

Government

With the passing of the LWVVA 2021 update on Election Laws, additions to our 2021-22 LWV CVA positioned for action statement is suggested to reflect our adherence with the state position. This was reviewed and updated by Carol Cutler, Shirley Payne, and Karen Christiansen in the summer of 2021 and in November 2022. In addition, Lisa Gerchick, one of the developers of the state study and update, was consulted on the wording that is in exact keeping with the state position. Carolyn Caywood, LWVVA Program Director, was consulted about how we proceed in adding the state update to our local position. It was suggested we present a written **suggested additions on Government in bold** at the next planned consensus meeting (December 3, 2022) and ask for **concurrence** by the membership for the local update.

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Action: Support of long-range planning; sharing and/or consolidating resources, services, and structures; and increased cooperation between Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and the University of Virginia.

Tax System

Action: Support of a fair and flexible tax system necessary for responsive government, using the following criteria in evaluating taxation proposals and/or reform measures: equity, including the ability to pay and benefits received; consistent with social and economic goals of the community and the LWV; efficiency of administration, including computation, payment and collection methods, and public understanding; adequacy of revenue, including ability to adjust to changes in economic conditions.

Magisterial Districts

Action: Support for increasing the number of magisterial districts in the County to an odd number (7 or 9). Support for a mix of urban and rural residents in each district, taking into account natural geographic boundaries and communities.

Reapportionment and Redistricting

Action: Adhering to the LWV-VA Positions, under the heading “Government” on “Reapportionment and Redistricting,” support local efforts to promote fair state redistricting laws. [2020]

Election Integrity

Action: Adhering to the LWV-VA Positions under the heading “Government” relating to Election Laws, support public education on vulnerabilities in our local election system and the potential for disruptive disinformation campaigns or voter suppression. Work with others, such as local registrars, in assuring accuracy in our voting systems.

Support voting measures that enhance voter access and voter participation such as no requirement for a witness with absentee ballots or to show a photo ID at a voting location; and advocate for

secure drop off locations with drop box locks or seals, and staffing location with manned and/or video camera surveillance

Support voting precincts of the Charlottesville area have sufficient resources to implement cyber security practices and state certification of all election equipment such as electronic pollbooks, ballot scanners and secure transfer of tabulation data.

Support transparency, security, and accountability in local post-election audits and risk-limiting audits which follow best practices and are done using state standards.

Support dissemination of local voting information by public announcements and offering nonpartisan candidate forums. [2020]

Support use of auditable, recountable voter verified paper ballots marked by hand or, for voters with disabilities, the use of a ballot marking device that produces a paper or card ballot

Electoral Systems

Action: Adhering to the LWV-VA position under the heading of “Government” relating to Election Laws, support the method (or system) of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), which allows all candidates to be ranked, for local elections including citizen education on RCV.

Transportation

Action: Support of a balanced transportation system with fixed-route bus service offered day and evening for the entire urban population and, where the need can be demonstrated, fixed-route rural service. Support of coordinated transportation services. Work to implement development of bike paths. Monitor traffic patterns and problems in the greater Charlottesville/Albemarle County areas.