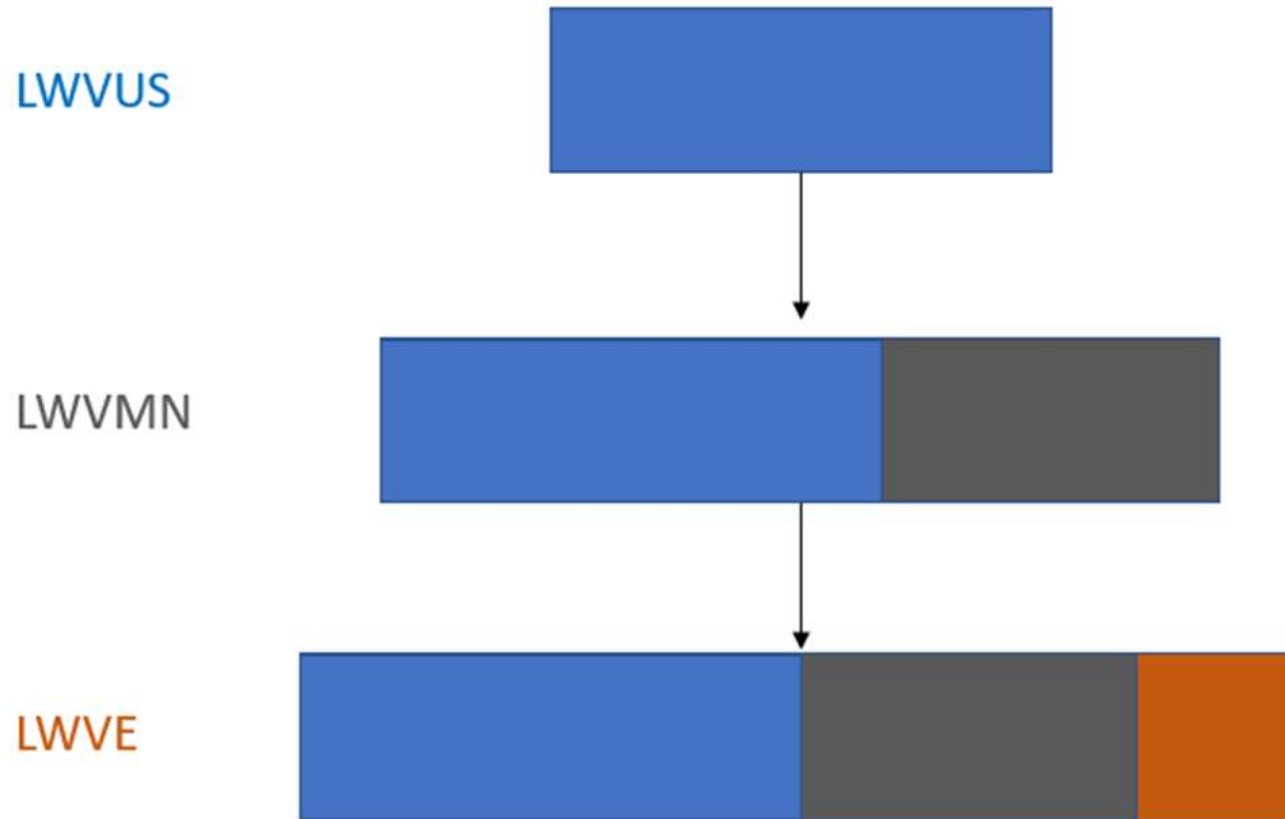


PROGRAM / POSITIONS

“Program has a unique LWV meaning at the League. Simply put, **program is education and advocacy.** Education is the first step of advocacy. It can include studies by which LWV’ers reach consensus on the issue or by concurrence where members take advantage of a study done by another League by using their background information and concurring with their position. It is those positions and the LWVUS principles on which all advocacy is based. **No advocacy can be undertaken without a supporting LWV position.** We speak with one voice and never work against a position, although some levels remain silent on specific positions.”



