

## Proposed LWV-VA Program 2017-19

Based upon input from local Leagues and in accordance with procedures laid out in our Bylaws, the LWV-VA Board has approved the Recommended Program to be presented for discussion and approval by delegates to the 2017 Convention on June 10 & 11, 2017. This document includes both the items recommended by the Board for League attention, and those items that were submitted by one or more local Leagues for consideration, but are not recommended for the upcoming biennium.

Despite requests from several local Leagues that no new studies be undertaken during this biennium, the Board found the arguments for two requests compelling: A major update study of our Mental Health position, and a task force to update the current position on Women's Rights and Virginia Law. Any of the non-recommended items may be 'elevated' to a study item by delegates to the Convention. According to the LWV-VA Bylaws, Article X Section 3 e.: *A program recommendation properly submitted by the deadline but not proposed by the board may be adopted by the convention only if its consideration is ordered by a majority vote of the convention and the proposal receives approval by a three-fifths vote of the convention delegates present and voting at a subsequent session of the same meeting.*

Given that the newly adopted position on Hydraulic Fracturing, or 'Fracking' has been approved by the Board, it is included in the recommendation to "Retain all current positions" The Fracking *Position in Brief* and *Full Position with history* can be found on the LWV-VA website, under Members Information. It will also be included in the Convention Workbook since it is a new position.

Following Convention, the *Positioned for Action* and *Positions in Brief* documents will be revised as needed to show any changes in the wording of positions approved at the convention.

Click Here to review the current *Positioned for Action*

Click Here to review the current *Positions in Brief*

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**Retain all current positions.**

**Board Recommended Items:**

- Mental Health [WA] major update/restudy to include substance abuse, group homes, changes in courts to put mentally ill in treatment facilities not jails and inclusion of broader services provided by Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

- Women's Rights & VA Law [FA & CVA] task force to update based on current laws

**Non-Recommended Items:**

- Access to Women's Health Care Facilities [PWA]
- Air Quality [RMA] pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, incl. particulate matter from land disturbances & gases from volatile chemicals
- Climate Change [WC] Look at the effect of rising temperatures on health, environment, and species, on weather, on rising sea levels
- Delegation of Power [WA] add Transparency: LWV-VA is partnering to improve transparency of GA proceedings. Position must include need for meeting notices, hearings on bills and recorded votes in sub-committee and committee hearings. Audio recordings of committee deliberations should also be supported.
- Education [PWA] impact of vouchers and charter schools on public education  
Election Laws [CVA]; paper ballot backups available everywhere.
- Election Laws [RMA] voting machines should be protected from electronic interference from outside sources
- Gerrymandering [FRE MAL] independent commission
- Natural Resources [FA] outdated; include energy and energy transport modes