

THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI

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2022 Legislative Week Feb. 7-11



Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 11 Brown Bag Lunch and Learn

Mon. Feb. 7, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Inside the Arizona Legislature

Who is Who, How Bills Become Law, Your Voice at the Legislature

Speakers: Jane Ahren, Deputy General Counsel Senior Policy Advisor, Arizona House of Representatives; Jodi Liggett, LWVAZ Professional Lobbyist

Tuesday, Feb 8, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Legislation Targeting Women's Rights/Health

Speakers: Rep. Melody Hernandez; Bre Thomas, AZ Family Health Partnership

Moderators: Alexis Lane, LWVMP member, and Jodi Liggett LWVAZ Professional Lobbyist

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Criminal Justice Reform - Legislation, Prosecutorial Practices and Advocacy

Speakers: Nathan Wade, Legislative Co-Chair, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice; Julie Gunnigle, Legal Director for the Poor People's Campaign, Rep. Alma Hernandez

Moderators: Nancy Hand, LWVGT member and Abdi Lopez, LWVMP member

Friday, Feb. 11, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Mobilizing Advocacy for Defense of Democracy

Voting Rights and Elections Security/Administration, State of Play, 2020 impact, Legislation in 2021 and 2022

Speakers: Katie Hobbs, Arizona Secretary of State; Alex Gulotta, Arizona State Director, All Voting Is Local / All Voting Is Local Action; Joel Edman, Executive Director, Arizona Democracy Research Collaborative

Moderator: Pinny Sheoran, LWVAZ State Advocacy Chair, LWVAZ President-Elect



Thursday, Feb. 10, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LWV AZ Members Lobby day at the Arizona Capitol

Program with Speakers 10:00 a.m. - noon @ Executive Tower Conference Room 3rd floor.

Speakers: Senate President Karen Fann; Senate Minority Leader Rebecca Rios; House Minority Leader Reginald Bolding Jr.; Terry Goddard, President Central Arizona Project Water Board, and Education Leaders



REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

<https://linktr.ee/LWVAZLEGWEEK>

SIGN UP FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE LUNCH AND LEARNS
BY REGISTERING AT: [HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/LWVAZLEGWEEK](https://linktr.ee/LWVAZLEGWEEK)

The LWVAZ Advocacy Team has been working overtime to get the word out about the incredulous election bills this session.

Request to Speak (RTS) is an online real-time system that allows the public to register opinions on bills being heard in committee. You can:

- Indicate whether you are “for” or “against” the bill
- Write a brief comment explaining your position
- Register your willingness to speak (testify) during the committee hearing

We encourage you to use this powerful tool to make your voice heard at the legislature. **If you need an RTS account, please complete this [Google Form](#).**



Local & National Public Policy Position Review

February 2022

An email of the Policy & Position Review PowerPoint will be emailed to all Members
Public Policy Review Meeting by Zoom
February 19, 2022 – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Objective:



Identify and discuss which positions should be revisited (update, restudy, or drop) and identify topics for new studies. We will start off by assuming we wish to retain all studies on both the local and state levels. Discussion is to focus on what we wish to change.

League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County

Public Policy Positions

Meeting Basic Senior Needs

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2002-2003, Revised 2007

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the continuance and introduction of programs and services for seniors in the areas of health, care giving, jobs, recreation/socialization, transportation, and affordable housing to be provided by private and public entities, the goal of these programs and services should be to pursue coordination, build coalitions, educate the public, and to oversee and monitor the process and results.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. Adequate services in the areas of health promotion and wellness, mental health, dental health, and palliative care, accessible to all seniors.
2. Adequate funding for Medicare, AHCCCS and ALTCS to cover comprehensive health services.
3. Medicare funding to be equally distributed between rural and urban areas.
4. Incentives and funding for recruitment, training, and retention of health care providers by private and/or public institutions.
5. Adequate home and community-based caregiving services and programs to ensure the safety of patients and the support for and oversight of care givers.
6. Programs assisting seniors to update and enhance job and business skills, providing incentives for employers to utilize, train and incorporate seniors into the workforce, and for seniors to engage in entrepreneurial pursuits.
7. Adequate funds to develop community centers for seniors as focal points to provide information/referral services, socialization and recreation, nutrition, education counseling, and other professional services, physical services programs, and/or transportation to community services not on site.
8. An adequately funded, reliable public and/or private regional transit system.
9. A regional housing agency providing and administering affordable housing for seniors by planning, developing new housing, and rehabilitating existing housing units.
10. A continuous source of funding for housing and home repair to meet the needs of low-income elderly, rural residents.
11. A central information referral system.

