



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF OREGON

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a 98-year-old grassroots nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. We envision informed Oregonians participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government to achieve the common good. LWVOR Legislative Action is based on advocacy positions formed through studies and member consensus. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

July 23, 2018

Re: **LWVOR Climate Change Portfolio Update - July 2018**

Members of the League of Women Voters of Oregon (14 from local leagues around the state) attended the 53rd biennial League of Women Voters United States (LWVUS) national convention in Chicago, Illinois, **'Create a more perfect Democracy'**. The four-day gathering of some 1000+ League leaders from around the country re-approved an [agenda to focus on Making Democracy Work](#)® campaign. LWVOR and LWV Corvallis hosted one of the four Climate Change-related Caucuses; topic: Our Children's Trust (OCT) 'Juliana vs U.S Gov' Federal lawsuit (both LWVUS and LWVOR Leagues have joint amici standing) and briefly summarized many state lawsuits including Oregon, Washington and Colorado in which those state Leagues also have amici standing. Andrea Rodgers, Senior Attorney at OCT and Courtney Johnson, CRAG Law Center (Portland, Oregon) were panelists. Two Climate Change resolutions were adopted by the Convention.

Climate Test: The League of Women Voters supports a set of climate assessment criteria that ensures that energy policies align with current climate science. These criteria require that the latest climate science be used to evaluate proposed energy policies and major projects in light of the globally-agreed-upon goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees C, informed by the successful spirit of global cooperation as affirmed in the UN COP 21 Paris agreement. (LWVOR proposed this Climate Test Resolution that passed with about a 99% vote.)

Price on Carbon: The League of Women Voters stands united with, and in support of, efforts to price carbon emissions, whether cap-and-trade, carbon tax/fee, or another viable pricing mechanism. The League does not have a position on how the revenue generated is to be used. We do not espouse any single method of pricing carbon over another. We will evaluate all proposed methods based on their effectiveness to abate emissions and whether the method can be successfully implemented.

Other Advocacy and Program [Resolutions](#) passed which covered many topics including the ERA, Gun Safety, and the constitutional right of privacy as an individual to make reproductive choices.

Pre-convention programming included:



Water: Advocating for Protection - Put your League on the Map!: LWV Lake Michigan Region and [Upper](#) Mississippi River Region hosted this Water Day which included presentations from 9 Leagues and two special speakers: Threats Abound, What Tools Do We Have? Introduction, The Internet of Water, *Emily K. Read, Ph.D., US Geological Survey* and the Evening Keynote: Howard A. Learner, President &

Executive Director Environmental Law & Policy Center (a video recording of this day long program will be posted soon).



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