



# Bulletin

" . . . we are going to be a semi-political body. In that body we have got to be non-partisan and all-partisan."  
~Carrie Chapman Catt, 1920

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## Meeting and Event Information

### Lunch with LWV

Friday 19 January Guest: Indra Frank, M.D.  
Noon, Double Eagle Cafeteria,  
Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian

### General Meeting

Saturday 27 January State and Local Program Review  
10 A.M. to 1 P.M. North UMC, 3808 N. Meridian  
Lunch provided. See page 2 for details.

### "Prevention Now!" Rally

Thursday 8 February Indiana Statehouse, 11:15 A.M.  
See page 4 for details.

### General Meeting

Thursday 22 February Immigration Program, Attorney Angela Iza  
7 P.M. North UMC, 3808 N. Meridian  
See page 2 for details.

### Collaboration Lunch – With AAUW and Church Women United

Thursday 15 March Dr. Eugene White, Superintendent of IPS  
10:45 A.M. North UMC, 3808 N. Meridian  
See page 2 for details.

### Future Lunches with LWV

Friday 16 February Guests to be announced  
Friday 20 April Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian

### Future LWV-Indianapolis Board Meetings

Wednesday 7 February 7 P.M. North UMC, 3808 N. Meridian  
Wednesday 7 March  
Wednesday 4 April

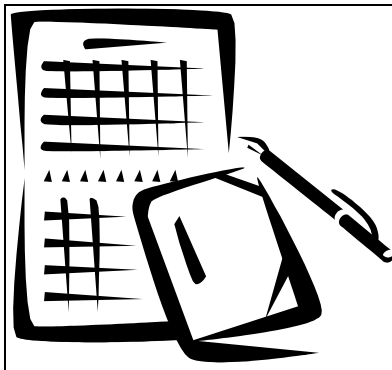
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## **LWV General Meeting: Saturday, 27 January 2007 Lunch and Discussion: State and Local Program Review**

Each year, LWV reviews either its national position or its state and local positions. As part of that experience, we decide to recommend keeping each position, updating it, restudying the topic, or dropping the position. This year, we review state and local positions.

Materials for your perusal begin on page 7 of this publication. Please read them, mark the grids with your own views and/or questions, and bring the materials to North UMC's parlor at 10 A.M. on Saturday 27, to discuss the positions and their possible adjustments. If you are wintering in Florida – or for some other reason absolutely cannot make it – you are invited to mail your views to the LWV address for inclusion in our report.

The LWV-Indianapolis Board will provide a delicious soup lunch for participants, so, after the talking and decision-making, you are invited to eat and visit.



### **Mark your calendar:**

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 10 am**

**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm**

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 10:45 am**

## **LWV General Meeting: Thursday, 22 February 2007 Immigration Program**

Immigration has been a topic of particular national concern for the past several years. Laws have changed, and, in the wake of those changes, backlogs of unattended cases have accumulated. Legislators argue over whether to build fences, cut quotas, increase quotas, eliminate quotas, etc. Angela Iza, an attorney with a local firm specializing in immigration law, will help Leaguers understand the basics of current immigration law. With luck, we may have some other immigration experts (from the Mexican embassy) available that evening, too. On top of all that, Tracy Heaton promises Mexican snacks. Join us at 7 P.M., at North UMC, 3808 N Meridian (where there is guarded parking) to hear, ask, and learn.

## **Collaboration Lunch Meeting: Thursday, 15 March 2007**

In a spirit of collaboration, representatives from American Association of University Women (AAUW), Church Women United (CWU), and League of Women Voters have planned a joint program on 15 March 2007, to highlight the improvement efforts occurring in the Indianapolis Public Schools. Superintendent Dr. Eugene White will speak first, so don't be late. (Lunch will follow.) If you have heard Dr. White, you already know that he is a talented and entertaining speaker who maintains focus on the point of his message. You will appreciate getting to hear about Indianapolis city schools from their top administrator.

The lunch is a pitch-in to which everyone is asked to bring a salad, bread, or dessert to share. At 10:45 that morning, the three planning organizations will have hostesses on hand to register attendees, place foods in safety, etc. Additional women's groups will be invited to participate if they wish. Plan now to take a "long lunch" that day, hear Dr. White, and be a part of the social interactions.

