

## 2022 LEGISLATIVE ACTION TEAM

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) is a 102-year-old grassroots, nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government for the common good across rural/urban and party divides. We promote respectful civil discourse. The League advocates on policy issues and never supports or opposes individual candidates or political parties. LWVOR Legislative Action is always based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. Please subscribe to our legislative newsletter during the session at <http://lwvor.org/home/take-action/>.

### THE LWVOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION TEAM 2022 SESSION PRIORITIES:

In this era of COVID-19, we continue to protect democracy. Our priority emphasis is on health, safety, and providing safety net services to the most vulnerable. As employment opportunities improve, it is important to assure all workers have a safe environment with adequate pay to allow Oregon to also generate adequate revenue for essential services. Continued work on the climate emergency and addressing homelessness and other underserved communities is integral to Oregon's future.

- **PROTECT DEMOCRACY** by supporting campaign finance reform statutes to implement the M 107 constitutional amendment. Advocate for an independent citizen redistricting commission as in IP 34. Expand automatic voter registration and fund up-to-date, efficient and secure elections' software.
- **GENERATE ADEQUATE REVENUE** for essential services while promoting equitable and progressive tax policy and addressing revenue needs due to COVID-19.
- **ADVOCATE FOR ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS AND HEALTH CARE REFORMS** by preserving adequate Medicaid funding to build on Oregon's innovation to cover all kids and vulnerable adults. Focus on services for seniors, people with disabilities, and foster youth.
- **SUPPORT STRATEGIES TO ASSURE HOUSING FOR ALL** by increasing investments in rental assistance, affordable and homeless housing, preservation, new units and home ownership.
- **PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES** by seeking practical strategies to achieve police reform, revising mandatory sentencing of adults laws, instituting stronger gun safety regulations.
- **ADDRESS THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY** by supporting Governor Kate Brown's 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.
- **ADDRESS FORESTRY POLICIES** around the Elliott State Research Forest and the Private Forest Accord. Support creation of an Environmental Justice Council. Engage in a statewide **water conversation**.

**CONTACT LWVOR: Becky Gladstone, LWVOR President, and Alice Bartelt, LWVOR Legislative Action Chair, call our office at 503.581.5722 or directly contact these portfolio chairs:**

**CLIMATE EMERGENCY, Claudia Keith, [ca.keith@comcast.net](mailto:ca.keith@comcast.net). Volunteers include: Julie Chapman, Shirley Weathers, Kathy Moyd, and Josie Koehne**

Advocates year round for a variety of agency rules, policies and budgets that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. ( returning to < 350 CO2 PPM and < 1.5 Degree Celsius warming by 2100). LWVOR supports the Our Children's Trust/Crag Environmental Law Center state and federal lawsuits and we oppose expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure.

**GOVERNANCE, PROTECTING DEMOCRACY**, Norman Turrill, [nturrill@mac.com](mailto:nturrill@mac.com). Volunteers include: Ensuring the right to vote for all citizens, including incarcerated citizens, Marge Easley; election security and E-Portal Advisory Board rep, Becky Gladstone; redistricting, Chris Cobey; voting methods, Barbara Klein.

*Governance issues including ethics, efficiency, citizen participation and access, public access law, and contemporary privacy and technology issues. Election policies include laws and administrative rules, campaign finance, redistricting, and alternative voting methods.*

## **HUMAN SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH CARE, HOUSING, IMMIGRATION**

Many volunteers work in this area. Contact them specifically to collaborate: DHS Human Services and Public Safety: Karen Nibler [niblerk@comcast.net](mailto:niblerk@comcast.net); Criminal Justice Reform: Barbara Ross [bross7017@gmail.com](mailto:bross7017@gmail.com); Death Penalty Repeal: Alice Bartelt [alicebartelt@comcast.net](mailto:alicebartelt@comcast.net); Gun Safety: Marge Easley [marge.easley@frontier.com](mailto:marge.easley@frontier.com); Health Care and monitoring Universal Health Care Task Force:; Housing: Nancy Donovan and Debbie Aiona [nancy.donovan@icloud.com](mailto:nancy.donovan@icloud.com); Women's Issues: Alice Bartelt [alicebartelt@comcast.net](mailto:alicebartelt@comcast.net), Immigration, Refugee and other Basic Rights: Claudia Keith [ca.keith@comcast.net](mailto:ca.keith@comcast.net)

*The broad social policy area includes: adult corrections, judiciary, juvenile justice, public safety, instituting stronger gun safety regulations, health care, mental health, housing, immigration, refugee, foster care, social services, and women's issues. Actively lobbies for anti-poverty programs to help low income and at-risk people move toward financial stability.*

**NATURAL RESOURCES**, Peggy Lynch, [peggylynchor@gmail.com](mailto:peggylynchor@gmail.com). Volunteers include: Air Quality, Climate Change & Clean Energy, Kathy Moyd; Columbia River Treaty, Phillip Thor; Coastal Issues, Christine Moffitt; Drinking-Water Advisory Committee Representative, Amelia Nestler; Forestry, Josie Koehne; Hanford Cleanup Board Representative/Nuclear Waste, Marylou Schnoes; Land Use/Aggregate, Marge Easley; Northwest Energy Coalition Representative, Robin Tokmakian; Pesticides/Toxics, Amelia Nestler; Radioactive Waste, Shirley Weathers; Land Use/Housing, Water & Elliott Forest Issues and Natural Resource Agency Budgets, Peggy Lynch.

*Works year-round on improved air quality, combating 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 and other resource preservation, and budgets related to Oregon's 14 natural resource agencies.*

**TAX AND REVENUE POLICY**, Josie Koehne, [josephine.koehne@gmail.com](mailto:josephine.koehne@gmail.com)

*Addresses fair, equitable, and stable tax and revenue policies to adequately fund services and functions critical to Oregonians, including climate emergency investments. Consider extra revenue needs due to COVID-19 and wildfire for affordable housing and economic recovery for impacted small businesses, communities of color, and undocumented workers.*

**EDUCATION**, Anne Nesse, [annessevolunteerlwvor@gmail.com](mailto:annessevolunteerlwvor@gmail.com)

*Follows student success, early learning, career technical programs (CTE), PK-12 and higher education. We advocate minimizing barriers impacting education for children at risk or historically underserved and underachieving youth. We advocate for best mental health practices for teachers and students in an ever changing environment.*

**ACCESS**, Paula Krane, [kranep@peak.org](mailto:kranep@peak.org)

*We work and advocate to make sure that the public/citizens have access to the process (at all levels).*