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2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

We continue to protect democracy and our representative government. Our priorities reflect the short legislative session reality, which is prioritizing housing, behavioral health and addiction. Our Advocacy team strives to address issues for the full legislative cycle, from legislative concepts to amendments, to post-session agency rules, policies, and budget expenditures.

- **SUPPORT HOUSING STRATEGIES THAT INCREASE INVESTMENTS** in rental assistance, new affordable rentals, and home ownership; permanent supportive housing; preserve existing affordable housing; add homeless shelters and staffing navigation centers; and provide state support for water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure and pre-development expenses for affordable housing projects.
- **PROTECT DEMOCRACY** by supporting IP 9 for campaign finance reform and IP 14 for an independent citizen redistricting commission. Protect elections against artificial intelligence mis-, dis- and mal-information.
- **SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/ADDICTION and COMMUNITY SAFETY.** Expand accessibility to behavioral health services focused on addiction and mental health treatment. Support effective strategies that achieve a fair and equitable criminal justice system.
- **SUPPORT ADEQUATE AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.** Include early childhood/day care, summer learning, and early intervention/special education. Advocate for transparency in funding.
- **ASSURE ADEQUATE REVENUE** for essential services while promoting equitable and progressive tax policy. Access federal funds for infrastructure and other Oregonians' needs.
- **ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY** by supporting 2017-2021 Carbon/Climate Executive Orders, net zero greenhouse gas emissions before 2050 while ensuring environmental justice with a just transition for workers and impacted communities.
- **SUPPORT FUNDING** for implementing community **wildfire** risk reduction programs designed to build neighborhood resilience.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY: *Using the best available climate science to ensure future generations' stable climate systems (return to < 350 CO2 PPM and < 1.5 Degree Celsius warming by 2100). LWVOR supports Our Children's Trust/Crag Environmental Law Center federal lawsuits. We oppose fossil fuel infrastructure expansion.*

GOVERNANCE, PROTECTING DEMOCRACY: *Support ethics, efficiency, citizen participation and access, public records law, and contemporary privacy and technology issues. Our focus on election policies includes laws and administrative rules, campaign finance, redistricting, and alternative voting methods.*

SOCIAL POLICY: *Support housing, adult corrections, judiciary, juvenile justice, public safety, gun safety, violence prevention, health care, mental health, immigration and refugees, foster care, social services, and women's issues. LWVOR actively lobbies for anti-poverty programs to help low income and those at-risk move toward financial stability.*

NATURAL RESOURCES: *Improve air quality, combat climate change, coastal management, clean energy, proper disposal of hazardous materials and solid waste, conservation, land use, parks, clean and abundant water supply for all, wetlands protection and other resource preservation, and Oregon's 14 natural resource agency budgets.*

ACCESS: *Ensure the public/citizens have access to the process (at all levels).*

LWVOR ADVOCACY - Issues & Advocates

Advocacy Leadership

Our volunteers continue to monitor and work on all these issues. We mentor and add new volunteers with more issues, too. We encourage you to contact our office at 503-581-5722 or lwvor@lwvor.org and to reach out directly to us:

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