WATER

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 1999
and Revised in 2006

Summary Statement:

The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the effective use of water and effluent, controlled development, and use of alternative water sources (all sources other than ground water) increased water conservation, education, and cooperation of communities in Central Yavapai County.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. Public and private accountability of water usage and conservation.
2. Acquisition and development of water and sewage systems by local government.
3. Taxes and cost reduction incentives, which result in water conservation and effluent reuse.
4. The study, development of alternative water sources when effective use of available effluent has been made.
5. Public education that communicates the need for conservation and the results of regional water studies.
6. The regulation and effective use of effluent for recharge and direct public use.
7. Measures that stress or require water conservation in the planning and conversion of developments.
8. The cooperation of communities within Central Yavapai County.
9. The attainment of safe yield in the Prescott Active Management Area no later than 2025.

Juvenile Justice and Social Issues

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2001

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the continuance and introduction of programs for children (birth to age 18) in the areas of health, mental health, care, and supervision that are provided by parents, public, and voluntary agencies. These programs must be funded, timely, appropriate, coordinated, available, and accessible by public transportation.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. Funding of all mandated health, inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse programs for underinsured and uninsured children.
2. Preventive and treatment programs for children in health, mental health care and substance abuse that are easily accessible, timely and appropriate.
3. Program of parent education and involvement, both in groups and individually, providing understanding of parenting skills, health and mental health of children and youth, sex education programs, educational programs for pregnant teenagers, teen development programs and classes in parenting skills.
4. Employment of at least one counselor in each school to address students' needs and act as a resource to families and staff. In addition, schools are encouraged to provide sex education programs, educational programs for pregnant teenagers, teen development programs and classes in parenting skills.
5. Programs that provide protection and services to children. Such programs must be easily accessible by citizens and professionals, provide sufficient foster home placements for children and juveniles with different needs, enforce state laws, provide shelters for youths and stipends for older teens.
6. Recreational programs and after-school programs for children. In addition, teenagers must have access to locations offering information on teenage employment, community service, shelters, mentoring programs, medical services, and distribution of food.
7. Community diversion programs and counselors available to school, police departments and other public and voluntary agencies.
8. Court coordinated community programs (such as Drug Court).
9. Policies and programs which treat all juvenile offenders with special consideration to age-appropriate needs for mental and physical health care and treatment, safety and protection, and education with emphasis on rehabilitative services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2007

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports the establishment of an affordable and accessible regional public transportation system to serve the needs of residents and visitors in Central Yavapai County.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports:

1. A public transportation system, which meets the needs of “transportation dependent” residents and visitors, such as disabled, homebound, low-income workers and residents, non-driving seniors and youth. In addition, the system provides options for workers, shoppers, tourists, and students.
2. A public transportation system based on existing research results, environmental impact, demographics, population density, community support and cost/benefit analysis.
3. A regional transportation authority.
4. The establishment of a regional transportation system beginning with intercommunity service between the quad cities, to be followed by expansion of intra-community service and eventually extending the intercommunity corridor within Central Yavapai County.
5. A transportation system which stimulates economic development through improving mobility of workforce, creating jobs, reducing traffic congestion, improving traffic safety, extending longevity of road infrastructure, increasing consumer activity, improving access to educational opportunities, attracting retirees, and enhancing community business image.
6. A regional public transportation system which is funded by all appropriate federal, state, and local grants and resources including use of lottery money, a dedicated tax, fare box recovery, advertisement, and public/private partnerships.
7. An accessible and affordable regional public transportation system, the accountability of which is reviewed periodically against updated research, environmental impact, ongoing cost/benefit analysis, ridership, and community support.
8. A public transportation system that is integrated with other aspects of the inter-modal transportation network, such as carpools, agency vans, bike lanes, and park and ride facilities.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

LWVCYC Membership Adopted 2006,

Revised 2007

Summary Statement: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County encourages and supports affordable housing for the workforce that provides vital community services in the areas of education, health care, public safety, and retailing.