“It is important to note that local Leagues have the best of all worlds in that they can use a local, state, or national position to do their work. States can use state and national positions, and national League uses national positions from Impact on Issues.”

“State and local Leagues do not need a position that specifically touches on *every aspect of an issue*.

Broadly worded positions can support many aspects of an issue. Positions are intentionally written broadly so that Leagues have more flexibility to do the work needed. Here are three examples:

1. [LWVUS does] not have a minimum wage position but states use the *Meeting Basic Human Needs* to advocate on this.
2. [LWVUS does] not have a criminal justice position but Leagues can use *Equality of Opportunities* and *Individual Liberties* positions to do criminal justice and social justice reform work.
3. While there is an LWVUS Education position, more robust education usually occurs at the state level where states can supplement whatever positions they have with the third Principle in Impact on Issues (Every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all). “

Note: All text within quotes excerpted from LWVUS document “Program Planning Guidance for Virtual Meetings”

LWV Positions, 2021

Legend

	No additional position
	Position stated

Overarching Topic

Sub-topic

US MN Edina

Voting Rights	Citizen's Right to Vote	1982	2013	
	DC self-govt and full voting representation	2000		
Election Process	Census			
	Apportionment	1982	1979	
	Redistricting	2016	1979	
	Money in politics	2016		
	Selection of President	2010		
	Election administration		1972	
	Selection of judges		2008	
	Systems of voting		2005	
	Initiative, referendum, and recall		1980	
	Citizen Rights	Citizen's right to know / citizen participation	1984	
Individual liberties		1982		
Constitutional amendment proposals		2016		
Constitutional conventions		2016		
Public policy on reproductive choices		1983		
Congress and the Presidency	Congress	1982	1999	
	The Presidency	1982		
Privatization	Privatization	2012		
International Relations	International Relations			
Resource Management	Resource management			
	Public facilities			
Environmental Protection & Pollution Control	Private access to and use of public facilities in Edina			2010
	Air quality			

	Energy		2020
	Land use	1975	2020
	Water resources	1985	2020
	Great Lakes Ecosystem	2013	
	Solid waste	1973	
	Nuclear waste		
	Implement/maintain bike paths & walkways		2020
	Recycling		2018
Climate Change	Climate change	2019	
Public Participation	Public participation		
	Edina advisory boards and commissions		2020
Agriculture Policies	Agriculture policies	2014	
Social Policy	Equality of opportunity	1983	
	Education and employment	1983	
	Fair housing		
	Community center		
Federal Role in Public Education	Federal role in public education		
State Role in Public Education	Financing of education	1991	
	Library funding	1979	
	Collective bargaining and tenure	1978	
	Civics education		
City Role in Public Education	Excellence in Edina Public Schools		2020
Fiscal and Tax Policy	Fiscal and tax policy	1995	
	Government spending		
	Fiscal priorities for Edina		
Health Care	Basic level of quality care		
	Financing and administration		
	Taxes		
	Cost control		
	Equity issues		
	Behavioral health	1989	

Immigration

Immigration

Criteria for legal admission

Administration and enforcement

Unauthorized immigrants already in the US

Meeting Basic Human Needs

Preventing and reducing poverty

Access to health care

Access to transportation

Criteria for income assistance

Criteria for supportive services

Criteria for housing supply

Child Care

Child care

Senior Citizens

Senior citizens

Early Intervention for Children at Risk

Early intervention for children at risk

Child health

Teenage pregnancy

Child support

Alcohol and Tobacco Use

Alcohol and tobacco use

Violence Prevention

Violence prevention

Family violence

Child protection

Firearms

Firearms

Urban Policy

Urban policy

General financial assistance

Economic development assistance

Death Penalty

Death penalty

Sentencing Policy

Sentencing policy

Adult corrections

Juvenile corrections

Judicial system

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking

