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Impact on Issues is designed to help League leaders use LWVUS public policy positions effectively at the state and local levels.

In addition to the official statements of position for each program area, this guide briefly traces significant past actions and achievements and indicates links among positions. The LWVUS public policy positions “in brief” listed on pages 1-4 reflect the program adopted by the 2016 Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States. This listing summarizes the official full statements of position, **which are presented in bold type in the relevant sections of this guide.**

Impact on Issues is an indispensable resource for League leaders. A clear understanding of LWVUS positions, how they interrelate and how they can complement and reinforce state, local and Inter-League Organization (ILO) positions will strengthen the League’s “Impact on Issues” at all levels of government.

In applying LWVUS positions to state, local and regional issues, it is the responsibility of the appropriate League board, depending on the level of action, to determine whether member understanding and agreement exists and whether the action makes sense in terms of timing, need and effectiveness. Please refer to “Legislative Action: Working Together to Influence Public Policy” starting on page 1 for tools and procedures for an effective action partnership among the national, state and local levels of the League.