



League of Women Voters of Atlanta-Fulton County Program Focus for 2018-2019

The Annual Program Planning meeting took place on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Corner Bakery. The committee recommends extending the current programming focus through the new 2018-2019 League Year. The following program focus is the recommendation of the Program Committee: *Engage and educate voters on finding accurate information on key national, state and local issues.*

Key Points:

- The annual focus for League Program is proposed by the membership in the early part of the year and adopted at the Annual Meeting each May.
- League action is based on the general consensus of members who have examined both sides of the issues.
- The League can only act after consensus is reached and the position is formally adopted by the Board of Directors.
- League members may take action only on issues for which a position exists.
- The League of Women Voters arrives at its positions on issues through research, study, and a process of member agreement. Positions on issues are researched and agreed upon at the national, state, or local level, depending on the scope of the issue.

Criteria for Program Items Include:

- Does it fall within League principles?
- Does the League already have positions that can be applied to the proposal?
- Is government action needed? Possible?
- How much member interest has been expressed for the issue?
- Is this the crucial time for the issue?
- Do political realities permit effective action?
- Is this the appropriate level of the League to address the issue?
- Is this local to Atlanta and Fulton County?
- Will the League's involvement make a unique impact?
- Will it increase the League's influence and credibility?
- What are the prospects for funding anticipated educational activities and/or action strategies?
- Will the League be able to partner with other organizations?