

LWVCO POSITIONS -BALLOT INITIATIVES 2014

I. LWVCO recommends that voters **OPPOSE** AMENDMENT 67, DEFINITION OF PERSON AND CHILD.

The LWVCO Board based its opposition of Amendment 67 on the following —

LWVUS position on Public Policy on Reproductive Choices: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

Rationale: Amendment 67 extends the definition of personhood to unborn human beings. This extension will limit the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

II. LWVCO recommends that voters **OPPOSE** AMENDMENT 68, HORSE RACETRACK CASINO GAMBLING.

The LWVCO Board based its opposition of Amendment 68 on the following —

LWVCO Position Fiscal Policy – Revenue: Support the use of the following criteria for evaluating Colorado revenue structure: ability to pay, equitable, certain, convenient, economical and flexible. Also adequate, reliable, elastic, diverse and simple.

Rationale: Amendment 68 creates a new K-12 Education Fund in exchange for writing into the Colorado Constitution special privileges for one out-of-state gaming corporation. The \$100 million annual revenue promised to the Education Fund would be 1/9 of the annual deficit that Colorado runs in funding education and 1/60 of the total deficit of \$6 billion that Colorado has accrued over the past years. Education funding needs a revenue structure that is equitable, adequate, and reliable.

III. LWVCO recommends that voters **OPPOSE** PROPOSITION 104, SCHOOL BOARD OPEN MEETINGS.

The LWVCO Board based its opposition of Proposition 104 on the following —

LWVUS Principle: that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.

Rationale: Proposition 104 changes the Sunshine Laws to limit the collective bargaining rights of one group of people - public school personnel.

IV. The LWVCO has taken **NO POSITION** on **PROPOSITION 105, MANDATORY LABELING OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD.**

Rationale: LWVUS recently completed an extensive study on topics of American agriculture and we were unable to reach a consensus on this very question.