

League Program Planning

For the League, the term 'Program' describes the issues that we choose for concerted study, education, and action at every level of government. It is an essential tool for focusing the League's work to ensure that resources are engaged where they have the most impact. Program planning is part of what makes the League a grassroots organization; each League member can influence the selection of priority issues at each level of government.

Every year we hold a General Membership Meeting in January. At the meeting, we discuss what should be the top priorities for education and action, and whether we would like any positions updated or new studies initiated. We then make recommendations for the upcoming cycles for our local League, and either the National League (even years) or the State League (odd years). At its February meeting, the LWVA Board will vote on these recommendations. Soon after that, it will send a report with input to the National or State League.

The National and State Programs have cycles that start in July, last for a period of two years, and culminate in a convention. During even years (e.g. 2018, 2020), the National League gathers input from local and State Leagues and conducts its convention. State Leagues do likewise for its local Leagues during odd years (e.g. 2019, 2021). The National or State Program Committee will review all responses, and develop a Proposed Program. The process culminates with delegates' adoption of the Program at convention. Find the [current Programs for and positions of](#) the LWV of the United States, LWV of California, and LWV of Alameda here.

The LWV of Alameda has a cycle that starts in July, lasts for a period of one year, and culminates in an Annual Meeting in June for its members. Based on our bylaws, members may make a local Program recommendation to the Board no later than two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

The LWV of Alameda Board will consider all recommendations and formulate a proposed program at its May Board meeting. Then at our Annual Meeting, after debate and discussion, a majority vote of those local League members present is required for the proposed LWV of Alameda Program for the next year to be adopted.