

LWVUS Positions & Principles*

Can be used for lobbying / general advocacy...

- At the federal level by LWVUS / EF
- At the state level by LWV-Ohio / EF
- At the local level by local Leagues / EFs (LL)

The LWVUS may only initiate action at the federal level and may only use US positions / principles.

LWV-Ohio Positions*

Can be used for lobbying / general advocacy...

- At the state level by LWV-Ohio / EF
- At the local level by LLs / EFs

A state League may **initiate** action at the **state level** under a state or national position, although the state League should confirm the intent / interpretation of a US position if there is any doubt.

Local League (LL) Positions

Can be used for lobbying / general advocacy...

- At the local level by the LL / EF

A LL may initiate action at the **local level**, given membership understanding, under its local, state or national positions – although the LL should confirm the intent / interpretation of a state or US position if there is any doubt.** Local Leagues planning an action that would involve contact with state / federal government officials where no action has been requested and no state / federal action has been taken must consult with the state / federal board.

* Local Leagues can use state and national positions to act at the local level in most cases. Some positions specifically address a particular level of government, however, and can only be used at that level. For example, the LWVUS Fiscal Policy position specifically addresses fiscal policy for the federal government.

** If the local action affects geographic areas other than the local League's, the other LLs must be consulted.