**Making a Statement – LWV Program Planning for Advocacy**

* **Would you like LWVCNM to propose, support, or oppose Legislation?**
* **Would you like the LWVCNM President to make a public statement on an issue or write a Letter to the Editor?**

Of course, all residents can represent themselves on issues, however, official statements from LWV require Positions. Program Planning is the opportunity for LWV members to identify omissions in current LWV Program and Positions which, if newly developed, revised, or supplemented, could adequately support LWV desire to address situations existing in our community or state needing resolution or improvement. Local and State Positions (LWVCNM pp.36-39; LWVNM pp. 8-33 of gray 2024-25 LWVCNM member Handbook) should be reviewed for adequacy and ideas from members introduced during annual Program Planning for further consideration.

LWVCNM will host our annual Program Planning meeting Saturday January 25, 2025, from 10:00 – 12:00 via zoom. Study proposal introduction by members is strongly encouraged and the study, consensus, and Position approval process, which is strictly defined, will be discussed. Alternatively, supplementing current Positions by concurrence with other state or local League Positions is an option but also requires member approval by the LWVCNM Annual Meeting attendees (May 10, 2025) or LWVNM Convention Delegates (April 26-27, 2025).

Please reserve Saturday 1/25/25 10:00 – 12:00 to participate in LWVCNM Program Planning for issues members would like to address and discuss the process to develop these proposals into approved LWV Positions. LWVCNM needs your participation and perspective to better address issues in our local community and state.