



The Kitsap

Voter

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap

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Board Contact Number: 206-842-3548

January 2009

January Is Program Planning Month

General meeting – Local Program Planning

January 21: 9:30 coffee, 10:00 to Noon meeting
Poulsbo Library Lower Level Meeting Room

1st hour – break up into groups as units to discuss program changes, revisions and/or possible new studies. What do we have (local positions), what are we lacking.

People willing to work on a committee.

2nd hour – meet as a whole group.

Representatives from each unit reports to the whole group for discussion.

Issues will be prioritized and given as a recommendation to the Board.

The program will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

Second General Meeting – State Program Planning

January 28: 9:30 coffee, 10:00 to Noon meeting

This meeting will take the place of the Unit Meeting in January.

United Way Office, Cascade Bldg. 647 4th Street, Bremerton

Directions to the United Way Office in Bremerton: Drive down Warren Avenue and turn on 4th Street towards the water (left if coming from the north and right if coming from the south.) Drive 2 or 3 blocks and look for the Cascade Building on your right which is #647. It is across the street from the large parking building for the shipyard. There is a free parking lot on the left (East) side of the building. The United Way Office is on the first floor in the far right corner as you face the building. We suggest you car pool if possible.

*Please be sure to bring the appropriate
program planning document to each meeting.*

League Contacts

Have a question to ask, or knowledge to share? Need more information? Here's who to call...



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<i>Membership</i>	<i>Annamarie Lavieri</i>	<i>(360) 638-1088</i>
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<i>Central & South Kitsap</i>	<i>Ann Smith</i>	<i>(360) 871-3993</i>

Upcoming Events

January 7 Board Meeting, 9:30 a. m., Poulsbo Library Lower Level Meeting Room

January 21 General Meeting on Local Program Planning, 9:30 a. m.
Poulsbo Library Lower Level Meeting Room

January 28 Second General Meeting on State Program Planning
(Replaces Unit Meeting this month only)
9:30 a.m., United Way Office, Cascade Bldg. 647 4th Street, Bremerton

Plan Ahead for February:

Board Meeting – February 4th at the Poulsbo Library

Public Meeting on Health Care – February 18th, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A luncheon at the Silverdale Beach Hotel

Speakers will be Dr. Scott Lindquist, Director, Kitsap Co. Health District and
Joe Roszak, Director, Kitsap Mental Health

Topic: a discussion of their budget cuts and what it means for Kitsap County residents.

Unit Discussion Group: February 25th 9:30 – Noon

Each unit will invite a local health care speaker for their unit.

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Kitsap LWV has had a busy fall. Thanks to Catherine Ahl, we have provided voters with three candidate forums sponsored by Kitsap League, and co-sponsored two others. Those who were able to attend the Saturday Brunch in November at Olympic College learned about early learning from a panel of three experts who shared a wealth of knowledge with us while we ate a tasty brunch. This informative and enjoyable occasion was organized by Margaret Colony. At the Unit meetings, members were able to discuss the early learning study and information from the panel to arrive at consensus on the early learning questions from the state board. The hosts for those important unit meetings were Carol Callan Haskins, Judy MacMillan, Ann Smith and Ellen Fisher.

The State Action Workshop in Bellevue in November was again a stimulating, informative opportunity to learn about issues facing the state. We learned frightening statistics about the K-12 finance crisis from Jennifer Priddy from OSPI. Another speaker explained legislative goals for dealing with climate change. Lonnie Johns-Brown, LWVWA Lobbyist, described the state of the economy and of the state budget. She reminded us that the state is facing a four billion dollar deficit and the constitution requires a balanced budget, but I-960 requires a 2/3 vote of each house and an advisory vote of the people to levy any new taxes. The governor's budget is grim! We also heard from Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen, Chair, Senate Transportation Com-

mittee who was informative and engaging. Individual members of the state lobby team informed us about issues related to taxes, reproductive rights, health care, natural resources, and good government (restoration of voting rights and public financing for judicial races). An enjoyable and informative day for the eight members of Kitsap League who were there: Margaret Colony, Myra Howrey, Luella Wells, Catherine Ahl, Pam Hamon, Carol Haskins, Madelyn Fox and Ellen Fisher.

