

## Sample HCR4US ASK to Local and State LWV Boards for NY (PWM) Concurrence (for June 2026)

I am requesting time at our League's January Program Planning meeting. Plus after the meeting, we should let [LWV.Update4Convention@gmail.com](mailto:LWV.Update4Convention@gmail.com) know what the League recommends.

1. I'd like to ask for a motion to support the PWM Update on our LWVUS Program Planning Survey.
2. I would like to speak to what this motion involves and why our board should support it.

Once again, we are asking you to include a grassroots initiative when you complete the LWVUS [Program Planning Survey](#) that LWVUS will post for League Presidents on January 15.

LWV PWM (Port Washington-Manhasset on Long Island, NY), which has been joined by the state Leagues of New York and Vermont requests our League add the following PWM Update "program item" to the LWV Program Planning Survey we submit before March 10.

**LWV PWM is proposing an Update to the National Privatization Position that will clarify four elements of the national position** — elements the LWVUS has publicly supported — but are not stated explicitly in the US position: that is, adding healthcare to the position's list of "public goods"; opposing further privatization of healthcare, which is, by far, our most privatized public good; and, finally, adding two items to the position's "best practices requirements" specifically "fiduciary duty to the public" and accountability, up to and including de-privatization for violating fiduciary duty to the public. Note: PWM believes the US could simply insert these into the position<sup>1</sup>

Of the 40+plus national positions, **only** the privatization position and another, also adopted before 2024, have **no League history**. **LWV PWM believes that this Update will make the position more useful, allowing state and local Leagues to advocate more effectively**, confident that they are aligned with national League policy in addressing an accelerating trend: i.e., the siphoning of public funding (taxes) into corporate profits and away from critical services aimed "to preserve the common good, to protect national or local security or to meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of society."<sup>2</sup>

**I have a copy of the LWV PWM Update that will take me one minute to read.** (See attached.)

PWM requests that we:

**ADD it to our US Program Planning Survey<sup>3</sup>** because we believe it is worthy of debate and discussion on the floor of Convention 2026.

By doing this, our League will be requesting that the PWM Update be debated and voted at Convention by about 900 delegates. Our adding it to the survey does not commit our delegates to vote for it at Convention — indeed, the League recommends that delegates be instructed to learn/discuss at Convention and then to vote their conscience.

Also that we **Let LWVPWM know** we've done this— [LWV.Update4Convention@gmail.com](mailto:LWV.Update4Convention@gmail.com), and **PROMOTE the PWM Update** — forwarding this, asking our state League and sister local Leagues to consider supporting it, as well as those in our national/regional League interest groups.

**To learn more** about the proposed PWM Update: email [LWV.Update4Convention@gmail.com](mailto:LWV.Update4Convention@gmail.com)

- **PWM's Concurrence Webpage** [lwvofpwm.org/concurrence-privatization-update/](http://lwvofpwm.org/concurrence-privatization-update/)
- **HCR4US's Concurrence Webpage** [lwvhealthcarereform.org/ny-concurrence-page-2026/](http://lwvhealthcarereform.org/ny-concurrence-page-2026/)
- **Watch 4-minute video summary and/or next 8 minutes of detailed explainer:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=keG-2uvaUDI&t=250s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keG-2uvaUDI&t=250s) (use time stamp below 30-minute video)

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<sup>1</sup> See attached sample for one way of doing this if the Update Concurrence is successful at Convention.

<sup>2</sup> US Privatization Position, p.76 of <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues> or position only ([pdf](#))

<sup>3</sup> PWM's suggested wording for Program Planning Survey is on a separate page: "Sample Survey Instructions"