## Illegal Drugs Study/Concurrence To be considered at 27 Jan meeting

At the 27 January program review meeting, we will also be taking some time to consider the statewide concurrence on the subject of illegal drug/methamphetamine use and treatment based on a study and position of LWV-Knox County.

We will be asked to evaluate the following position:

### Concurrence Statement:

The League of Women Voters of Indiana supports collaborative, aggressive, persistent and innovative means to comprehensively address the use and manufacture of dangerous and illegal drugs in our communities.

Specifically, the League of Women Voters of Indiana supports:

- Concerted, comprehensive and cooperative efforts by **law enforcement and the judicial system**, including, but not limited to, prevention and intervention strategies, information coordination and sharing, education program, and resource pooling;
- In conjunction with the LWVUS position on Health Care, **a responsive and accessible system of health care** in our communities to provide necessary and effective treatment for all who suffer from the damaging effects of illegal drug/methamphetamine use and addictions;
- A full continuum of **social services** provided by a broad spectrum of agencies and organizations to complement and supplement prevention and intervention efforts by health care providers, law enforcement agencies and the judicial system;
- The identification of traditional and innovative mechanisms **to adequately fund** the aforementioned prevention and intervention strategies, education programs, information coordination, and support systems to protect our communities from the devastating effects of illegal drug use and manufacture.

As part of the local study of illegal drug and methamphetamine use and treatment in central Indiana, we invited several speakers to summer and fall Lunch with League sessions. In July, we had two law enforcement professionals from Avon along with their trained drug detection dog share with us their experiences around the manufacture of methamphetamine and the impact of some of the new state laws. In August, we had an administrator from Midtown Mental Health discuss with us the difficult issues around addiction and treatment. In September, the Marion County Drug Treatment Court coordinator and a recent graduate from the drug treatment court spoke with us about that program and the struggle with addiction and recovery. Each of these discussions highlighted the hard work and dedication that is being targeted to the problem of illegal drug use and addiction. During the discussions, however, the lack of coordination among the involved areas and groups was also noted. That is the concern that was studied by LWV-Knox County and why we have been asked to consider this proposed state position on illegal drugs.

## A few drug related crime statistics<sup>1</sup>

- Of the 93 homicides investigated by IPD in 2004, 29% were motivated by drugs.
- IPD made 3,646 adult and 334 juvenile drug arrests in 2004. (This increased from 3,012 in 2002 and 3,098 in 2003.)
- A significant number of arrestees tested positive for illegal drugs:

Percent of Adult Arrestees Testing Positive for Drugs, Indianapolis, 2003

	Males	Females
Cocaine	35.3%	55.7%
Opiates	5.1	5.7
Marijuana	44.8	42.0
Methamphetamine	1.9	2.3
Any drug	64.6	75.3
Multiple drugs	22.4	29.9

- In 2003, there were 73 drug-misuse deaths reported by Marion County medical examiners. This does not include 8 drug-related suicides.

<sup>1</sup> Indianapolis, Indiana Profile of Drug Indicators, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse, December 2005.

## Lunch With LWV

**Purpose:**

to inform us as citizens and voters

**Place:**

Double Eagle Café  
inside Scottish Rite Cathedral  
650 N Meridian St, Indianapolis

**Date:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays

**Time:**

12 NOON – 1 P.M.

**Parking:**

Free in the lot west of the building, accessed from North Street

**Plan:**

Come through the cafeteria line any time after 11:30, buy your meal, and join us in the Truman Room to eat, listen, and discuss.

### 19 January 2007

After a December hiatus, LWV will resume its third Friday lunches at Scottish Rite Cathedral on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The next speaker will raise our environmental awareness. Come hear **Indra Frank, M.D.** As a physician, a LWV member, and an Improving Kids' Environment (IKE) board member, she will discuss the threat mercury poses.

## Gratitude for Publicity Help

When David Galvin of the Bartimaeus Group, Inc., attended LWV's west-side forum for General Assembly candidates, he told Lenora Maze that he would be willing to help LWV distribute press releases for its public meetings. As a result, LWV has been able to use Mr. Galvin's professional help for publicizing several events. We extend the League's thanks for his kind assistance.

