolyn Robb. Libby is preparing to move to the State of Washington to be near her family,

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sonja Kollias, Secretary pro tem

Budget Proposal 2026-2027

Prepared and Submitted by

Budget Committee Chair:

Nancy Murray

Budget Committee:

Marcella Easley, Liz Leahy and Sonja Kollias

		2025-26 Budget	Actual to 3/23/26	Proposed 2026-27
REVENUE				
1	Dues	\$1,021	\$1,078	\$1,256
2	Member Donations	\$1,500	\$1,497	\$1,500
3	In Kind Contributions	\$25		0
4	Non-member donations*		\$200	\$200
5	Events & Fundraisers	\$ 300	\$310	\$300
6	Interest (CD)	\$150	\$234	\$230
7	From Reserves	\$4,233		\$1,369
TOTAL REVENUE		\$7,229	\$3,319	\$4,855
* \$2,000 in dedicated voter service fund				

Budget Proposal 2026-2027 (Continued)

		2025-26 Budget	Actual to 3/23/26	Proposed 2026-27
EXPENSE				
General Operating				
8	Last PMP - Per Member Payments	\$4,719	\$2,416	N/A
9	PO Box Rental	\$250	\$250	\$260
10	Insurance & Fees	\$70	\$ 70	\$70
11	N/A			
12	Board Expenses	\$50		\$50
13	Board Retreat			0
Delegate Support				
14	LWVOR Council-Conv	\$50		\$450
15	LWVUS Convention	\$1,100	\$150	0
16	Workshops	0		0
Program & Events		\$500		
17	special projects	0		
18	Action/Observers	0		
19	Room rentals/food/bev.	0	\$785	\$600
20	Marketing/PR	0		
21	Membership	0		\$50
22	Program & Studies	0		\$75
23	Voters' Service	0		\$50
Communication-Technology				
24	Annual Mtg Kit/Postage	\$50		\$50
25	Bulletin/Postage	\$40		\$40
26	Website/consulting	0	\$150	\$3,000
27	MailChimp/domain/Zoom	\$400	\$269	\$160.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$7,229	\$4,090	\$4,855

Budget Comments and Calculations 2026-2027

REVENUE

Dues: The next fiscal year, July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, will be our first full year of LWVUS collecting dues through its Membership Portal and distributing percentages to the three levels of League. The revenue is estimated on this year's membership number and their average dues paid. Members can renew their membership on the anniversary of their previous payment and are notified by LWVUS before their renewal date.

Donations: We anticipate the usual amount of member donations that are an important source of revenue. We have \$2,000 in a dedicated voter service fund, thanks to a generous bequest.

Events & Fundraisers: Any revenue coming in by charging attendees (e.g. holiday brunch) and any fundraising efforts.

Interest: We may purchase a smaller CD next November to give us greater cash flow.

Reserves: This line item shows the amount of money we take from our asset balance to be equal to the amount budgeted for expenses.

EXPENSES

Per Member Payment (PMP): This category is no longer applicable under our new system of members paying dues through LWVUS.

Delegate Support: In order to involve new leadership, we plan to fund two or three of our league members to attend the state League convention in May 2027.

Program & Events: This covers expenses of local activities except for voter service expenses over \$50 that can draw from our dedicated voter service fund with board approval. We have budgeted for two venue rentals, though all holiday brunch expenses are covered by attendees.

Communications and Technology: As our League has moved more fully into the digital age, we have acquired expenses in our uses of a website, MailChimp, Zoom, and Google Workspace. To make communications serve the membership and leadership in a timely and informative manner we use several digital tools. We are trying out a new website platform, and have contracted with a member to do the critical work involved in MailChimp that meets our needs perfectly. We are replacing paid Zoom with free Google Meets.

REPORTS

LEADERSHIP TEAM – Allie Barnes, President

In May 2025, Allie Barnes became President of the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County. In the coming months, our Leadership Team grew to its current state. A huge thank you to Marcella Easley and Alice Seeger for taking on the responsibilities of Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, as well as Marge Easley and Carolyn Robb for joining Allie, Marcella and Alice as Board Members and Courtenay Carr Heuer for leading Voter Service to our community. Several other League members became Coordinators, Unit Leaders, or otherwise contributed in meaningful ways this year – Thank you!

Our extended leadership team has a mix of longtime and fairly new members. With the insights of longtime members and a collective eagerness to try new things, we are continually considering how to best serve our members at this time. We tried new things this year, including hosting a League birthday party in February (a Sunday afternoon happy hour at a local cider house, no less) and are planning gatherings this spring and summer in different areas around the county to better reach our geographically diverse membership.

