



Greetings, League Members,

In the wake of the 2020 election, voter rights and election security have taken center stage, with an increasing focus on election security as rumors of election improprieties continue. Earlier this year, we learned that LWV Oregon planned to present their recently adopted Election Security, Cybersecurity, and Personal Security Position to the LWVUS 2022 Convention. A committee, including Maud Naroll, Toni Larson, Gaythia Weis, Neal McBurnett, and me, reviewed the election security portion of Oregon's position and wished it were much broader. We met with LWV Oregon representatives in September, learning that their position adoption process had taken three years — too long for them to broaden their already-finalized position in time for the 2022 LWVUS Convention.

Over the next few months, our committee analyzed, researched, and developed a more robust draft Election Security Position, building on the foundation of Oregon's work. Maud attended the LWVCO board meeting last week to present why Colorado needs a robust Election Security Position and to share the committee's draft position, background material, and consensus questions. The Board offered suggestions and then voted unanimously to take the position to Colorado members for input into a final draft to present at the Convention in 2022. The committee's documents are included in this month's Board Briefings, along with an invitation to attend a statewide consensus meeting in January. We look forward to membership participation in this very important conversation.

We seem to be living in a world constantly besieged with problems we are finding more and more difficult to address, let alone solve. Even so, during this holiday season, when hope for a better world is renewed, I have faith that all things are possible. My husband and I recently watched "It's a Wonderful Life." Though we had both seen it many times before, we hadn't watched it recently, and we were both struck again by the message of this classic movie: we all impact our world in ways we are unaware. Even when things seem bleak and problems seem overwhelming, if we reach out to others, the love and support of family, friends, and those whose lives we have unknowingly touched can come together to solve even the most seemingly insurmountable problems.

However you celebrate the holidays, I hope you experience joy, camaraderie with family and friends, and come away from the season with renewed hope that all things are possible when we work with one another. It's been a privilege to work with you this past year, and I know that by continuing to work together, we can make a difference in 2022!

Happy Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Sheek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "S".

Karen Sheek
President, LWVCO