

State Program Planning Materials for 2019-2021 Biennium

The League advocates from its national and state positions. Local Leagues are encouraged to advocate at a local level using national and state positions, as well as any local positions. Every two years prior to our state convention the LWVMI Board reviews our state positions and determines whether any existing positions need revision or any new studies are needed in order to meet our current or upcoming advocacy needs.

It is also beneficial for all local Leagues to review our state positions prior to convention time. This is a way for old and new members to appreciate the positions the state League already has. A similar review is done of all national positions prior to the LWVUS convention.

We have found that sometimes we are not able to advocate on a particular piece of state legislation because we don't have a position or our position is out of date. For example, at the 2017 convention we agreed to revisit our Agricultural Migrant/Seasonal Worker position in anticipation that legislation regarding requirements for driver's licenses and/or IDs would be forthcoming. In earlier years, the state Board recommended studies on Redistricting (2011), Education (2013), and Taxation and Budgeting (2015). These studies were also adopted at conventions. Having a relevant position allows the League to testify regarding bills and engage in other advocacy.

We seek your input regarding existing positions. We also wish to hear your ideas as to whether there is a need for a new topic to be studied in order for the League to take action. Positions for LWVUS are available in Impact on Issues at <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/other-issues-tools/impact-issues-2016-2018-online-edition> and LWVMI are at <http://lwvmi.org/positions.html>

We suggest the following framework for your review and input:

- Schedule a meeting of the board, invite members to attend;
- Review the state positions;
- Use the Easy Program Planning Guide to keep track of your conclusions;
- Return the Easy Planning Guide and State Program Planning Form by March 1, 2019.

If your local League believes that any current state position is not adequate to meet your local advocacy needs, and there is no national position that may be used, then you may propose:

- (1) an update of a current position;
- (2) a new study; or
- (3) adoption of a new position by concurrence.

All LWVMI positions are on the LWVMI.org website.

In March, after reviewing the feedback and/or proposals submitted by local Leagues, the state Board will vote on a recommended Program to be considered by the delegates at the 2019 State Convention.

Local League proposals that are not recommended by the state Board may still be voted upon at Convention. A 2/3-majority vote is required to adopt a "non-recommended" study or to adopt a new position by concurrence. Those proposals must be sent to the LWVMI by March 1 and then to all local Leagues by April 5, 2019.

Questions should be directed to Marian Kromkowski, LWVMI VP for Program at mfkrom@gmail.com

The steps you are asked to follow are these. Note: Program Planning is done best by including local LWV members in the discussion.

- 1) Review the existing LWVMI positions.
- 2) Do a preliminary analysis by using the Easy Program Planning Guide for 2019 LWVMI Convention. Check Retain or Update
- 3) Answer the following questions:
 - a) Would your League like to propose an update of a current LWVMI position in order to take action?
Yes (Please complete the response form for a study update)
No
 - b) Would your League like to propose a new study in order to take action?
Yes (Please complete the response form for a new study)
No
 - c) Would your League like to propose a new position by concurrence in order to take action?
Yes (Please complete the response form for a proposed concurrence)
No

Once completed, save a copy and email **both** the Easy Program Planning Guide for 2019 LWVMI Convention **and** the State Program Planning Form for 2017-2019 Biennium to mfkrom@gmail.com and office@lwvmi.org or complete, print and mail to LWVMI, 600 West St. Joseph St., Suite 3 G, Lansing MI 48933-2288 or fax to 517.484.3086 **by March 1, 2019.**

EASY PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE FOR 2019 LWVMI CONVENTION

Please return by March 1st by email to mfkrom@gmail.com and office@lwvmi.org, by mail to LWVMI, 600 West St. Joseph Dr., Suite 3G, Lansing, MI 48933- 3288 or by fax to 517/484-3086.

Name of League _____, Date _____

of members present at Program Planning review _____

Feel free to add comments for the state board.

Position <i>Please check only those positions you have discussed</i>	Retain as is	Update - only if needed for advocacy
Government		
Redistricting: State Legislature and U.S. Representatives		
Election Laws		
Intergovernmental Relations within Michigan		
Government Finance		
Natural Resources		
Great Lakes Ecosystem		
Land Use		
Pesticides		
Solid Waste Management		
Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's)		
Social Policy		
Children and Youth		
Public Education (pre-K-12) in Michigan		
Health Care		
Social Services System		
Structure and Function of Michigan Public Libraries		
Agricultural Migrant/Seasonal Workers		
Prisons in Michigan		

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State Program Planning Form for 2017-2019 Biennium

Questions regarding the Program Planning and/or the concurrence process may be directed to Marian Kromkowski, VP of Program at mfkrom@gmail.com or by calling her at 231-342-1823.

Name of League _____ Date _____

Would your League like to propose an UPDATE of Current LWVMI Position in order to take action? NO YES

If YES,

1. Position to be updated

2. Rationale for update
 - a. Issues that might be addressed with an updated study

 - b. Community interest

Would your League like to propose a NEW Study in order to take action? NO YES
If YES,

1. Tentative title of New Study

2. Rationale for New Study
 - a. Issues that might be addressed with a new position

 - b. Community interest

 - c. Relevance to LWV's mission and goals

PROPOSED CONCURRENCE

A concurrence is a process by which the LWVMI adopts a position previously studied and then adopted by a local Michigan League. Adopting a state position by concurrence with an already existing local position requires a 2/3 majority vote by the delegates at the convention.

Would your League like to propose a new position by concurrence in order to take action?

NO YES

If YES, there are two procedural requirements:

1. The concurrence form below must be completed and submitted by **March 1, 2019** to mfkrom@gmail.com and office@lwvmi.org, or mailed to LWVMI, 600 West St. Joseph St., Suite 3G, Lansing, MI 48933-2288 or faxed to 517-484-3086.
2. A copy of this form must be sent to all local League presidents **by April 5, 2019** (six weeks prior to Convention, as required by the LWVMI Bylaws).

CONCURRENCE APPLICATION FORM

1. **Title of the position to be adopted by concurrence. Provide a copy of the entire position.**
2. **Source of the position. Provide background as to how the position came to be in your local League.**
3. **Pros for the position**
4. **Cons against the position**
5. **How the position has been applied in your local area**
6. **Rationale for using the concurrence process, as opposed to doing a state wide study of the issue**