In January, carpooling will be important. To do program planning effectively, the general meeting will be in Poulsbo, and instead of local unit meetings, there will be a joint meeting of the three units in Bremerton the following Wednesday. It is important to assess our current positions to decide whether we need to study a topic to develop a possible new position or modify a current position. We need your input. Plan to be at these two important meetings in January.

Ellen Fisher,
President

The members of the League of Women Voters of Kitsap County received a framed certificate of appreciation from the Kitsap County Auditor. Walt Washington, Kitsap County Auditor, came to the Coffee With Our Legislators meeting December 3rd to present the award. The certificate reads *"In recognition for the hours spent assisting voters in updating registration records and for your dedication to the citizens of Kitsap County, please accept this certificate with the gratitude of the Auditor's Office staff for your devotion to democracy and the election process."* All those who helped register voters at the Kitsap County Fair last August should take pride in your particular contribution to the democratic election process. Thank you!

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• **Check out our website:** •
• www.lwvwa.org/kitsap •
• **Our Voter is now posted on the website.** •
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Opportunities to Serve

Health Care

There are too many uninsured or underinsured. Medical costs are higher than any other developed nation. Washington ranks 49th (some say 42nd) in reimbursements to health care providers. Primary care physicians are getting harder to find. Is a single payer system the answer or private insurance? Join the Health Care Committee and become informed on the many issues and help develop plans to educate our community. Contact Pam Hamon 360-598-3508 or pchamon@msn.com

Become a Mentor to a New Member

The Membership Committee is starting a new membership enhancement and retention program and we are looking for volunteers in each unit to help. If you would like to help a new member learn about League by contacting her, offering to carpool together to meetings, introducing her to other members, and just being a League friend, let your unit leader know so a match can be made. We have several new members who would appreciate having someone to show them the ropes of being a Leaguer.

New Unit Leader Needed

The Bremerton/Central area needs a unit leader. If you think you would be interested in learning more about it please contact Pam Hamon. In the meantime the Silverdale/Central and Bremerton members are more than welcome to attend either the South/Bremerton Unit (Ann Smith) or the North Unit (Annamarie Lavieri). Being a Unit Leader is a particularly good position for a newer member.

As a member of Kitsap League with an email address, you will be receiving the Legislative Newsletter, published weekly during the Legislative Session which begins January 12. If you do not have an email address and would like to receive the Legislative Newsletter by mail, you should contact the State League Office at 206-622-8961 or 1-800-319-2596.

Personalia

*Annamarie Lavieri.
Membership Chair*

Clip & Mail

Please make the following additions/corrections to your new membership directories:

Ann Rudnicki's (South Kitsap) new email address is: annrud@q.com

New Members (all South Kitsap):

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Joyce Maddock

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Ann Strosnider

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Southworth, WA 98386
360 871-0908

Please see Page 6 for some interesting information about these new members. Welcome to LWV-Kitsap!

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap County invites you to join us.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Membership Categories
(please circle one):

- \$15 Voter subscription only
- \$50 Basic Membership
- \$75 Household (two or more members at the same address)
- \$100 Carrie Chapman Catt Member
- \$150 Jo Huey Member

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\$ _____ Donation to Education Fund+

Please make checks payable to:
LWV Kitsap

Membership/Dues should be mailed to:
P. O. Box 564
Kingston, WA 98346

Send other correspondence to:
P. O. Box 1524
Poulsbo, WA 98370

* Dues and Donations to the Operating Fund are not tax-deductible.

+ Donations to the Education Fund are tax-deductible.

We welcome these new members to LWV-K (South Kitsap Unit). Information on other new members will follow in a future *Voter*.

Ann Strosnider recently retired from working at the Kitsap Sun where she held the positions of editor and local news reporter. She also did similar work for the Tacoma News Tribune. After completing her undergraduate and master’s work at Grinnell and the University of Washington, she moved with her husband Bruce to Port Orchard where they both taught in South Kitsap High School. Ann loves to garden and is interested in politics and travel.

A proud Chicagoan, **Joyce Maddock** raised a large family before going back to school to earn a nursing degree. She taught nursing at the University of Illinois. Continuing her career in nursing administration, she was a field representative for the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) and worked on a legislative committee of the Illinois Nurses Association. Since retirement, Joyce and husband Jim divide their time between Kitsap and wintering in Arizona. Joyce has served on the board of the Dispute Resolution Center, is a member of Kiwanis, reads in its school reading program and is active in local politics.

