How to Support Updating the US Privatization Position by Adding the LWV Vermont Concurrence Statement

Please share the Vermont Concurrence Statement with your LWV Board as well as the two "asks" regarding how to fill in the LWVUS Program Planning survey.

- 1. First Ask: Agree to publicly support putting the <u>Vermont Concurrence</u> on the 2024 LWVUS Convention Agenda so we can add your League to the supporting Leagues on our <u>Vermont Concurrence Webpage</u>. If your board passes it, use this email, <u>lwv.vt.update@gmail.com</u>, to inform LWVVT.
- 2. Second Ask: Put your support into the LWVUS Program Planning Survey (due by March 10) Note: Your recommendation to put the concurrence on the Convention agenda does NOT commit your delegates to vote in favor of the concurrence. They will be offered education on the concurrence before and during the Convention so they can make up their own minds. Should you want to review pros/cons, study materials, and rationale being offered to LWVUS, they will all be available on our Vermont Concurrence Webpage soon.

Here's more detail on the second ask — be sure to read instructions!

If your League decides to support discussion of this at the Convention, please complete the online-only LWVUS Program Planning Survey using ALL the specific language in the box so they know exactly what you are recommending and why.

Option A:

Question 9: Yes

Question 10: Social Policy

We support putting "Concurrence at LWVUS Convention: Update the US Privatization position by adding the Vermont position" on the agenda for discussion and voting.

Concurring with this LWVVT language at Convention will update the LWVUS position without requiring any outlay of resources by either local Leagues or LWVUS. It will support our DEI efforts by allowing Leagues to support reforms to our health care and other systems that will benefit racially, economically, geographically, and other underserved populations. Affordable access and public control over health care services is a concern for a majority of Americans.

Option B:

Question 16: [Use the exact language in the box above to type into the question box].

Critical Instructions:

Each League may complete the LWVUS survey once. It must be completed in one sitting and, once started, it cannot be edited —and **IT MAY TIME OUT** while you are filling it in. Only completed surveys will have any answers considered. Because of these issues, the LWVUS 2024 Instructions advise Leagues to draft all answers in a Word document in advance to allow rapid copy/pasting into the online form. To facilitate this advance drafting, LWVUS offers a PDF version to use for drafting answers, before you open the online survey.

Submission deadline: March 10, 2022. Email questions: progplan@lwv.org.