

LWV US Program Planning Survey ¹

How to Support Concurrence for PWM Privatization Update²

If your League decides to support more than one "**study, concurrence, or other program item**" being discussed and voted on at Convention 2026, these instructions provide 2 options to allow that.

Option A — if PWM Update is your highest priority, answer survey questions as follows:

Would you like to recommend another issue, in addition to or instead of Women Defend Democracy:

☒ Yes

☐ No

Which are you proposing?

☐ Study

☒ Concurrence

☐ Other program item

Please check which of the four LWVUS issue headings your recommendation would fall under.

☒ Representative Government

☐ International Relations

☐ Natural Resources

☐ Social Policy

Describe the proposal in 10 words or less.

Update the LWVUS Privatization position by concurrence, to clarify four areas

You may want to describe the issue in more detail. If so, please provide a statement (500 words or less) describing the scope of your recommendation including a description of the issue area, its importance in advancing the League's mission as well as resources needed to carry out the recommendation. This information will be read, but will not be included in the official response written above.

We support the PWM Update to the LWVUS Privatization Position being a recommended program item for concurrence. Adopting the PWM Update would allow state and local Leagues to advocate more effectively, confident that they are aligned with national League policy in 1) advocating for healthcare as a "public good"; advocating as "best practices... requirements" both 2) "fiduciary duty" to the public and 3) accountability, up to and including de-privatization for violating fiduciary duty; and 4) opposing further privatization of healthcare which is, by far, our most privatized public good. The Update will make the current position more useful to state and local Leagues in advocating for legislation which protects vulnerable and marginalized residents who are disproportionately harmed by privatization — because it makes public goods less accessible, affordable or available, or of lower quality and less safe. These benefits will accrue without any League expending additional resources.

Option B — if the PWM Update is not your highest priority, complete the final question as follows (148 words allows 3 submissions plus your highest priority submission):

Please provide anything else you would like to share on Program Planning (in 500 words or less)

We support "Updating the LWVUS Privatization position by concurrence to clarify four areas" as a recommended program item (under REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT).

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¹ The online survey will be posted on January 15, 2026 — due March 10, 2026.

² The **2026 LWV US Program Planning Page** can be found [here](#). The survey can only be submitted only once, so LWV-US has offered a [PDF version](#) and advised Leagues to draft all answers in a word file to allow rapid copy/pasting into the online form.

Questions about the PWM Update or these instructions? email LWV.Update4Convention@gmail.com