

LWVSFC Program *Annual Meeting Report* April, 2023

It was a quiet year for Program with no active local studies.

The main event was the Program Planning meeting 2/8/23. It was a hybrid meeting at SJUMC with only 9 members present in person.

- Prior to the meeting, Chris composed a 1-page 'Heads Up: Program Planning Is Coming Soon!' document which was distributed to the entire membership via Constant Contact and also posted on our website.
- At the meeting, **several updates to our local positions** were proposed and approved for presentation to the Board for its approval. All were approved to be presented at the Annual Meeting for approval by the membership. The suggested changes are listed below:

Land Use Planning: Change terms 'City Master Plan' and 'County General Plan' to generic terms such as 'land use and development plans and codes adopted by local governing bodies.'

Regional Planning: Change last bullet as follows: ~~'The LWVSFC supports amending~~ Amendment of...'

Alternative Energy: Change 1st two sentences as follows: 'Passive solar design and use of solar panels to ~~heat water~~ generate power should be considered when new government facilities are built. All new facilities ~~whose function would allow eventual installation of solar photovoltaics~~ should be designed to facilitate ~~such installations~~ installation of solar photovoltaics.'

Local Government: Change '(?)' at the end of the 4th paragraph to '(date ?).'

Transparency in Local Governments: Add (2010) after main heading; change 'on-line' to 'online.'

Local Economic Development: Add (2018) after main heading.

- The group also discussed the unclear terminology in the local *Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure Development* position but no changes were recommended pending further research.
- No new **studies** were proposed at the meeting but the group discussed updating the Medically Indigent Fund position to a broader position via a **study focusing on public health** issues. Jody Larson and Judy Williams later submitted the **proposal below** to the Board for approval. The Board has voted to recommend approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The proposal is below. This will be the first LWVSFC study since our Local Economic Development study that concluded 5 years ago. Judy and Jody will be actively looking for members to join the study committee.

Proposed Study
Topic? Update of the LWVSFC Medically Indigent Fund position
Importance: Current LWVSFC position addresses only government funding of health care for medically indigent. LWVNM position is more comprehensive, focusing on insurance, cost management, public funding and simplified administration. However, it does not define the components of public health as currently recognized or state what the League supports or opposes in relation to such components. LWVNM also has more comprehensive positions on mental health and reproductive rights.
<p>What is the expected impact?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">We anticipate a position that addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health as currently defined in the professional communities Government responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting what increases public health outcomes Opposing what worsens these outcomes Broader definition of medical/health care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related social services Prevention Care coordination Recognition of ping-pong between hospital and jail Needed interventions Needed resources, including financial, infrastructure, and human/professional resources, as well as intergovernmental cooperation
Are you willing to chair the study? Judy Williams and Jody Larson
Time period anticipated? ___1 year ___X___2 years

- Also, at the meeting, an **update to one LWVNM position** was proposed. It was then approved by the LWVNM Board and will be presented to the LWVNM Convention delegates for approval. The change is shown below:

Public Regulation Commission (Adopted 2012; revised 2013)

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports the following with respect to the Public Regulation Commission (PRC) and the entity regulating insurance: Bullet #2:

Candidates for the PRC should have education and/or appropriate professional experience in a related field or in consumer advocacy. There should also be mandated, ongoing professional training ~~after election~~ **for Commissioners.**

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