

LEAGUE POSITIONS

While the League is non-partisan (we do not support or oppose any political party or candidate), the League advocates on issues, and, as a result, the League may choose to take supporting, opposing, or neutral positions on various ballot issues.

Positions on ballot issues may be taken when League Program Positions provide a basis for taking a position. Over time, League studies and member input create and revise our [Program Positions](#) at a local, state, and national level.

Positions taken by the League of Women Voters of Boulder County (LWVBC) on 2014 BALLOT ISSUES in the BOULDER COUNTY AREA:

Boulder County Issue 1A Flood Recovery Sales and Use Tax

LWVBC SUPPORTS this issue

The LWVBC Board based its support on our positions covering Housing in Boulder County, Fiscal Structure of Boulder County Municipalities, and Solid Waste Management. Issue 1A addresses the long term capital improvement needs post-flood for the county and municipalities within the county. Issue 1A provides for assistance in home replacement and repair, especially important for low income residents. These flood repair funds will also help to assure a successful waste management operation through improvements to overall water flow and reduction of any future flood debris from weakened infrastructures that might cause problems in the sewage system.

Boulder County Issue 1B Human Services Safety Net Mill Levy Extension

LWVBC SUPPORTS this issue

The LWVBC Board based its support on our positions covering Social Policy (Child Care, Children's Support Systems, Meeting Basic Human Needs) and Health Care. We support programs and policies to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families, including quality child care and adequate health care for individuals.

***Positions taken by the League of Women Voters of Boulder County (LWVBC) on
2014 BALLOT ISSUES in the BOULDER COUNTY AREA cont.:***

Boulder Issue 2A —Temporary Tax Increase for Community, Culture, and Safety

LWVBC SUPPORTS this issue

The LWVBC Board based its support on two positions, Fiscal Structure of Boulder County Municipalities and Environmental Planning. LWVBC promotes efficient fiscal administration, including adequate and equitable financing of municipal programs, current and long range. Funds should be budgeted for a capital improvements program, and distribution of costs of public improvements should be carefully considered in light of distribution of benefits. Issue 2A coordinates the timing of project expense with tax income and addresses a wide range of capital improvements. Environmental Planning position encourages addressing future needs of public spaces (e.g. Community and Safety aspects of 2A). These combined priorities, and the 3 year time restriction on the sales and use tax, override concerns about a non-progressive sales tax. In addition, much of the improvements are enjoyed by visitors to Boulder, and the tax on product or lodging purchases in Boulder allow visitors to contribute to project revenue.

Boulder Issue 2B — City Council Executive Sessions Related to Boulder’s Electric Utility

LWVBC neither supports nor opposes this issue

Note: in general, LWVBC supports restrictions on communication among elected officials outside of open public meetings. Many public entities make exceptions to such restrictions for specific types of communications such as negotiating certain personnel issues or legal matters, while reserving final decision making on those matters for public meetings. LWVBC does not have a position addressing specific exceptions.

Boulder Question 2C – Affirming the City’s Right to Provide Telecommunication Services

LWVBC neither supports nor opposes this question

Lafayette Issue 2A – Public Safety Mill Levy

LWVBC SUPPORTS this issue

The LWVBC Board based its support on Health Care positions supporting access to and delivery of comprehensive and affordable health care. Adequate ambulance service is part of that care. In addition, League positions on Children’s Support Systems and the encouragement of Juvenile Justice are promoted through potential youth programs that would be provided by Issue 2A.

Lafayette Issue 2B Recreation bond and Mill Levy for LaMont Does Park

LWVBC neither supports nor opposes this issue

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2014 BALLOT ISSUES in the BOULDER COUNTY AREA cont.:***

Lafayette Issue 2C Marijuana Excise Tax

LWVBC neither supports nor opposes this question

Lafayette Issue 2D Excise Tax for Clean Energy Initiative

LWVBC neither supports nor opposes this question

Longmont Question 2A Street Fund Tax Extension

LWVBC SUPPORTS this question

The LWVBC Board based its support on Fiscal Structure of Boulder County Municipalities. The longer extension and other changes to the Street Fund make its administration more efficient and effective as the Fund is used to meet both short to medium term Street program needs.

BVSD Bond Issue

LWVBC neither supports nor opposes this issue

Note: There are a number of items in the bond issue that are clearly supported by League positions, such as a new school in Erie, money for pre-K and all day Kindergarten space, health-related improvements such as bathroom replacement and asbestos removal, and safety improvements to provide better communication between schools, local law enforcement, fire departments, and first responders. However, there are other areas where the bond issue works against the League position that school districts should manage their funds responsibly and transparently. The bond dollar total is huge, allowing something for every school, even the newest school, when restraint in expenditures would be more prudent. It is not fiscally responsible to cover operational expenses such as maintenance and program operation with long term debt.