For those interested in potentially serving in a leadership role, either now or in the future, please reach out to Allie at president@lwvclackamas.org. You are more than welcome to begin attending our monthly leadership meetings, supporting initiatives, or simply becoming more familiar with League processes without committing to a leadership position yet while you learn and get involved. If you have any interest at all, please reach out. The broader the range of perspectives, interests, and skills within our leadership team, the more effective we become.

TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS – Communications Team

As we have not found a volunteer to spend the time and expertise of constructing timely MailChimp newsletters, event announcements and reminders, we are currently paying a contractor to edit and send critically important communications. Our new website, still under construction, has no expenses this year, having been prepaid as part of a two-year contract with a nonprofit discount last year. We are so fortunate this year's communication contractor continues to volunteer her time to construct and update the new website. Other technology expenses include monthly MailChimp and domain name registration. We won't renew Zoom and will use the free Google Meets platform included in our nonprofit Google Workspace.

COMMUNICATIONS — Allison Browning, Webmaster and Communications Coordinator

Throughout 2025, Allie Barnes, our then-Communications Coordinator, compiled monthly issues of the Clackson both printed and digital versions. She sent out the Clackson using Mailchimp platform for digital distribution as well as using .PDF variations via the email listserve. Allie also compiled Google document(s) to send out for printing and submitted to Nancy Murray for printed distribution. In January 2026, Allison Browning, our Webmaster, took over compiling and distribution of the Clackson.

The website has been updated to reflect current web presence via Wix. In early 2025, Allison transitioned our website from MyLO to Chapterspot, and then to an interactive Wix webpage to be more informative for website visitors. The website clearly shows what is needed and current opportunities and current social opportunities. She plans to add additional information to the website including upcoming events and voter service opportunities, Board information, an Observer Corps section, together with updates and a linked donation button to easily donate directly to our local organization.

ACTION – Marge Easley and Nancy Murray

League advocacy this year centered around fighting back against federal government overreach, including threats to Oregon’s vote-by-mail system and the denial of constitutional rights by immigration enforcement officers. We continue to be inspired by the LWVUS *Unite & Rise program, which “aims to build a movement of 8.5 million individuals to unite and rise up against the anti-democratic actions of the current administration.”*

We have also encouraged our members to take part in protests taking place in various locations in Clackamas County. Kudos go to the Wilsonville Unit, with special thanks to Dolores Passarelle and Donna Hammersly for their advocacy work in organizing a No Kings protest on October 18, 2025, in downtown Wilsonville that attracted a crowd of 1500 people. Plans for a second protest on March 28, 2026, are underway, and it promises to be even more successful.

The 2026 Legislative Session, from February 2 to March 6, was a very busy time for the LWVOR Action Committee. Since the session lasted only 35 days, legislators faced a daunting task to pass critical legislation related to transportation funding, immigration protection, the economy, and the state budget. LWVCC member Marge Easley followed dozens of bills related to Criminal Justice, Immigration, and Gun Policy; submitted testimony on six of those bills; and wrote weekly reports for the LWVOR Legislative Report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – VACANT

No League members have yet answered the call to serve on this essential committee for seeking candidates for our 2026-2027 Board, committees and leadership position vacancies.

We are grateful to every new and experienced member of our League, and we invite any member who would like to learn and team up to continue serving the Clackamas County community in the way(s) they can to contact Allie Barnes at president@lwwclackamas.org.

MEMBERSHIP – Diana DeMaria

In February of 2025, LWVUS launched the membership portal of the Structural Transformation Plan at <https://portal.lww.org>, which added an auto-renew option, a pay-what-you-can model of dues structure, and the ability to join, renew and access resources on-line, although we can still process dues by check. The recommended rate is \$75 per individual member with a \$20 minimum.

All League members are now individual members, with those serving 50+ years exempt from dues as Lifetime Members. Donations to our local League can be made either on our new website (button coming soon!), during the join or renewal process, or by check. We appreciate every dollar and every hour devoted to League and thank you for your support and involvement!

