



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WASHINGTON 2009 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LWVWA

Strengthens Democracy

- public campaign financing for judicial positions
- same day voter registration
- restoration of voting rights
- inclusion of a civics class in the Core 24 Graduation Requirements

Strengthens Education and Early Learning

- a new K-12 basic education funding structure
- policies and programs that promote the well-being and safety of all children, including the Child Care Quality and Improvement Rating System
- professional development programs and adequate compensation for child care providers
- improved components of the child care subsidy and co-pay system

Improves Access to Health Care

- guarantee access for all residents in comprehensive, uniform, and affordable health services
- maintain funding for Cover All Kids, incentives for primary care doctors to work in underserved areas, the Health Insurance Partnership and public health

Protects Reproductive Rights

- maintain current funding level for Family Planning
- work to repeal the requirement that DOH apply for Title V funds to support Abstinence Only sex education programs

Protects Natural Resources and Human Health

Reduces Climate Change Gas Emissions

- implement an effective and fair system to reduce global warming gas emissions
- support responsible land use planning to decrease climate change
- enact energy efficiency and conservation programs
- prevent hazardous wastes, including mixed chemical and radioactive waste, from being deposited at any site until that site has been cleaned up
- protect children from harm due to exposures to toxic chemicals and other toxic substances

Promotes a Balanced Transportation System

- increase affordable and reliable access to public transportation
- decrease the number of single-occupancy vehicles on roads, bridges and ferries
- increase fuel efficiency by promoting development and use of alternative fuel sources across all modes of transportation

The League of Women Voters of Washington, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues and influences public policy.