



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES
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VOTING RIGHTS (1980, 2012)

1. Support of election procedures which enable citizens to carry out their rights and duties as voters, such as:
 - Adequate and clear information for voters on elections, election issues and candidates;
 - Impartial summaries of ballot measures and, where appropriate, statement of financial impact;
 - More public notices to solicit arguments from the public; and
 - More publicity on all election procedures.

2. Placing of measures on the ballot.
 - Support of changes which will simplify and expedite the way in which ballot measures are adopted.
 - Support of procedures to ensure that a ballot simplification digest for each measure appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.
 - Support for lengthening the time between adoption of resolutions by Council and deadlines for filing ballot arguments.
 - Support for review of all proposed ballot measures by the Charter and Election Committee.
 - Support of measures to require adequate public notification of deadlines and procedures involved in submitting opposing arguments.

3. Initiatives
 - Support for simplification of the method of validating signatures.
 - Support for general petition format changes to conform more closely to statewide standards.
 - Support for requirement that proponents' names and addresses appear on the face of the petition.

- Support requirement that the circulator and signer be registered voters.
- Opposition to lowering signature requirements.
- Opposition to an unlimited circulation time to gather signatures.
- Opposition to the requirement that proponents have to file ballot arguments in favor at their own expense.
- Opposition to the requirement that proponents must enter the precinct for every name on the petition.

4. Sample Ballots

Voters should receive their sample ballots by mail at least ten days prior to an election.

5. Vote By Mail Elections (2012)

- Support of VBM election option for certain city elections: vacancy elections, single issue elections and runoff elections.

If a VBM election option is implemented, the LWVLA supports the following:

- Ballot drop-off boxes in public buildings such as city offices, libraries, fire stations, etc.
- One or more “voting centers” where a voter could vote in person.
- Voter outreach programs to contact both active and inactive registered voters.
- A fail-safe process for obtaining a replacement ballot if the mailed ballot is not received.
- Publicity campaigns to promote VBM election.

Culver City (2012)

Support of an all vote by mail process in a pilot program for municipal elections in Culver City. Support for ballot drop off boxes in public buildings.

1. Support of one or more “voting centers” where a voter can vote in person.
2. Support of voter outreach programs to include both active and inactive registered voters.
3. Support of a process for obtaining a ballot if a mailed ballot is not received.
4. Optional; The clerk can provide prepaid postage for returning cast ballots.
5. Support of publicity campaigns, including TV programs, at council meetings, in libraries and schools, etc. to promote all vote by mail elections.

Las Virgenes (2012)

Support of an all vote by mail process in all municipal elections in the Las Virgenes area, including the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Oak Park, and Westlake Village.

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2. Support of one or more “voting centers” where a voter could vote in person.
3. Support of voter outreach programs to contact both active and inactive registered voters.
4. Support of a fail-safe process for obtaining a replacement ballot if the mailed ballot is not received.
5. Opposition to envelopes with prepaid postage for returning cast ballots.
6. Support of publicity campaigns, including TV programs, at council meetings, in libraries and high schools, etc., to promote the vote by mail elections.