## Reproductive Rights Update

### SAVE THE DATE!

**WHAT:** "Prevention Now!" Rally

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 8 (Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice brunch at 10:15 a.m. and Rally at 11:15 a.m.)

**WHERE:** Indiana Statehouse, Indianapolis

**WHO:** Sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Indiana and the Health Access and Privacy Alliance of which the LWVIN is a member

The "Prevention Now!" rally is all about shifting the debate away from inflammatory rhetoric to commonsense and mainstream discussions on the prevention of unintended pregnancies.

The rally is in support of a package of legislation called "Prevention First." The three key components of the legislation include:

- 1.) Patient Protection Act (Pharmacies, not pharmacists, must ensure a patient's prescriptions are filled and may not confiscate prescriptions for medications such as birth control and Plan B)
- 2.) Parent's Right to Know Act (Schools must tell parents what is ... and is not ...being taught in sex ed classes)
- 3.) Birth Control Prescription Act (Birth control is not abortion and the state of Indiana will not declare or regulate it as such)

Supporters are encouraged to visit the Planned Parenthood Web site at [www.advocates.ppin.org](http://www.advocates.ppin.org) and follow the links to the rally registration page (registration is appreciated so that proper plans can be made to accommodate the 1000+ attendees we hope to have). Additionally, bus transportation from South Bend, Merrillville, Ft. Wayne, Bloomington, Muncie, Terre Haute, West Lafayette, Evansville, and Madison can be reserved for \$20/per seat.

Lastly, if you would like to become more involved in the planning and coordination of the rally, please contact Erin Kelley at [erinkelley904@hotmail.com](mailto:erinkelley904@hotmail.com) or (317) 923-1008. Media contacts, editorial submissions, flyer distributors, and Statehouse "runners" and info table workers are all needed.

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Leaguers have had opportunity since the fall General Election to at least inhale deeply. In this new year, the Board joins me in hoping that you look forward with warm anticipation to winter and spring League activities! Besides our third Friday lunch meetings, we have three important general meetings on the horizon. On Saturday 27 January, we'll **review** state and local **positions**, discuss possible changes or studies, and enjoy a soup lunch together. The evening of Thursday 22 February, we'll gather to hear **Angela Iza** from Lewis and Kappes, LLP, on the topic of immigration laws and terminology. On Thursday 15 March (instead of Lunch with LWV on that Friday), we'll gather with AAUW and CWU members for a pitch-in lunch at North UMC, and our speaker will be **Dr. Eugene White**, superintendent of the Indianapolis Public Schools. Please save these program dates and plan to attend.

Besides program meetings, some Leaguers will be gathering in committees, either to propose material for the 2007-2008 LWV year, or to create recommendations (nominees, budget, bylaws) for our Annual Meeting in late May. If one of us has not approached you, but you are interested in a more active LWV role in the months ahead, please talk to a board member. We are eager to include all who are interested!

Faithfully,  
Karen Kay

## Dues

Please be sure to send in your membership check *this week* if it was due in November. (Check your mailing label.) For per-member-payment purposes, each League must file its official membership list with LWV-US by the end of January.

## Thanks for your help and participation last fall!

If you were an actor in any of the meetings or events below, LWV thanks you, whether you were part of the planning, part of the program, or part of the audience. We had an informative and active sequence of activities, and we appreciate everyone's participation.

October –

- Lunch with LWV - with James Greeson, IPD Fire Chief
- Candidate Forum I - State Representative and State Senate positions
- Candidate Forum II - State Representative and State Senate Candidate positions
- General Meeting – with Mike Cunegin, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Candidate Forum III- Clerk of the District Court position

November -

- Pre-election – “Remember to Vote” sign distribution and display
- Election Day - Regular Election Workers, Emergency Inspectors, and Non-Partisan Poll Watchers
- Election Reprise - with John Ketzenberger of the *Indianapolis Star*
- Lunch with LWV - with Thor Miller of the Indiana Parole Board

## LWV on County Clerk's Transition Team

President Karen Kay Leonard is serving on the transition team appointed by Beth White, newly elected Clerk of the Circuit Court (*aka* County Clerk). As a part of the elections subcommittee, Karen Kay would appreciate your suggestions (emanating from recent experience) for improvement of election worker recruitment, worker training, or polling place practices in Marion County.

