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.

LEAGUE HISTORY

Women’s suffrage leader Carrie Chapman Catt and others organized the League of Women Voters of the United States in 1920. The League of Women Voters of Oregon was also founded in 1920. The League’s first goal was to teach women how to exercise their new right to vote; the scope was soon enlarged to include service to all citizens. Political action based on knowledge gained from study became the cornerstone of the League’s diverse agenda.

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

LWVOR produces statewide Voters’ Guides for all major elections. We also maintain extensive online VOTEResources, including candidate and local official directories, forums and video interviews at lwvor.org/voteresources.
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.

ACTION & ADVOCACY

League advocacy or “Action” 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 here: 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 here: lwvor.org/study-archive

EVENTS

LWVOR hosts several events throughout each year. Legislative events such as Legislative Process Day and Day at the Legislature are held at the state Capitol and offer League members an opportunity to learn the latest from legislative insiders. We have annual meetings, usually in May, in different cities. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to see the state and meet other League members. Event information can be found on our website at lwvor.org/events-calendar.

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