Raised in Tacoma, **Lydia Grimm** attended Catholic schools and graduated from Western Washington University. She taught Social Studies in South Kitsap Schools for 31 years, dividing her career between SK High School and the Alternative High School. She also served as a coach in gymnastics and continues her interest in athletics in retirement. Lydia has served as a precinct committeewoman and has been a delegate to state political conventions.

Plan Ahead for Winter/Spring 2009 LWV-K Meetings

Mark your calendars!

- February 18** **Health care** budget cuts and their impact on Kitsap County
A luncheon at the Silverdale Beach Hotel featuring speakers
Joe Roszak, Director, Kitsap Mental Health and
Dr. Scott Lindquist Kitsap Public Health District
- February 25** Each Unit will invite a health care professional to their meeting.
- March ?** General Meeting on **Water Issues** – probably a dinner
- March 12** **Lobby Day** in Olympia
- March 15-21** **Sunshine Week** (Open Government)
- April ?** **Lunch with the County Commissioners**
Discussion on County Boards and their function
- April 22** **National Popular Vote Compact Study**
Units will discuss consensus questions and vote on consensus
- May 20** **Annual meeting**
- May 29, 30, 31** **State Convention in Tacoma**

The Program Planning Process

The League of Women Voters believes that informed and active citizens, joining together to explore common problems and identify shared goals, can resolve the tough issues that confront our communities, our nation and our world.

We work to build informed citizenry through League program. We study and educate our members and our communities about public policy concerns, we encourage public discussion of these problems and citizen participation in solving them, and we take action to achieve solutions that contribute to the benefit of all.

Our program – our education and advocacy work – focuses on public policy issues. League’s work on public policy issues is directed toward government action. That action could include passage of laws, promulgation of regulations and policies, provision of adequate budgets and staffing, enforcement of laws and regulations, planning and citizen involvement opportunities.

The League must have a position before it takes action. Advocacy, or action, begins when Leagues select an issue for concerned study, followed by member agreement through consensus or concurrence. Local League program focuses on issues that can be addressed by local government, State League program addresses state level issues, and the LWVUS program addresses national issues.

Program Planning: the way the League chooses its issues. League members choose issues for work, and consider what role their local League should play in an issue, during the local program process. They also decide which items to recommend as state and national program priorities. The process culminates when the program is adopted at the local annual meeting and the biennial state or national convention.

Here are some questions to consider in selecting an issue for League work:

- Which issues are of such vital concern to our members and our community that they demand attention now?
- Which issues will benefit from the League’s special expertise or perspective?
- Is there a real possibility that citizens working on this issue can bring about positive change?
- Will League work on this issue have a measurable impact on our community or state?
- How will results be evaluated?
- Will working on this issue give League opportunities to collaborate with other groups and individuals?

Sometimes League members get in the habit of thinking only of new studies when they think of adopting program. But League program is much broader. Once members have decided that an issue of public concern requires League attention, we must determine what roles the League should play in addressing that issue, including:

1. Study: to reach member agreement on an issue so that League can take action.

Questions to ask:

- Does League already have a position?
- Is there a government solution to the problem?
- Is there enough time to do a study and then act to influence the resolution of the problem?

2. Update: to review and issue

Questions to ask:

- Is the League position still useful?
- Is the position sufficiently general?
- Are there significant developments in the issues area that are not reflected in the position?
- What is the proper scope of effort to update the position?

3. Action: always the goal of League’s study process. Member understanding and strong support are essential for successful action. Questions to ask:

- Are the timing and the political realities right for success?
- Does the community expect or need League to be a player on this issue?
- Will League action on this issue make a significant difference?
- Could a focused, targeted action campaign enhance LWV visibility and stature?
- Do our members understand our position and our action goals?

3. Citizen Education: to help citizens understand the complexities of an issue and encourage people to participate in reaching a solution; can also lay the groundwork for successful advocacy. Questions to ask:

- Does our community need help in understanding this issue and its possible solutions?
- Is there enough time to develop and implement our project before citizens must make a decision?
- Is it more important to help citizens understand this issue than to advocate our League position at this time?

