

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES  
PUBLIC POLICY POSITIONS**

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**REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT** – Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive.

**Voting Rights**

**Citizen’s Right to Vote** – Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote.

**DC Self-Government and Full Voting Representation** – Secure for the citizens of the District of Columbia the rights of self-government and full voting representation in both houses of Congress.

**Election Process**

**Apportionment** – Support apportionment of congressional districts and elected legislative bodies at all levels of government based substantially on population.

**Redistricting** – Support redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation.

**Money in Politics** – Support campaign finance/MIP regulations that enhance political equality for all citizens, ensure transparency, protect representative democracy from distortion by undisclosed contributions and big money, and combat corruption and undue influence in government. Support campaign spending that is restricted but not banned. Support public financing, full disclosure, abolishing super PACs, and creating an effective enforcement agency.

**Selection of the President** – Promote the election of the President and Vice-President by direct-popular vote. Support uniform national voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. Support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates.

**Voter Representation/Electoral Systems** – Support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters.

**Citizen Rights**

**Citizen’s Right to Know/Public Participation** – Protect the citizen’s right to know and facilitate informed understanding and public participation in government decision-making.

**Individual Liberties** – Oppose major threats to basic constitutional rights.

**Public Policy on Reproductive Choices** – Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

## **Evaluating Constitutional Amendment Proposals and Constitutional Conventions**

**Amendment Proposals** – Consider whether a proposal addresses matters of abiding importance, makes our political system more democratic, protects individual rights, could be achieved by a constitutional amendment or legislative proposal, and is consistent with other League positions.

**Constitutional Conventions** - Hold constitutional conventions only when certain conditions are in place, including limited to a specific topic, full transparency, delegates selected by population, and voting by delegates not by states.

## **Congress and the Presidency**

**Congress** – Support responsive legislative processes characterized by accountability, representativeness, decision making capability, effective performance, and transparency.

**The Presidency** – Promote a dynamic balance of power between the executive and legislative branches within the framework set by the Constitution.

## **Privatization** –

Ensure transparency, accountability, positive community impact and preservation of the common good when considering the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector.

## **Digital Equity** –

High-speed affordable internet access is an essential service that should be readily available to all US residents and businesses.