

Frequently Asked Questions

Q - If LWVC adopts a position by concurrence, must local League membership also need to vote to adopt?

A - No. All positions, whether by concurrence or formal study, can be used for action and advocacy at the local League level.

Q - Why doesn't this position include issues regarding youth?

A - LWVC has an established position on [Juvenile Justice](#).

Q - There seem to be important things missing, e.g. prosecutorial reform and victim rights.

A - The LWVC Taskforce on Criminal Justice Reform will continue to study other issues for the purpose of updating the position in the future.

Q - Examples following general statements seem limiting.

A - Examples are not meant to be prescriptive; rather, to stimulate thinking for local League needs.

Q - Why doesn't the position address specific issues such as the needs of incarcerated women?

A - The statements were written in the broadest of terms so that it could be applied to a wide range of issues.

Q - Who are the local Leagues that participated in developing the LWVC Position on Criminal Justice?

A - Beach Cities, Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Orange Coast, Pasadena, Sacramento County, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara

Q - Is there an online conversation about criminal justice reform?

A - [Join the LWVC Policing Practices Google Group](#)

Q - I'm just beginning to learn about criminal justice reform. Do you have book recommendations to help me gain an overview of the challenges and opportunities?

A - [A Selected Bibliography on Criminal Justice Reform](#).

Q - What resources have you uncovered that can apply to rural California?

A - [Criminal Justice in Rural Areas](#)