LWV-KITSAP POSITIONS – 2008 - 2009

NATURAL RESOURCES

LAND USE

Position in Brief: Support the orderly development of Kitsap County in a manner which provides a variety of urban and non-urban environments while preserving the integrity of the environment and the county’s natural resources as well as minimizing the public cost of providing services.

Statement of Position: We support management of land as a finite resource, not as a commodity, since we believe that land ownership, whether public or private, carries responsibility for stewardship. In resolving conflicts between public and private property rights, we believe the criteria to be considered are uniqueness or scarcity, importance to the community as a whole, promotion of health, safety and welfare, and the irreversibility of decision.

Support the goal of maintaining so far as possible the rural character of Kitsap County. Foster appropriate population densities in rural areas, including the elimination of bonus densities in Planned Unit Developments. Support preservation of open space, agricultural land, forest and woodland, and the requirement and protection of green belts between different land uses.

Encourage long-range planning which results in urban concentration (particularly in areas considered transportation hubs), reinforces existing community identities, and allows opportunities for industrial development and the provision of housing for people of all income levels.

All known factors should be considered in a consistent, logical manner in making land use decisions, with emphasis on the availability and protection of water resources and the protection of Critical Areas, wetlands, recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat, flood and geologically hazardous areas.

OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND RECREATION

Position in Brief: Support acquisition of open space, park and recreation lands, and provision of funds to develop, maintain, preserve and operate such areas.

WATER RESOURCES

Position in Brief: Support measures to ensure adequate and safe water supplies for county residents.

Statement of Position: Promote coordinated planning and management of surface and groundwater resources to meet the needs of current and projected population. Support implementation of the wellhead protection program and measuring of water use. Support waste management practices which protect regional water quality.

All land use decisions must consider the protection of wetlands and critical recharge areas. Support purchase or other protection of open space lands which may serve a recharge function.

Support educational programs related to water use and encourage individual and governmental conservation efforts.

GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

Position in Brief: The League of Women Voters of Kitsap supports measures which improve county government responsiveness to the people, provide for a greater separation of powers, promote administrative efficiency, increase the size of the legislative body to reflect population growth, and promote intergovernmental coordination.

Statement of Position: The League of Women Voters - Kitsap supports measures which:

- Encourage an informed and active citizenry. Comprehensive information as to the operation of county government should be readily available from trained, courteous personnel, from websites and print publications. Opportunities for citizen comment on and review of legislative and administrative decisions should be provided wherever appropriate. We do not, however, support institution of a people's initiative and/or referendum procedure at the county level of government.

- Strengthen the separation between legislative and administrative functions of county government, providing clear lines of authority and assignment of responsibilities.

- Increase the size of the legislative body to reflect population growth. In choosing members of this body, we support the process of nomination by district in a primary election with election to office by a vote of all county voters in the general election.

- Promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Position in Brief: Support procedural changes in local government which will improve efficiency, provide checks and balances, promote intergovernmental cooperation, and increase citizen confidence. Support a Council/Manager form of government.

SUSTAINABILITY

Position in Brief: A sustainable community respects its own diversity, values the complexity of the natural world, and accepts responsibility for the social, economic, and ecological well-being of present and future generations through individual and collective actions. It advocates an economy that equitably provides satisfying livelihoods in a safe, healthy environment that protects its natural resource base and the viability of natural systems on which all life depends. It balances regenerative and degenerative resources by applying the following principles:

- 1) rates of use of renewable resources do not exceed their rates of regeneration.
- 2) rates of nonrenewable resources do not exceed the rate at which sustainable renewable substitutes are developed.
- 3) rates of pollution emission do not exceed the assimilative capacity of the environment.

Statement of Position:

Specifically Sustainable Communities:

- 1) have levels of pollution, consumption, and population size that are in keeping with regional carrying capacity;
- 2) share an ethic of responsibility to each other and to future generations;
- 3) reflect the social and environmental costs of the provision of goods and services in the prices charged for them;
- 4) encourage informed democratic participation and deliberation in their system of governance, education and civic leadership;
- 5) enhance neighborhood livability and access to green space in their design of markets, land use, and architecture;
- 6) make sure that housing is affordable and interrelated with employment, recreation and shopping areas;
- 7) integrate principles of sustainability into the community's Comprehensive Plan and other planning policies and procedures;
- 8) foster business development policies and procedures that support a sustainable community;
- 9) encourage inter-jurisdictional planning that supports sustainability; and
- 10) encourage innovative and creative approaches to sustainability.