Position: The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County supports continuance of existing development policies and introduction of additional new development policies that result in:

1. timely decisions on new development to minimize financing costs
2. local officials working with developers on development agreements that include incentives for diversity of zoning
3. variety in housing density and a reduction of exclusionary zoning which limits buyer’s choices
4. diversity of zoning that includes rental housing
5. housing within redevelopment projects
6. annexation development agreements which feature inclusive zoning
7. aggressively seeking companies whose wage rates relate to housing costs in the quad-city area



League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County
MEMBER WORKSHEET FOR LOCAL AND NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY REVIEW
FEBRUARY 2022

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For each position statement title, use these numbers to indicate what you wish to see be changed.

1 = UPDATE 2 = RESTUDY 3 = DROP

LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS (readopted annually at the LWVCYC Annual Meeting)

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Workforce Housing _____

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Transportation _____

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Recommendation for New Local Study

Describe and explain why: _____

Programs You Would Like Our League to Present In '22 - '23

NATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS (readopted every two years at National Convention)

Recommended Program: The Campaign for Making Democracy Work®

The LWVUS Board recommends that Program 2022-2024 continue the Campaign for Making Democracy Work® with Leagues throughout the country working on:

- **Voting Rights**
- **Improving Elections**
- **Money in Politics**
- **Redistricting**

Agree or Disagree? _____

Check up to 3 Topics you'd like the National League Focus on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen's Right to Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apportionment | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Participation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Redistricting | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Policies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money in Politics (Formerly Campaign Finance) | <input type="checkbox"/> Equality of Opportunity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selection of the President | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Representation/Electoral Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen's Right to Know/Citizen Participation | <input type="checkbox"/> Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Amendment Proposals | <input type="checkbox"/> Pay Equity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Conventions | <input type="checkbox"/> Equal Rights for Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Liberties | <input type="checkbox"/> Same Gender Equality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy on Reproductive Choices | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congress | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Role in Public Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Presidency | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privatization | <input type="checkbox"/> Funding of Entitlements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United Nations | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developing Countries | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Basic Human Needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arms Control | <input type="checkbox"/> Income Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military Policy and Defense Spending | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Supply |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Federal Public Lands | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Intervention for Children at Risk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Gun Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Death Penalty |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sentencing Policy |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Trafficking |

RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW NATIONAL STUDY

Describe and explain why

Your name:

Contact information:

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS www.lwv.org

LWVAZ www.lwvaz.org

LWVCYC www.lwvcyc.org

- ★ We recommend you check out these websites —lots of great information to help you with learning about the League of Women Voters.
- ★ Our website includes current and past Voters, an Elected Official Guide and more!

We are also on Facebook and Twitter
—if you'd like to follow us!



Help us **Get out the Vote for 2021!**

**Join the Board
as Voter Service Director!**

Become a Voter Registration
Volunteer



LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION 2021-2022

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 16 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. Dues for 2021-2022 cover payment for local (\$15.00), state (\$13), and national (\$32.00) memberships.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Note type of membership, and make check to "LWVCYC" - or pay online with Pay Pal at LWVCYC.org

_____ \$60/yr Individual Membership _____ \$40/yr for members under 40

_____ \$90/yr Household Membership _____ **Free** for students under 26

Plus, suggested donation:

\$ _____ Contribution to our local League (not tax deductible)

\$ _____ *Contribution to LWVAZ Education Fund (tax deductible)

* Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund must be made by *separate check*, to preserve tax deductibility. These donations support our webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

Please include this form with your check New member _____ or Renewal _____

Please mail this form and all checks to: LWVCYC, PO Box 11538, Prescott, AZ 86304

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please drop your check in the mail along with the form above.