



## LWVOR Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, nonprofit grassroots organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues.

## LWVOR – What we Do...

LWVOR's purpose is to influence public policy through education and advocacy and to provide support for League members and the League organization. We are active in the following fields.

- Voter Service
- Civics Education
- Action & Advocacy
- Program & Studies

**VOTER SERVICE** produce statewide Voters' Guides for all major elections. We also maintain extensive online VOTEResources, including candidate and local official directories, forums and video interview at: [lwvor.org/voterresources](http://lwvor.org/voterresources)

**CIVICS EDUCATION** – Schools can use LWVOR's free Civics ED curriculum to teach students how to vote. Our lessons are Oregon – specific, with a full Civics curriculum endorsed by the Oregon Department of ED. Each lesson supports our Oregon Student Mock Election. These award-winning, nonpartisan materials are classroom ready and available to educators throughout the year at: [lwvor.org/civics-ed-course-materials](http://lwvor.org/civics-ed-course-materials)

**ACTION & ADOVOCACY** means participating in government. We study our League positions, confer, then submit and present testimony in government hearings. We publicize our support, concerns, and sometimes opposition to proposed legislation. You can volunteer to work on a particular League supported issue, such as gun safety or clean energy solutions. More is available at: [lwvor.org/take-action](http://lwvor.org/take-action)

**PROGRAM & STUDIES** - The League publishes studies on a range of subjects. Studies strengthen League positions by providing in-depth analysis of the issues that affect our communities. Study results are reviewed by League members, who then form a consensus that directly determines our state League positions. More at: [lwvor.org/study-archive](http://lwvor.org/study-archive)

## HOW WE ADVOCATE

Our democratic system sets the League of Women Voters apart from other organizations when it comes to advocacy.

We speak with one Voice.

We advocate as a complete unit at the local, state, and national level.

After a thorough study of all sides of an issue, action is based on input from our member base, and we form our [official positions](#).

Being one cohesive unit at all levels makes us a powerful constituency.

Every year, our State Action Team publishes a list of action items for the Oregon League. View [Issues for Action 2016-2017](#) for an in depth description of our positions, and what types of issues the League of Women Voters® of Oregon (LWVOR) will be advocating for during legislative sessions.

Our Action Team consists of members throughout the state of Oregon who have a vested interest in the legislative process. These members use the League's official positions to write testimony, advocate, and lobby the Oregon state legislature on behalf of the League and citizens (that's you!).

Our most prevalent issues and [positions](#) fall into three distinct categories: Governance, Natural Resources, and Social Policy.

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