

LWV-VA Affordable Housing Study: Outline and Timeline

Sept 2019 - Jan 2020	PHASE I – Research and Define the Issue
	<p>The Study will focus on household who are very low income, 50% of Area Median Income and below, who are primarily renters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Review LWV housing reports from other states. B. Review Virginia data and reports from national groups on current situation, trends, needs and resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2. National Low Income Housing Coalition: Out of Reach and Gaps Report 3. Other relevant reports C. Review State (government and private) data/reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) 2. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) 3. Housing Virginia 4. Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) 5. Virginia Poverty Law Center (VPLC) 6. Virginia Organizing 7. Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Eviction Lab D. Review local and regional data and report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Leagues, local governments and non-profits, congregations 2. Regional housing groups such as the Partnership for Housing Affordability (RVA), Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, Roanoke Housing Network and Hampton Roads Housing Consortium. 3. Survey local Leagues for priority needs. E. Name the problem and identify the scope of study F. Draft Needs/Resources Section of Report.
Feb - April 2020	PHASE II – Identify Findings for Concurrence or Consensus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Interview State policymakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VHDA 2. DHCD 3. Housing Virginia B. Interview State advocacy groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Virginia Housing Alliance (VHA) 2. VPLC 3. HOME C. Interview State industry groups, such as the Virginia Apartment Managers Association D. Summarize findings and have AHSC determine issues for concurrence vs consensus.

	E. Prepare Findings report: could be concurrence where AHSC presents position or could be consensus where there is more than one side and debate with various solutions.
May - Dec 2020	PHASE III – Conduct Local League Education A. Send Findings Report to State and local leagues- request to be included at their annual meeting. B. Educate local Leagues: 1. Present Findings Report to local Leagues – at annual meetings, if possible. 2. Encourage Leagues to conduct affordable housing forums on suggested topics with suggested speakers and provide help as needed. 3. Encourage local League members to read background information highlighted in Findings Report 4. Reach out to Leagues with questions. C. Request local League hold consensus meetings in November after elections. D. Receive local Leagues responses by end of year.
Jan 2021 - June 2021	PHASE IV –Finalize Study Report, Conduct Public Education and Awareness Campaign and State Approval at Convention A. Finalize Study Report in January. B. Submit Report and Concurrence/Consensus Statement package to LWV-VA Board March 1 st deadline to be approved at June 6 th meeting. C. Include report, Concurrence/Consensus Statement (Statement becomes the LWV-VA position upon adoption), pro/con list, a “Position-in-brief” Abstract and questions for deliberation and discussion in Convention package to be approved at Convention in June. D. In Spring of 2021, working with local Leagues, plan and conduct 3 to 4 regional forums on specific housing topics related to recommendations in Study Report, and consider a Video Project at State or local levels. E. Participate in planning Convention Agenda in order to include Housing topics for education purposes