

## Annual Meeting Program Report

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The annual LWVSFC Program Planning Meeting was held on February 18, 2025. The agenda was as follows:

1. Review and make recommendations on current LWVSFC Positions.

Carol Parker, Chair of the Action and Advocacy Committee, led the attendees through a review of all our existing positions, both to educate our membership and to identify potential changes or additions. The consensus was that most of the positions are still useful for advocacy purposes. Two Local Positions were specifically mentioned because they will be revised in the future:

- a. The Land Use and Development Position is out of date, but we are waiting for the City to complete their own revised Land Use and Development Code so we can draft our new position accordingly.
- b. The Medically Indigent Position is also out of date, and will be replaced by our new Community Healthcare Position. That Study is nearing completion, and a Concurrence Meeting will be scheduled within the first half of next year.

2. Review and make recommendations on current LWVNM Positions.

Judy Williams, Program Chair of the State League, explained the process by which the LWVSFC can use LWVUS or LWVNM Positions for local advocacy without any formal adoption process. She reviewed the State Positions, which are far more comprehensive than our own, especially in some areas where we don't have a Position of our own. An example is the LWVNM Position on Early Childhood Education.

Judy also explained the process of Concurrence, which allows the LWVSFC to take advantage of another Local or State League's Position without doing our own time-consuming Study. Unlike using the LWVNM or LWVUS Positions, however, the Concurrence option does require a formal process and Board approval

3. Community Healthcare Study Report.

Jody Larson and Judy Williams, Co-Chairs of the Community Healthcare Study Committee, gave a progress report and requested a six-month extension to complete the Study Committee's findings and develop materials for the Consensus Meeting. They fully expect to be ready for the final steps, including adoption of a Position, within the next six months.

4. On March 25, 2025, Judy Williams and Marcy Litzenberg led a LWVSFC Consensus Meeting on the LWVUS Federal Judiciary Study. This was an unusual situation, in that it was initiated at the National level, and the LWVUS developed all the study materials and Consensus Questions. Our role was to facilitate our local Consensus Meeting and provide written feedback via an online survey form. Fifteen members participated in our Consensus Meeting, and I believe we all left feeling like we had learned a lot, and having actually enjoyed the process itself. We will have a chance to do this again soon, when the Community Healthcare Study Committee conducts its Consensus Process.

Respectfully Submitted;

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