Local Program Planning for LWV-Kitsap 2009 – 2010

Below you will find a list of all LWV-Kitsap positions. Check whether you want a position **kept**, **dropped** or **revised**. If you want a position revised, please explain in the space provided at the bottom of this page.

GOVERNMENT	Keep	Drop	Revise
County Government Structure	_____	_____	_____
Bainbridge Island Municipal Government	_____	_____	_____
Sustainability	_____	_____	_____
 NATURAL RESOURCES			
Open Space	_____	_____	_____
Land Use	_____	_____	_____
Water Resources	_____	_____	_____

Board Recommendations for Program 2008 – 2009

NONE

If you have ideas to suggest for local program, complete items below:

Name of Action Item _____

Outlook for Work _____

Name of Action Item _____

Outlook for Work _____

If you marked “Revise” on any position above, please explain what should be revised and why:

A GENTLE REMINDER: Invest in the League

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the League’s Education Fund at either the local or state level. Our local Education Funds pay for candidate forums, *TRYs* and other publications. If you make your year-end donations through the Bainbridge Island *One Call for All*, please include a donation to the League.

It need not be large – the number who donate is more important.

If enough people donate, we remain a recipient of *One Call for All* funds, a much-needed source of support for our LWV-Kitsap work.

Materials for State Program Planning Meeting January 28

LWVWA Positions in Brief

GOVERNMENT

Education: Action to support in principle the Basic Education Act (1977) and the Levy Lid Act. Action to obtain a balanced tax structure and to maintain uniform assessment practices to ensure equitable and sufficient financing. Action to support adequate and stable state funding of common schools in Washington including the costs of in-service training. Action to increase visibility, accessibility and accountability of the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. Action to support closer links between schools and social services, so that every child is ready to learn. Action to support greater involvement of parents, an increased role in decision making for teachers, and more flexible state education requirements. Action to provide greater access to public higher education to all, at whatever point in life it can be beneficial.

Port Districts: Action to encourage cooperation among port districts, but with local options for voter control over major policy and expenditure decisions.

Representative Government: Action to facilitate changes in the state constitution to achieve a representative and effective state legislature. Action to promote an informed electorate. Action to limit methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the election process. Action to support the initiative and referendum process, adopt improvements to the process and require additional information for voters. Action to protect the interests of all affected parties in considering the formation of new counties. Action to clarify in legislation the processes in county formation and to require that the entire county have the ability to vote on separation. Action to support election methods that promote "representative-ness," citizen participation and accountability and that produce proportional representation. Action to support a majority vote requirement if achieved through a mechanism such as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). Action to support a primary that is "open" and encourages minor party participation if a primary continues to be used.

State Tax Policy: Action to obtain a balanced tax structure that is fair, adequate, flexible and has a sound economic effect.

Washington State and Indian Treaty Rights: Action to enhance salmon resources, establish a procedure for retrocession of jurisdiction and support tribal land use planning of trust lands.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation: The League supports a balanced state transportation policy that defines the role of the state and supports increases in funding to provide adequate revenue and flexibility for a multi-modal system of transportation.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Energy: Action to support an energy policy within Washington State. Action to educate the public on energy conservation. Action to establish incentives for efficient use of current energy sources and the greater use of alternative energy sources.

Global Climate Change: See LWVUS *Impact on Issues*.

Resource Management: Action to obtain coordinated planning and ensure environmental quality in the use of water, air and land resources. Action to insure that forest management is carried out in a manner that will sustain healthy forests, streams and habitats.

Waste Management: Action for coordinated control and reduction of solid waste. Action to reduce the amount of hazardous waste generated in Washington and action to promote safe management of that waste which is produced, including toxics in the home.

LWVWA Positions in Brief continued**SOCIAL POLICY**

Administration of Justice: Action to ensure that our courts are fair, efficient, accessible and staffed with qualified personnel. Action to maintain a separate court system and facilities for youths that will balance the procedural rights of the adversary system with the protection of youth's basic rights. Action to realize equity in sentencing standards. Action to obtain alternatives to incarceration is of prime importance.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Child Support and Custody: The League of Women Voters supports vigorous, efficient and innovative child support enforcement methods and broad education regarding the responsibilities and consequences of parenthood.