## Tribute to Jane Fribley

The Indianapolis League has lost a dedicated member, who was a charter member of the Anderson, IN League. Jane worked tirelessly for women's rights and other social justice issues, starting with the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1977, and continuing with her work to establish living will laws, property and inheritance reforms, and shelters for abused women. Her many other achievements included leadership positions in many religious and women's rights organizations, including Church Women United and the Indiana Women's History Association.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Indiana Historical Society, specified for the Indiana Women's History Association, P.O. Box 1885, Indianapolis, 46206.

## Rejection of Indiana Voter ID Law Appeal

After passage of Indiana's Voter ID law, several groups coalesced to oppose the law on the grounds of its disenfranchising effect upon the poor, the frail, and the elderly. LWV-IN and LWV-Indianapolis filed *amicus* briefs in that initial protest. Following Judge Sarah Evans Barker's decision (in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division) upholding the law, an appeal was argued on 18 October 2006 in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (Chicago) before Posner, Evans, and Sykes, Circuit Judges. Subsequently, they upheld Judge Barker's judgment in their decision, announced on 4 January 2007. The American Civil Liberties Union plans to file a petition for rehearing.

## Legislative Action Network

On November 18, 2006 the LWV-Indiana (LWVIN) Legislative Action Network Training Day was held at the LWVIN office in downtown Indianapolis. Attending from LWV-Indy were Harriet Wilkins, Lettie Oliver and Ada Shaum.

LWVIN created the Legislative Action Network to accomplish the legislative agenda of the LWVIN. The Network consists of the Coordinator, Paulette Vandegriff, Issue Advocates and Local League Advocates as well as a Communications Specialist.

LWV-Indy members participating in the Network are Issue Advocates, Lettie Oliver, Phyllis Nieske and Erin Kelley, a Local League Liaison, Ada Shaum, and a Communication Specialist, Harriet Wilkins.

Priorities set by the LWVIN Board of Directors for the 2007 Legislative Session include:

### Tier I Priorities

- Mandatory Kindergarten
- Health & Management of Lake Michigan
- Reproductive Rights & Sexuality Education
- Election Processes

### Tier II Priorities

- Health Care
- Redistricting
- Judicial Selection
- Privatization
- Watch List
- Tax Issues

The Legislative Action Network will communicate with General Assembly members regarding LWV issues in a coordinated manner. However, it is important that the personal communication from LWV members in support of League issues be transmitted to GA members in a timely way also. LWV-Indy members will be informed by email alerts as well the Bulletin. If anyone would like to receive alerts in a special way such as by phone, please call Ada Shaum at Tel. 353-8050 or email [ada1834@earthlink.net](mailto:ada1834@earthlink.net).

\*Portions of information taken from Legislative Action Network training materials.

# State and Local Program Review Materials

## League of Women Voters of Indiana

### BRIEF STATEMENT OF POSITIONS

#### **Election Procedures**

Support of simplified election procedures and training of election officials.

#### **Poll Workers**

Support of efforts to recruit, train, and fairly compensate adequate numbers of poll workers.

#### **Election Recounts**

Support of recount procedures which are equally available, specific, and uniform.

#### **Nomination of Candidates**

Support of the open primary system and the direct primary nomination of the Governor and U.S. Senators.

#### **Voter Registration**

Support of laws which make registration and voting more accessible. Support of the implementation of the National Voter Registration Act.

#### **Redistricting**

Support of our national position and of equal populations for county commissioner districts.

#### **Local Government**

Support of a system of state-local relations which gives local units of government (county, city, town, and in some instances townships) freedom to deal with local problems within broad guidelines established on the state level.

#### **Local Government Finance**

Support of passage of enabling legislation to allow cities, counties, and towns a variety of taxing options or alternatives for revenues for financing local governmental operations.

#### **Motor Vehicle Licensing System**

Support of state operation of the motor vehicle licensing system, with guidelines to establish standards for operation, full disclosure of all collections and disbursements, and periodic auditing.

#### **Property Tax Exemption**

Support of fair and equitable property tax exemption system.

#### **Tax System**

Support of a broad-based, equitable, efficiently administered tax system which provides adequate revenue for Indiana's budgetary needs.

