

## **2025-2026 Program Planning Recommendations**

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In January 2025, LWVPDX held Program Planning and LWVOR Recall Study Consensus meetings. To accommodate League needs, the Discussion Units covered consensus meetings and chose three areas of focus for Program Planning. The topics discussed were:

- **Environmental Justice & Climate Change** (22 attended) led by Barbara Byrd, Julie Chapman, Claire Gates, Nikki Mandell, and Laura Rogers
- **Behavioral Health** (18 attended) led by Olivia Smith, Bennett Garner, and Jason Renaud
- **LWVOR K-12 Study Proposal and concurrences** (9 participated) led by Lynn Baker

Arising from these discussions, the following recommendations were approved by the LWVPDX board and are referred for a vote by members attending the Annual Membership Meeting on May 22, 2025:

- Vote to retain all LWVPDX and LWVOR positions.

NOTE: No study was suggested for the 2025-2026 year, so no membership vote is required. During Discussion Units it was agreed that positions we have on Climate Change and Behavioral Health have been adequate in our advocacy efforts. Members supported LWVORs K-12 Study proposal and thought the concurrences would enhance our K-12 advocacy. The plan is to review positions in other areas more closely during Program Planning 2026-2027.

The Environmental Justice & Climate Change Program Planning discussion led to the idea of forming a new Interest Group. Ultimately, due to bandwidth constraints, members decided to create an informal watch group that will work closely with the Action Committee. The goal being to observe city council and State meetings focused on relevant climate issues and to advocate as needed w/ the guidance of the Action Committee.