The best interest of the child should be the overriding consideration in determining custody, visitation and an appropriate level of child support. The physical and emotional security of the child should be paramount. Children are entitled to support adequate to meet basic needs commensurate with the parents' income, resources, and standard of living. Courts should have the discretion to order post-secondary educational support in appropriate circumstances.

Children's Services: Action to support stable and adequate funding for children at risk, with priority given to prevention, early identification and intervention services, community based treatment programs, day treatment programs and residential care.

Day Care for Children: Action to provide for the general welfare of children in day care centers. Action to ensure that the state enforce minimum standards that include provision for a safe, healthy, clean environment. Action to support sufficient staff with emphasis on competence and ability to provide a creative, challenging and caring environment.

Economic Diversification: Action to ensure a balanced state economy with a strong mixture of large and small businesses. Measures to contribute to long range planning and cooperation between all levels of government with local initiatives wherever possible.

Gun Control: Action to provide governmental regulation of ownership and possession of firearms, and measures to limit their accessibility.

Health Care: Action to provide universal access to affordable health services for all residents of the state of Washington and to control total system expenditures with seamless coverage regardless of ones health status.

Human Resources: Action to achieve equal rights for all. Action to achieve equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing regardless of race, color, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability. Action to obtain measures that provide basic human needs for those unable to provide for themselves. Action to ensure that there are emergency support services for those involved in physical and/or mental violence.

Name of Local League or UAL _____

Worksheet I: Review of Current LWVWA Positions (10 minutes)

Below you will find a list of all LWVWA positions. Check whether you want a position **kept, dropped or revised**. If you want a position **revised**, please explain. Attach extra sheets if needed. *Positions in Brief* for all these items follows, and can be found in detail in *Program In Action 2005-2007, A Leader's Guide to State Program*. Return each worksheet to the State Office.

Name of position _____ Reason _____

GOVERNMENT	Keep	Revise	Drop	NATURAL RESOURCES	Keep	Revise	Drop
Education '97				Energy '77			
Representative Government				Resource Management			
Campaign Financing '85				Agricultural Lands '81			
Election Laws and Procedures '67, '03-04, '05-'07				Air Quality '71			
Election Methods '00, '02				Columbia River Task Force '80			
Formation of New Counties '97				Forests '99, '01			
Initiative and Referendum '95, '03				Land Use '73			
Redistricting and Reapportionment '75				Nisqually Delta '81			
Regional Governmental Structures '81				Parks, Open Spaces and Green Belts '81			
State Constitution '67				Water Management '91			
Washington State Legislature '75				Waste Management			
Gun Control '94				Hazardous Waste Management in Washington '83			
Port Districts '93				Solid Waste '72			
State Tax Policy				Toxics in the Home '91			
Property Tax Administration '65							
Property Tax Exemptions '69, '05				TRANSPORTATION '76, '01, '05-'07			
Tax Structures '59, '65, '05							
General Tax Exemptions '05							
Washington State and Indian Treaty Rights '81							
SOCIAL POLICY	→	→	→	SOCIAL POLICY CONT.			
Administration of Justice				Economic Diversification '91			
Adult Corrections '81				Health Care '92			
Court System '77				Human Resources			
Juvenile Justice '76				Discrimination '97			
Drug Abuse '05				Domestic Violence '79			
Children's Programs				Housing '70			
Child Custody and Support '93				Status of Women '72			
Children's Services '87				Welfare '96			
Day Care for Children '84							

Worksheet II: Listing and Ranking of Issues for State Program 2009-2011

Please list in the table below the items you want to give attention to. Specify what role the issue should play. After discussion, rank the top three items in order of importance: **1 if it's most important and 3 if it's your third choice**.

Name of Issue	Study	Update	Action	Citizen Education	Rank

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Be sure to plan ahead for the February 18th Luncheon on Health Care Issues at the Silverdale Beach Hotel - see Page 6 for details.				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	Local Program 21 Planning, 9:30 a.m. at Poulsbo Library Meeting Room	22	23	24
25	26	27	State Program 28 Planning, 9:30 a.m. at United Way Office, Bremerton	29	30	31