#### **School Finance**

Support of funding equal access to basic, high quality education for all Indiana children and recognition of state responsibility for attaining this goal.

#### **Juvenile Justice**

Support of rehabilitation and treatment as the primary goals of the juvenile justice system, and support of specific measures to achieve these goals.

#### **Pre-trial Release**

Support of pre-trial release that employs alternative release methods before resorting to financial security. If financial security is necessary to ensure appearance for trial, support of the availability of a minimum 10% bail system in all courts in the state of Indiana.

#### **Unified Courts and Merit Selection**

Support of a unified court system for Indiana and of merit selection of judges.

#### **Children at Risk**

Support of LWV national position and of intervention on behalf of children at risk, including specific measures to achieve these goals.

#### **Domestic Violence**

Support of LWV national position and of various means, especially legal procedures, to combat the problem of domestic violence.

#### **General Assistance**

Support of a state-administered program and of state standards for eligibility, benefits, accessibility, and appeals, as well as a program which is adequately and equitably financed.

**Health Care**

Support of LWV national position and of public funding for health care for the poor. Support of state standards for public health departments, nursing homes, and alternative facilities. Support of public funding for health care services in the home and community, including long-term care.

**Hazardous Waste Management**

Support of LWV national position and of continued monitoring of the management of hazardous wastes in Indiana, as well as of the federal laws and regulations which affect our state.

**Last Updated: January 28, 2005**

# League of Women Voters of Indianapolis

## SUPPORT POSITIONS

### Government

#### *Urban Region* (Adopted April 1997)

Support of regional cooperation and government mechanisms to (1) eliminate fiscal disparities and (2) improve the economy and quality of life for all citizens, as the region participates in a global marketplace.

Promote energy-efficient and environmentally sound regional transportation, especially mass transit systems, that improve the well-being of cities and other communities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

#### Metropolitan Government

The LWV-Indianapolis supports a metropolitan government which is representative of and responsive to all citizens.

Support of representative and responsive metropolitan government with a single legislative body and a "strong" Mayor system.

1. A single legislative body with a majority of its members elected from single-member districts, the remainder at large.
2. A "strong" mayor system – a deputy mayor or deputy mayors, who will be appointed by the mayor and serve at his/her pleasure, trained and experienced in management for efficient, productive government. (A "strong" mayor is elected separately on the ballot, has power of veto, power to appoint with approval of the Council, primary responsibility for preparation of the budget, and policy-making authority.)

#### *Planned Community* (Adopted January 1972)

Support of a planned community with stringent control of use variances.

If any variances are allowed, there should be: careful choice of and mandatory training for variance board members, and rules of procedure designed for maximum communication among all affected parties. The Director of Planning and Zoning should be able to appeal any decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Metropolitan Development Commission.

#### *Downtown Development* (Adopted May 1983)

Support use of public funds and incentives for development and preservation in the regional center (downtown) according to certain criteria and with adequate opportunity for public discussion and evaluation. The LWV-Indianapolis supports the expenditure of public funds for downtown development.

While a balance of spending on human resources is important, the League supports some investment of public monies for regional center development and preservation, as long as the investment meets the following criteria:

- maintains or improves the quality of life in downtown Indianapolis
- maximizes both public benefits and cost effectiveness
- maintains or improves environmental quality
- promotes desirable social and economic impacts

Before public hearings for citizen comment on proposals are held, and before proposals are approved, public information on the proposals' objectives, costs, benefits, and market feasibility should be made available for citizen examination.

In order to evaluate the incentives used, the city should maintain records (and publish them periodically) in those cases involving public-private partnership. A record of employment created also should be made public at established intervals.

In assessing whether or not to expend public funds, the incidence (who pays ultimately) of a tax, the effect on the tax base, and the fairness to various taxing districts should be considered.

While the League supports the creation of a special body to administer and develop Enterprise Zones, that body should not have power to override the City-County Council.

The goals of downtown development should be to:

1. create and maintain jobs
2. expand the tax base
3. bring money into the community from the outside
4. produce ripple or multiplier effects
5. encourage energy efficiency
6. increase efficiency of services
7. bring people downtown
8. provide cultural and educational opportunities and other amenities
9. improve physical conditions
10. rehabilitate distressed areas
11. provide housing for a range of incomes
12. preserve historic and architectural artifacts
13. provide public facilities
14. encourage public transportation

**Council Districting** (Adopted October 1970; updated December 1984)

Support of Council districting plans that apply fairly the criteria of the Unigov law, protect representation from special service districts, and recognize neighborhoods.

