

Sample: LWVJeffco Program Planning Proposal

Topic: What Does Defunding the Police Mean?

League Position: (possible positions under which action on this topic could be taken)

LWVUS Impact on Issues:

Violence: The League of Women Voters of the United States supports violence prevention programs in all communities and action to support: public and private development and coordination of programs that emphasize the primary prevention of violence; the active role of government and social institutions in preventing violent behavior; the allocation of public monies in government programs to prevent violence.

Sentencing: LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime.

Death Penalty: The League of Women Voters of the United States supports the abolition of the death penalty.

Gun Policy: The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semiautomatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens.

LWVCO Positions for Action: Local Government: Local governments should be accountable, responsive, flexible, efficient, effective, able to raise enough revenues to perform their duties, and have adequate constitutional and statutory powers to cope effectively.

LWVJeffco Program and History Guide: Support of governmental solutions most suitable to the needs of Jefferson County. County government should be responsive, representative and efficient. Governmental units should be encouraged to cooperate with other governmental units in providing services and to consolidate if program effectiveness and efficiency would be promoted.

LWVJeffco Program and History Guide: Support policies that promote fiscal responsibility, efficiency, economy, transparency, long range planning, and the inclusion of citizens in the financial process. Budgeting should strive to provide adequate funds for programs and services.

Purpose: To investigate the adequacy of the law enforcement officials to de-escalate violence.

Scope: We propose that we examine the police manuals, training materials, recruitment tests, and present practices of the Jefferson County sheriff's dept, and a few select cities within our county to ascertain what, if any, tactics, beliefs, actions cause escalation, rather than de-escalation of violence within our police forces. This exploration to also include a review of the Colorado legislature 2020 initiative that passed with new restrictions on police, as well as, other suggestions that may not have passed into law that may help the de-escalation of violence.