

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BAY AREA



LWVBA Mission-Vision (ILO)
*Monitors, educates, and advocates
League positions in regional
context: observing regional
planning and governance and
reviewing how decision-making
impacts communities, addresses
systemic inequities, and promotes
transparency, financial
accountability and inclusive
participation.*

Agenda

LWVBA Board Meeting—Monday, May 20, 2024, 6 pm

1: Approve minutes—past

2. Review-Discuss June 14 Biennial Convention-Agenda and proposed actions: Action if needed for Convention Kit

3. Action: Discuss Proposed Program—Issues of Emphasis—Approve and/or Amend as necessary: as follows

**The Board of LWV Bay Area recommends the following
Issues of Emphasis for 2024-2026**

- 1. Support the implementation of sustainable, integrated regional governing policies and practices that recognize the interdependence of environmental, social, health, and economic impacts, and provide for long term protection of natural and social resources.**
- 2. Advocate how agencies address the interrelated regional issues of housing, transportation, conservation of natural and agricultural landscapes, climate change/sea level rise, social and healthy community equity, in a truly integrated and holistic fashion.**
- 3. Extend Regional Government and Planning Study one year to engage and build position consensus with Leagues**

4: Action: Approve expanding the Current Expansion of LWVBA Social Policy-Housing and put before the Leagues for Concurrence-Approval

The following for your approval is what is being proposed in Biennial Convention Kit:

Concurrence: with League of Women Voters San Diego Region Housing Action Policy Goals—Expansion of LWVBA Social Policy-Housing

CONCURRENCE: Agreement by League members with a position/policy/study on an issue reached by a small group of members or by another League. Concurrence is the act of agreeing with—or concurring with—a statement of position. A decision-making technique used by the League, concurrence can work several ways. Groups of League members or League boards can concur with 1) recommendations of a resource committee or a unit group; 2) decision statements formulated by League boards; or, 3) positions reached by another League or Leagues.

The following Housing Action Policy Goals is being proposed from LWV San Diego Region study with in depth review and discussion by Leagues-Santa Clara County Council Housing Committee for addition to LWVBA Positions on Social Policy-Housing. Review the LWV San Diego Regional study on Housing Action Policy

Proposal: Add the LWV San Diego Region Housing Action policy goals to LWVBA current Social Policy-Housing Position

League of Women Voters, San Diego Region HOUSING ACTION POLICY Adopted May 2021

Study in Brief:

The League of Women Voters of San Diego and North County San Diego recognized that the price and availability of housing can profoundly affect the public's well-being, and the region's quality of life and vitality. The League supports housing as a basic human need and fundamental component of the region's infrastructure. To implement the League's housing position this action policy study outlined goals, strategies and steps to create and preserve housing for all income levels as a foundation for all other economic and social activities. Justifying these actions are national, state, regional, and city League positions as described in the full comprehensive study: [Link here to full 13 page study](#):

The Housing Action Policy supports these overall goals:

- 1. Create a sufficient affordable housing supply** and livable communities for people of all income levels, distributed throughout the region.
- 2. Preserve existing affordable housing** by advocating for preservation incentives, fair tenant and landlord protections, and strategies to address displacement and gentrification.
- 3. Safeguard equal, equitable, and fair opportunity of access to housing and remedy discriminatory housing practices** by advocating for government action at all levels.
- 4. Promote the use of available and underutilized land resources** in compact development patterns that discourage urban sprawl, match jobs and housing, and reduce vehicle miles traveled.
- 5. Advocate for climate action plans and goals** by locating housing near transit and major employment centers, and by the use of sustainable materials and energy sources.
- 6. Influence community actions that strengthen the link between housing and health, safety, and well-being**, especially when housing costs are 30% or more of a household's income.
- 7. Promote, maintain, and improve existing infrastructure** to fairly distribute costs and amenities to safeguard and benefit the quality of life of all communities.
- 8. Educate the public** about the link between affordable housing and the economic vitality of the region, and how affordable housing developments are designed, maintained, and managed according to accepted standards

SOCIAL POLICY - HOUSING (Updated 5/2000)

Support a regional housing plan that provides for balanced and equitable housing throughout the region

Support federal and state legislation that facilitates the implementation of regional housing goals

Support a regional fair share housing plan as part of the broader comprehensive regional plan

1. Place special emphasis, consistent with compact growth principles, on local efforts to meet needs for very-low-to-moderate-income housing
2. State and regional guidelines for local policies that promote:
 1. higher density housing
 2. inclusionary zoning
 3. mixed-use housing
 4. housing near transit
 5. incentives for development of affordable housing

6. incentives for rehabilitation of existing housing stock
 7. clarity and consistency in the development process
 8. emphasis on good design, maintenance and management of subsidized housing
 9. retention of subsidized housing as affordable housing
3. Requirement that major new commercial and industrial developments assist in providing housing for the jobs created by such developments
 4. Establishment of a regional trust fund for the funding of needed housing development throughout the region

5: Action: Discuss roles during Biennial Convention and Assign

All these actions will finalize Convention Kit to be sent out by May 22, 2024 to meet the necessity of 20 day notification.

Biennial Convention: zoom on June 14, 11:30-2:00