1. All criteria specified in the Unigov law should be applied fairly in drawing of district lines, namely that, insofar as it is practicable, districts should be equal in population, compact in configuration, subject to natural boundaries, and lie entirely inside or entirely outside a special service district.
2. Every voter living inside a special service district should be represented on that special district's council.
3. High priority should be given to drawing council district lines so as to protect the integrity of special service districts and prevent substantial dilution of voting rights and political power of those within the special service districts.
4. Insofar as requirements of law permit, districts should be drawn in such a way as to permit neighborhoods to reflect their identities in their choice of councillors.

**Schools**

**Optional Schools** (Adopted April 1977)

Support educational options which are within the law, are educationally sound, and provide for involvement of parents, students, teachers, and administrators.

1. Within the limitations of state law and court orders, all parents, students, and teachers should have the opportunity to choose among educational options offered.
2. The offered options should be educationally sound and significantly different from each other. All children, no matter which option is chosen, should acquire basic skills and cover a normal range of subjects.
3. Options should not be distinguished by the amount of money spent. All schools should receive a fair, equitable amount of money for instructional purposes.
4. The options implemented should be those chosen by the community (including the professional educators) after an effective educational program describing possible programs.
5. There should be provision for considerable involvement of parents, students, teachers, and principals at all levels of planning, development, implementation, and evaluation.
6. Before initiation of an options program, staff training is essential, as are continuing regular opportunities in each school for teachers to plan and develop their programs.
7. In large school districts, an administratively decentralized structure with community participation should be developed to facilitate implementation of an options program.

**Local Option Taxes for Schools** (Adopted May 1985)

- Support local fiscal control of schools.
- Support equal educational opportunity.
- Support ability of Marion county districts to raise taxes above the state foundation to improve local programs or meet special local needs.

Marion County school districts should be able to raise taxes above a state foundation in order to improve local programs or to meet needs unique to their districts, as long as the standard of equity is maintained.

In order to compensate for the difference of wealth of school districts, the League believes the state should match additional local option tax funds above the foundation, but at a fixed percentage rate lower than the state support for foundation funding.

**Public Schools** (Adopted March 1999)

- Support the common (public) school in its various functions: preparing students for participation in our democracy, helping students realize their individual potential, training students for the workplace, and supporting parental and community values.

**Justice****Juvenile Pre-Trial Detention** (Adopted November 1985 as an extension of the of LWV-IN position on Juvenile Justice)

- Support secure pre-trial detention of only those juveniles who are determined to be dangerous to themselves or the community.
- Support the establishment of guidelines and uniform administration of the guidelines to determine which juveniles are "dangerous."
- Support alternative programs and housing.

Secure pre-trial detention of juveniles charged with criminal offenses is provided in the Indiana Code to protect both the juveniles and the community at large and not to punish the juveniles. The policies on assignment of juveniles to secure detention and on detention facilities in Marion County should insure that only potentially dangerous juveniles are housed in the secure detention facility.

Clear guidelines should be established to assist those persons charged with assigning accused juveniles to the secure detention facility (the Juvenile Center). These guidelines should assure uniform interpretation of that part of the Code which allows detention when it "is essential to protect the child or the community." The guidelines should address factors such as: seriousness of the charges, number of charges, previous cases pending, previous convictions, and failure to appear on previous charges.

The secure detention facility should be limited in size to house only those juveniles who must be held under provisions of the Code and those who have been judged in terms of the established guidelines to be potentially dangerous to themselves or the community. Alternate programs and/or less restrictive alternative housing should be available for juveniles who do not require secure detention but who should not be returned to their homes.

**Local Program Suggestions**

What are *you* interested in working on next year? Before the April Board meeting (so that general publicity can occur 30 days prior to our Annual Meeting in May), groups must submit all proposals for local study or update. Topics suggested thus far include: insuring clean money for elections, evaluating county redistricting vs. vote centers, understanding voting equipment, and reviving our observer corps.