The League of Women Voters of Clackamas County counted 93 Members as of 1/31/2026:

- 81 Individual Members who pay dues (there is no longer a household category)
- 12 Lifetime Members (50+ years in the League) who are excused from dues

OBSERVER CORPS – Ann Sullivan-Smoot

I have been “observing” the business meetings of the Clackamas County Commissioners since, maybe, January of 2025 ... Honestly, it has been a benign process, yet I have two favorite subjects discussed during my time observing: an introduction of local grange activities, and a presentation from the county election office. After 7 months of observing, I took it upon myself to learn about formal public meeting processes which are critical to transparency and public trust. Why has it taken me so long? Life gets in the way I suppose, yet during this current political climate, ignorance is not bliss. For any members interested in joining the observer corps, I highly suggest that if your background does not facilitate first-hand knowledge of meetings and the protocol, take the time to look up anything you might not understand (I spent 25 years as an acute care RN, **not** in a board room). I can’t help but wonder if the survival of our democratic process depends in a large part not just on staying informed and engaged, but in the faith that our local governments may well provide the guardrails we need to keep our constitution and country from driving over the edge.

VOTER SERVICE – Courtenay Carr Heuer

With gratitude from our League members and leaders: new member Courtenay Carr Heuer stepped up in December 2025 to learn and lead Voter Service for our community, guiding the chapter through the May 2026 primary and the November midterm elections. Thank you, Courtenay!

Our Clackamas County League coordinates closely with League members in Washington and Multnomah Counties, as Congressional District boundaries don't align neatly with county lines. We value our collaboration with LWVPDX Voter Service Chair Chris Cobey and Washington County Unit Lead Kathleen Hersh, as well as our partnership with the three county election clerks, who maintain a tri-county agreement for accurate vote counting — including Ranked Choice Voting races for the several hundred eligible Clackamas County voters.

Voter Service encompassed:

- **Voter Registration** — in the community, on school campuses for young and future voters, and at U.S. District Court naturalization ceremonies for newly eligible citizens.
- **Vote411** — our award-winning LWVUS national, state, and local election information resource, funded by our state League and supported by local members who verify candidate information and encourage candidates to complete their profiles at Vote411.org.
- **Ballot Measure Research & Presentations** — League speakers present balanced, nonpartisan ballot measure information at community-requested election events.
- **LWVOR Voters' Guides** — comprehensive printed guides in English and Spanish, funded by our state League. The Voter Service Coordinator orders copies for distribution, and League members compile, deliver, and restock them at libraries, community centers, assisted living communities, and other locations requested by Clackamas County residents.

VOTER GIRL / GIRL SCOUTS COORDINATOR – Meg Thompson

LWVOR purchased the Voter Girl Project from LWV Kent in June 2025. The LWVOR Board recently signed an MOU agreement with our state Girl Scouts of Oregon & Southwest Washington Council (GSOSW).

The Voter Girl Coordinator and Girl Scout Team participated in the following GSOSW events:

- 1) October Teen Retreat – civics education with 200 teens

- 2) November STEM Day – Tabled with Marion-Polk and Clark County LWV in Salem for a fun civics quiz wheel plus voting booth experience with mock ballots and announced results during an all-day event connecting with 2000 scouts, parents and troop leaders
- 3) Oregon Student Mock Election (OSME) contest for girl scouts registering their grade 6-12 class or school to participate
- 4) Visit to Clackamas County Elections with Clerk Catherine McMullen with Girl Scout troops for ballot-counting observation
- 5) Networking with Clackamas County troop and service unit leaders to share LWV civic engagement opportunities to assist with Girl Scout involvement

Our league began collaborating with Girl Scouts in our local League activities. For example, Girl Scouts will be involved in the LWV/LUSH Get Out The Vote campaign with Vote411 and Voter Registration tabling on April 11, 12, and 26, 2026. Additional opportunities in September and October will be available prior to the November 2026 midterm election. If you would like to join Girl Scouts at the County Clerk’s Office for ballot counting observation in May, please contact Meg Thompson at VoterGirl@LWVOR.org or call 503-784-6697.

Girl Scout badge learning with local troops is a great way for new league members to get involved. Two to three hours of volunteer time will be fun and rewarding!

CIVICS EDUCATION – Speakers and Program Topics at our Virtual or In Person Events

June:

We were so fortunate to hear Barb Soisson, Assistant Superintendent of West Linn-Wilsonville School, speak on our K-12 state of education in our county with new and familiar member friends at our in-person traditional Annual Summer Patio Party Potluck.

October:

Fall Kick Off: We invited Jean Pierce, LWVOR Action Chair and our Clackamas County Elections Clerk, Catherine McMullen to speak to our members to learn more about issue advocacy with our elected and appointed officials, and voting rights, the two primary program priorities of our League.

No Kings Rally 2 on October 18: Over 1,500 people rallied peacefully together for the rule of law and democracy, organized by Wilsonville Unit League Members.

December:

Our Annual Holiday Brunch hosted Dr. Tim Cook and his wife, Paddy, who raised awareness (and funds!) to meet basic needs for students. Tim ran over 1,500 miles to each of the 17 community colleges in Oregon to raise over \$130,000 for students around the state.

