

Making Democracy Work in Criminal Justice

LWVUS Virtual Caucus - June 24, 2020, 7pm ET/4pm PT

 [Recording of the caucus on YouTube](#) 

[PDF of slides](#)

Agenda

(and relevant documents)

Caucus Guidelines

- **Please be on time to avoid being locked out of the Caucus.** (We can only allow 500 participants to the meeting. And we have approved so far 537 registrants.)
- This caucus will be recorded and shared with Caucus registrants and LWV-US.
- All participants will be muted by default.
- Please stay muted.
 - Image: [How to mute/unmute on Zoom.](#)
- Only during small group discussions will attendees be unmuted.
- Type question and comments into the Chat box.
 - Image: [Where the chat button is located.](#)
 - Moderators will read questions from the Zoom chat.

Item 1. INTRODUCTION

Maxine Anderson, LWV-CA Criminal Justice Committee

- [Say Their Names](#)
- [LWV-CA Criminal Justice webpage](#)
- [LWV-CA National Survey on Criminal Justice](#)
- [LWV-US Impact on Issues 2018-2020](#)
- [LWV-US Clearinghouse of studies and research](#) (Index of all state and local positions)
 - [Index of state and local Criminal Justice positions](#) (Only shows submitted positions, if your Criminal Justice position/study is missing, please get your League to submit it following instructions here: [How to Submit a Study or Position - Clearinghouse](#))
- [State Leagues with positions on Juvenile Justice](#)
- [State Leagues with positions on Criminal Justice](#)
- [Criminal Justice Position](#)

Item 2. CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Ashley Raveche, LWV-CA Criminal Justice Committee

- What we learned

- [Diversity, equity, and inclusion \(DEI\) policy](#) (LWV)
 - [Awake to Woke to Work - Organizational Adoption of Social Equity](#)
 - [Language Matters](#)
- Voting Rights
 - [California ACA-6 Free the Vote](#)
 - [Disenfranchisement and Rights Restoration: Spotlight on States](#) (The Appeal)
 - [Felony Disenfranchisement: A Primer](#) (Sentencing Project)
 - [New Face of Suffrage](#)
 - [Free the Vote](#) (Initiate Justice)
 - [Voting in Jails](#) (Sentencing Project)
- Use of Force
 - [California AB 392 Use of Force](#)
 - [National Conversation on Force](#)
 - Case Study - LWV Central New Mexico - Karen Douglas, LWV-Central NM
 - [LWV-Central NM Criminal Justice Reform](#)
 - [The Peace Act](#) HR 4359
- Alternatives to Incarceration
 - [Care First. Jails Last Health and Racial Justice Strategies for Safer Communities \(Los Angeles County Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group Final Report\)](#)
 - Case Study - LWV Montana - Roxanne Klingensmith, LMV-MT
 - [LWV-Montana Criminal Justice Study](#)
 - [LWV-Montana Criminal Justice Position](#)
- COVID-19 and Incarceration
 - [Covid-19's Impact on People in Prison](#) (Equal Justice Initiative)
 - [A State-by-State Look at Coronavirus in Prisons](#) (The Marshall Project)
 - [Coronavirus VIII: Prisons & Jails: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver \(HBO\)](#)
- LWV-US Urgent Resolution
 - Updated version: [Resolution on Racial Justice FINAL June 23 2020](#) (with all the state/local league supporters listed)
 - June 27, 2020, [Convention Schedule](#) pg.3

Item 3. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (Zoom recording will be paused)

- [Shared Google Doc:](#)
 - If your group does not have an assigned note-taker, you and your group will have to assign a note-taker amongst yourselves..
- Discussion Questions:
 - How can we address the devastating impact of a system of justice that produces different outcomes if you are wealthy, able bodied, straight, white, or poor, disabled, queer, a person of color?
 - What is your League doing now?
 - What would you like to see your League accomplish?
 - What's your next step?

Item 4. OBSERVER CORPS

Jennifer Wong, LWV-CA Criminal Justice Committee

- [Observer Corps Slides](#)
- [LWVUS Observer Corps Tips](#)
- [LWVUS Observer Corps Handbook “Observing Your Government in Action”](#)
- [LWVUS United Nations Observers Criminal Justice Handout](#)
- [Observer Corps in League Facebook Group](#)
- [Observer Corps Trainings Schedule](#) - register for upcoming trainings
- [Observer Corps Info Survey](#) - tell us what you're doing in your League

Item 5. Q&A

- Due to the 500+ registered attendees, we will not be able to queue people to ask questions. Please type your questions into the Zoom chat box and a moderator will read the question.

Item 6. Next Steps

- Implement Observer Corps Program
- Connect with your state & local Leagues, and those personally impacted by the justice system
- Connect with people listed in our caucus directory (coming soon!)
- Delegates vote for the Urgent Resolution (June 27, 2020, [Convention Schedule](#) pg.3)
- Look for the next webinar

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Resources

- [National Engagement Criminal Justice | MyLO](#)
- [LWVUS Responds to Police Killing of George Floyd](#)
- LWV-CA used “[concurrence](#)” to establish their Criminal Justice position, but it may be more flexible than the policy your League uses (we highly recommend it) and [Background Information](#) based on research into existing positions and studies around the country, as well as non-League research.
- [California local League Criminal Justice Toolkit](#)

Additional Resources - that these have not been vetted by LWV California but we have found them useful

- [New Era of Public Safety](#) (toolkit)
- [Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing](#) (US DOJ, 2015)
- [UCLA study on Lexipol](#) - private company with a national presence that sells policies to law enforcement agencies. Note: their use-of-force policy is not compliant with California AB 392.
- [Prison Policy Initiative](#)
- [Who Pays? The True Cost of Incarceration on Families](#) (Ella Baker Center, 2015)

- [Rethinking Policing Series: Activism and Reform](#) (Georgetown Law)

Questions?

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