**RESPONSE FORM**  
**2007-2009 LWVIN POSITIONS REVIEW (DUE 2/1/07)**

League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_ Person reporting \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Our League recommends the following actions on current positions:  
 (Please provide examples of change requested)

Describe recent activity on additional sheet.

	RETAIN	REVISE LANGUAGE	RE STUDY	DROP	RECENT ACTIVITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>ELECTION PROCESS</b>					
Nomination of Candidates (R 2002)					
Voter Registration (R 2002)					
Poll Workers (R 2002)					
Election Procedures (R 2002)					
Election Recounts (R 2002)					
Redistricting (R 1989)					
<b>FISCAL AND GOVERNMENT POLICY</b>					
Local Government (R 1998)					
Local Government Finance (R 1998)					
Motor Vehicle Licensing System (A 1985)					
Property Tax Exemption (R 1998)					
Tax System (R 1999)					
School Finance (R 1990)					
<b>JUSTICE SYSTEM</b>					
Juvenile Justice (R 1997)					
Pretrial Release (A 1982)					
Unified Courts and Merit Selection (A 1965)					
<b>SOCIAL POLICY</b>					
Children at Risk (A 1993)					
Domestic Violence (A 1994)					
General Assistance (R 1986)					
Health Care (A 1989)					
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
Hazardous Waste Management (A 1983)					

A=Adopted, R=Revised

Please mail this completed form to: LWV-Indianapolis, 3808 N Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46208 by 2/1/07

## Review of current LWVIN POSITIONS

As you review each of the current positions of the LWVIN, here are questions to consider:

Is this position still relevant? Might there be opportunities in the foreseeable future for the state League or local Leagues to act on this position?  
Does this position still represent “the mind of the League”? That is, do most League members still agree that this position represents good public policy for which the League should work?

Is there an area of public policy concern on which we do not currently have adequate state or national positions statements as the basis for action, an area which requires study and eventual member agreement?

For each position, your League can recommend one of four actions:

**Retain** -- retain the current position as is

**Revise** -- retain the position and direct the State Board to update the language of the position statement in light of the original consensus (no substantive changes)

**Restudy** -- restudy or update all or part of the position (you can also recommend retaining the position until the update is completed)

**Drop** -- drop the position

*Remember that if the Convention votes to drop a position, the League can no longer act on the issue. The League would have to re-study the issue before it could be added to the program again. Do not recommend dropping a position if you think the League will want to act in that area in the next four years.*

**RESPONSE FORM**  
**2007-2009 LWV-INDIANAPOLIS POSITIONS REVIEW (DUE 2/1/07)**

League of Women Voters of \_\_\_\_\_ Person reporting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend the following actions on current positions:  
 (Please provide examples of change requested)

Describe recent activity on additional sheet.

	RETAIN	REVISE LANGUAGE	RE STUDY	DROP	RECENT ACTIVITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>					
Urban Region (A 1997)					
Metropolitan Government					
Planned Community (A 1972)					
Downtown Development (A 1983)					
Council Districting (A 1970; U1984)					
<b>SCHOOLS</b>					
Optional Schools (A 1977)					
Local Option Taxes for Schools (A 1985)					
Public Schools (A 1999)					
<b>JUSTICE</b>					
Juvenile Pre-Trial Detention (A 1985)					

A=Adopted, U=Updated

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## Joining the League of Women Voters

Yes, I would like to become a member of the League of Women Voters for an annual fee of \$50.00.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

My annual dues of \$50.00 are enclosed.

I am a new member. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I am a renewing member. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(All members receive the *Bulletin* several times a year as well as other League literature and information.)

Scholarships/reduced dues are available for student memberships please contact the League.

Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help the League of Women Voters make a positive impact on voting, citizenship and democracy.

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Below is the name and address/phone number of a prospective League member.

\_\_\_\_\_

I expect to be an active member \_\_\_\_\_, an occasional participant \_\_\_\_\_ or a supporter \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be contacted to assist with (*circle all preferences*):

National Issues	State Issues	Regional/Local Issues	Lobbying
Health Issues	Letter Writing	Membership	International Issues
Research	Education Issues	Welfare Issues	Environmental Issues
Election Issues	Fundraising	Observer Corps	Ridesharing

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