

**2021 Denver Ballot Issues**  
**November 2021 Coordinated Election**  
**LWVDenver Positions**

The following positions were adopted by consensus at a special LWVDenver Board Meeting on September 20, 2021. For background and major provisions of each proposal, please look at the Denver 2020 Ballot Issues: Pros and Cons, which will be posted soon at [www.lwvdenver.org](http://www.lwvdenver.org). The issues are listed in ballot order.

**Initiated Ordinance 300 - Pandemic Research Fund**

*League Position:* Oppose

*Justification*

LWVCO position on Fiscal Policy supports "an equitable tax system that is progressive." Sales taxes, such as the one proposed here, are regressive. The League also opposes earmarking, especially in this case to a specific institution.

**Initiated Ordinance 301 - Parks and Open Spaces**

*League Position:* Neither support nor oppose

*Justification*

Although we have positions on the local, state, and national level to support the proper management of natural resources, LWVUS Principles indicate that League believes in "representative government" and "transparency." We feel this decision should be handled by elected officials and should not be decided directly by the voters. Few voters will know the history and complicated legal questions at stake in this proposal.

**Initiated Ordinance 302 - Conservation Easement**

*League Position:* Oppose

*Justification*

LWVCO position on Land Use and Planning " ... supports measures which promote integrated planning for environmental management, wise use of Colorado's natural resources, comprehensive statewide planning for land use," and the LWVUS position on Natural Resources indicates "... the responsibility for managing natural resources be shared by all levels of government." We believe this initiated ordinance does meet the intent of either position.

**Initiated Ordinance 303 - Let's Do Better**

*League Position:* Oppose

### *Justification*

We believe this ordinance does not fully meet the LWVUS position on Meeting Basic Human Needs: "Support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families. Support income assistance programs, based on need, that provide decent, adequate standards for food, clothing, and shelter. Provide essential support services. Support policies to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family."

### **Initiated Ordinance 304 - Enough Taxes Already**

*League Position:* Oppose

### *Justification*

We believe this ordinance does not match LWVUS Principles. In particular, League believes "...government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation" and "... promote a sound economy."

### **Referred Measure 2A - Denver Facilities System Bonds**

### **Referred Measure 2B - Denver Housing and Sheltering System Bonds**

### **Referred Measure 2C - Denver Transportation and Mobility System Bonds**

### **Referred Measure 2D - Denver Parks and Recreation System Bonds**

### **Referred Measure 2E - National Western Center Campus Facilities Bonds**

*League Position:* Support

### *Justification*

2B: LWV Denver Position on Housing: "Support the concept of public housing, including dispersed housing."

The rest of the measures are supported by LWVD position on Planning and Zoning, Community & Urban Renewal, & Citizen Participation: "Support of measures which ensure sound planning for Denver and for plans which meet the physical (2A), social, economic (2C), educational, recreational (2D), cultural (2E), governmental and aesthetic needs of Denver's people, with increased citizen participation in the decision-making process."

### **Referred Measure 2F - Safe and Sound Denver**

*League Position:* Oppose

### *Justification*

The original ordinance 2020-0888 was passed by City Council after much citizen input. LWVUS Principles call for "representative government." LWVD Housing position supports, "measures to ensure adequate and affordable housing for residents of all incomes ... including dispersed housing."

## **Referred Measure 2G - Fill Future Vacancies for Independent Monitor**

*League Position:* Support

*Justification*

LWVD Position on Justice: Support for measures which "... will improve police-community relations."

LWVD Standard on Law Enforcement: "The Internal Affairs Bureau of the Denver Police Department should provide for citizens' input and be made more accountable to the public."

## **Referred Measure 2H - Election Day Change**

*League Position:* Support

*Justification*

LWVCO Voting Rights Position: "Protect the right of all citizens to vote; encourage all citizens to vote." In addition, this will allow us to be in compliance with US election laws.