February:

Election integrity, security and voting rights were the hot topic of the day from our Clackamas County Election Clerk, Catherine McMullen, who spoke at our League of Women Voters 106th Birthday and Member Meet Up at the Ale & Cider House.

March:

No Kings Rally 3 on March 28: Held during a spring break weekend, our Wilsonville Unit League members organized a resolute crowd of over 750 peaceful protesters who joined the estimated 8 million people across the globe to stand together for our rights, democratic freedom and the rule of law.

April:

Learning about the progress in Clackamas County for improving the training and skills of the officers and detectives working with our law enforcement agencies who deal with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, along with other urgent issues of immigration and questions from the audience for our planned speaker, District Attorney Wentworth.

Year Round:

Wilsonville Unit Meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm. You're invited anytime, for topics ranging from rally organizing, voter registration, current issues and community service to new challenges facing us all to defend democracy and empower voters! Contact Dolores Passarelle at dpassar07@gmail.com for more information.

Freedom Readers League Book Club is going strong, discussing national and international threats and influence on our democracy. Join anytime by emailing Margie Whitmore at froulady@gmail.com.

PROPOSED PROGRAM 2026 - 2027

The League of Women Voters of Clackamas County believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed.

IMPROVING ELECTIONS

LWVCC promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive. We encourage electoral methods that provide the broadest voter representation possible and are expressive of voter choices.

Whether for single or multiple winner contests, the LWVCC supports electoral methods that:

- Encourage voter participation and voter engagement
- Encourage those with minority opinions to participate, including under represented communities
- Are verifiable and auditable
- Promote access to voting
- Maximize effective votes/minimize wasted votes
- Promote sincere voting over strategic voting
- Implement alternative to plurality voting
- Are compatible with acceptable ballot-casting methods, including vote-by-mail

The LWVCC believes in representative government. The League supports electoral systems that elect policy-making bodies - legislatures, councils, commission, and boards - that proportionally reflect the people they represent. We support systems that inhibit political manipulation (e.g., gerrymandering). The LWVCC supports enabling legislation to allow local jurisdictions to explore alternative electoral methods, as well as supporting state election laws allowing for more options at both the state and local levels. With the adoption of any electoral system, the League believes that education of the voting public is important and funding for startup and voter education should be available. We encourage a concerted voter education process.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE/MONEY in POLITICS

The LWVCC believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should: enhance political equality for all citizens; ensure maximum participation by citizens in the political process; protect representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns; provide voters sufficient information about candidates and campaign issues to

make informed choices; ensure transparency and the public's right to know who is using money to influence elections; enable candidates to compete equitably for public office; ensure that candidates have sufficient funds to communicate their messages to the public; and combat corruption and undue influence in government.

The LWVCC believes that political corruption includes the following:

A candidate or officeholder agrees to vote or work in favor of a donor's interests in exchange for a campaign contribution; an officeholder or staff gives greater access to donors; an officeholder votes or works to support policies that reflect the preferences of individuals or organizations in order to attract contributions from them; a candidate or office holder seeks political contributions implying that there will be retribution unless a donation is given; and the results of the political process consistently favor the interests of significant campaign contributors.

In order to achieve the goals for campaign finance regulation, the LWVCC supports: public financing of elections, either voluntary or mandatory, in which candidates must abide by reasonable spending limits; enhanced enforcement of campaign finance laws that includes changes to ensure that regulatory agencies are properly funded, staffed, and structured to avoid partisan deadlock in the decision-making process; abolishing Super PACs and abolishing spending coordinated or directed by candidates (other than a candidate's own campaign committee); and restrictions on direct donations and bundling by lobbyists, which may include monetary limits as well as other regulations.

Until full public financing of elections is enacted, limits on election spending are needed in order to meet the League's goals for protecting democratic processes. Among the different entities that spend money to influence elections, the League supports the following comparative limits:

- Higher-spending limits for political parties, genuinely nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote organizations and activities, and candidates spending money raised from contributors.
- Mid-level spending limits for individual citizens (including wealthy individuals), Political Action committees (with funds contributed by individuals associated with the sponsoring organization, such as employees, stockholders, members, and volunteers), and candidates spending their own money.
- Lower spending limits for trade associations, labor unions and nonprofit organizations from their general treasury funds.
- Severely restricted spending by for-profit organizations spending from the corporate treasury funds.

- No limits on spending by bona fide newspapers, television, and other media, including the internet, except to address partisan abuse or use of the media to evade campaign finance regulations.

