



2020 Denver Ballot Issues LWVDenver Positions

The following positions were taken at a special LWVDenver Board Meeting on September 23, 2020. The entire board was present. For background and major provisions of each proposal, please look at [Denver 2020 Ballot Issues: Pros and Cons](#).

Referred Measure 2A: Increase Sales Tax to Support Climate Change Efforts
Referred Measure 2B: Increase Sales Tax to Fund Sheltering Efforts

League positions: **NEITHER SUPPORT OR OPPOSE**

Although these two proposals were discussed separately and at length, our conclusions were the same. Our LWVCO position on Fiscal Policy in support of “an equitable tax system that is progressive,” is the basis for not supporting these regressive taxes, especially in a time of such economic downturn.

Referred Measure 2C: Give City Council Authority to Procure Professional Services
Referred Measure 2E: Grant City Council Authority to Confirm Certain Mayoral Appointments
Referred Measure 2F: Change City Charter Language on Public Meetings to Respond to Pandemic Issues
Referred Measure 2G: Grant City Council Emergency Budget Authority

League positions: **SUPPORT**

Again, these proposals were all discussed separately, but our support was based primarily on the same positions. Our study of local government in the 70s, even then stated, “City Council should approve at least some mayoral appointees, including those who serve in positions which are responsible to both Mayor and Council This should include the City Attorney.”

That same study promoted “measures to increase citizen understanding of the budget process particularly through the vehicle of neighborhood or district meetings.” Finally, our National Principles promote “a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive and judicial.”

Referred Measure 2D: Create Advisory Board for Transportation and Infrastructure

League position: **SUPPORT**

Part of League's mission is to promote the "active participation of citizens in government."

Referred Measure 2H: Restore Right of Denver to Provide Internet Services

League position: **SUPPORT**

Our Principles support that "ever person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all." The internet is one of the main sources of education and particularly during this time of virtual learning.

Referred Measure 2I: Clarify Language about Appointments in Clerk and Recorder Office

League position: **SUPPORT**

Again, from its Principles, "The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel [and] the clear assignment of responsibility ... "

Referred Measure 2J: Grant Authority to Allow Previously Banned Breeds of Dog with Some Requirements

League position: **NO POSITION**

Referred Measure 4A: Debt Free Schools Mill Levy

Referred Measure 4B: Debt Free School Bond

League positions: **SUPPORT**

The League of Women Voters throughout its long history has been a strong supporter of education. Our Principles read, "Every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination." As more and more responsibilities are handled by the schools, we must support the schools and teachers financially as we value them.