

Engaging new members in Local Issues

Small break-out group notes:

Immigration:

- Share rights (before ICE)
- Partner with ACLU and others to educate the community
- Education on current situations (facts vs myths)
- SB 6 (Funds to assist) immigrants and SB 3 (Funds to educate attorneys)
- Protect Police from ICE
- Protect families from ICE
- Protect noncriminal {undocumented}
- Contact ICE Director to assist deportee.
- Immigration policy is broken - needs comprehensive reform
- {Share LWVUS Immigration Policy}

Homeless/ Affordable Housing

- Education Forums with great speakers on:
 - Social Services
 - City
 - Urban Planners
 - Developers
- Projects:
 - Bite-size, informational surveys of members' neighborhoods
 - Research of services and organizations operating in the space
 - Tracking bills and city plans "coming down the pike".
- Special Election on Rent Control
 - LWV held a Pro/Con debate. New members volunteered then plus recruitment.
 - Education: How Affordable Housing is financed? Current trends.
 - Day-long event with a variety of speakers (all the stakeholders).
 - Partner with other organizations and Leagues.
 - Projects - member-led surveys in their own neighborhoods.
 - Zoning laws and parking rules - Get the planners to present.
 - Survey partner organizations and other social service organizations on the issue?

Climate Change:

- Water

- Determine local water issues
 - How to sustain clean water(Conservation, efficiency, cooperation)
 - Adjusting re: microclimates.
- New Member Engaging:
 - Plan a field trip to recycle plants for the community
 - Educate them on what the county is currently doing regarding conservation efforts.
 - Understand what the League has done already to make an impact.

Education/ Charter Schools

- Hot issues in LA so it is hard to touch it.
- Have forums and Panels
- Partner with AAUW, School Boards, Teacher's Union
- Basic Information and Fact Sheets
- Schools of Education as Resources, ACSA, Charter Schools
- Be sure to have the facts
- Understand the laws and fund-raising mechanisms and relevant League positions for {regular}schools and charters, transparency, accountability.
- Fresno is working on this and started with District speaker who was manager for public charters.
- Learn about public or private charters
- Look into admissions, treatment of disabilities.
- Recognize that within the League there is a diversity of opinion.
- Learn what is happening locally
- Role of the DOE.

Money in Politics

- National Position
- Money in Politics corrupts the process and discourages participation.
- Public Finance "Clean Money" {or Fair Elections (matching funds)}, contribution limits, lose candidates too expensive.
- Freedom of Speech
 - Not illegal
 - Unfair restrictions of advocating for their candidates/cause
- Local government candidates, voters, district boards and regional agencies
- Candidate forms pledge to clean and fair campaigns, op-eds, letters to the editor.
- All of media channels
- Advocacy Chair, Education Chair, voter services
- Common Cause, MapLight, candidates, committee
- Leader with a passion in Money in Politics.

