



Questions for Evaluating Issues: League Action

General Questions

1. What is the problem that is being addressed?
2. Who is already working on the issue?
3. Are there other proposals on the same subject?
4. What organizations are supporting and opposing this proposal? Note particularly those organizations with which the League has interacted in the past.
5. Why are groups and others opposing the proposal?
6. Is the intent of the proposal clear?
7. What are the ramifications beyond the stated intentions, if any?
8. How did the proposal come to our attention?
9. If this still a skeletal proposal, are we able (willing to and have the expertise) to be part of the group shaping the proposal? If not, is it too sketchy for us to support or oppose at this time?

League Position

10. Is this within the scope of League position?
11. Is it important for the League to be publicly visible on this issue?
12. Has the League supported or opposed the same or similar measures in the past? If so, how important is it that we remain consistent? *Note: You can check with the LWVC and other local Leagues to see what others have done.*
13. Is there a clear policy issue at stake?
14. Looking at the big picture, does this move the community in a direction in accord with League position?

Fiscal Questions

15. Is funding needed to implement? Is a funding source named? Appropriate? Adequate? Realistic?
16. If a tax expenditure is involved, is there a sunset or review provision? Should there be one? Can we support without it?

Policy Questions

17. Is the implementation mechanism/authority appropriate? Best? Acceptable?
18. Would the measure be acceptable to the League only with certain amendments? Is it clear what amendments, precisely and fully, would be sufficient grounds for us to remove our objection/opposition? Do we have the time to pursue such amendments?
19. If we oppose, has a strategy been suggested, besides just writing a letter informing the proponents of the measure that we oppose it? Has someone expressed a desire/commitment to *capitalize* on League opposition? Where is the proposal in the overall process? What are its chances of passage with or without our support or opposition? Would we make a difference? **Are we “truly needed”?**