REDISTRICTING

1. Responsibility for redistricting preferably should be vested in an independent special commission, with membership that reflects the diversity of the unit of government, including citizens at large, representatives of public interest groups, and members of minority groups.

2. Every redistricting process should include:

a. Specific timelines for the steps leading to a redistricting plan;

b. Full disclosure throughout the process and public hearings on the plan proposed for adoption;

c. Redistricting at all levels of government must be accomplished in an open, unbiased manner with citizen participation and access at all levels and steps of the process;

i. Should be subject to open meeting laws;

ii. A provision that any redistricting plan should be adopted by the redistricting authority with more than a simple majority vote;

iii. Remedial provisions established in the event that the redistricting authority fails to enact a plan. Specific provisions should be made for court review of redistricting measures and for courts to require the redistricting authority to act on a specific schedule;

iv. Time limits should be set for initiating court action for review;

v. The courts should promptly review and rule on any challenge to a redistricting plan and require adjustments if the standards have not been met.

3. The standards on which a redistricting plan is based, and on which any plan should be judged, must:

a. Be enforceable in courts;

b. Require:

i. Substantially equal population,

ii. Geographic contiguity, and

iii. Effective representation of racial and linguistic minorities.

c. Provide for (to the extent possible):

i. Promotion of partisan fairness,

ii. Preservation and protection of “communities of interest, and

iii. Respect for boundaries of municipalities and counties.

d. Compactness and competitiveness may also be considered as criteria so long as they do not conflict with the above criteria

e. Explicitly reject:

i. Protection of incumbents, through such devices as considering an incumbent's address; and

ii. Preferential treatment for a political party, through such devices as considering party affiliation, voting history and candidate residence.

DIRECT ELECTION of the PRESIDENT by POPULAR VOTE

The LWVCC believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice President is essential to representative government. The League believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the President until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished. The League also supports uniform voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. The League supports changes in the presidential election system - from the candidate selection process to the general election. We support efforts to provide voters with enough information about candidates and their positions, public policy issues and the selection process itself. The League supports action to ensure that the media, political parties, candidates, and all levels of government achieve these goals and provide that information.

NATURAL RESOURCES

CLIMATE CHANGE

The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet. The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change

- including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources - is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to

address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision, at all levels - local, state, regional, national, and global.

SOCIAL POLICY

GUN SAFETY

The LWVCC believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.

The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education, and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification. The League supports a ban on "Saturday night specials," enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation and traffic plans should be developed through broad participation of interests including citizen task forces and/or neighborhood associations.

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Listing of Positions - 2024

LOCAL POSITIONS

GOVERNMENT

County

- Governmental Structure (1969, 1981, 1989, 1995)
- Library Facilities and Services (2000, 2011, 2014)
- Emergency / Disaster Planning and Preparedness (2008)

Cities

- Lake Oswego City Charter (1972, 1979, 1997)
- Funding Processes for City Services (2013)

LAND USE PLANNING - NATURAL RESOURCES

County

- Long Range Comprehensive Planning (1973)
- Land Use (1974)
- Parks and Open Space (1975)
- Economic Impact of Growth (1979)
- Water (2004)

West County

- Growth and Infill (1991, 1992)
- Stafford Area (1993)
- Tree Ordinance (2001)

Cities

- Parks and Recreation - Lake Oswego (1967)
- Planned Unit Development (1970)
- Comprehensive Plan - West Linn (1974)
- Local Improvement Districts (1977)
- East End Redevelopment - Lake Oswego (1981)
- Comprehensive Plan - Lake Oswego (1987)
- Lake Oswego Water System (1992)

TRANSPORTATION

County / Cities

- Transportation and Traffic (1991)

HUMAN RESOURCES

County

Health (1974)

Child Care (1979)

Public Health Facilities with Special Emphasis on
Care for the Indigent (1985)

Cities

Youth Activities and Facilities for Lake Oswego and West Linn (1986)

EDUCATION

County

Clackamas Community College (1974)

Communication and Citizen Involvement in
Clackamas County School Districts (1978)

Cities

Elementary School Utilization - Lake Oswego (1983)

Secondary School Utilization - Lake Oswego (1984)

REGIONAL POSITIONS

Positions (7) developed by the former LWVCRR regarding regional issues and the Metropolitan Service District

NATIONAL POSITIONS

The following principles are “concepts of government” descended from the League Platform (1942-1956) and historically used as the basis of position authorization and advocacy.

(Voted unanimously to adopt by LWVCC Members on May 17, 2025)

PRINCIPLES of the League of Women Voters of the United States

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established with 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 development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of peace.

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