

The results of last year's program planning meeting were as follows:

Local Program Planning Recommendations for LWVN 2008-2009

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommendations of the Local Program Planning meeting to focus on the program as listed below:

In addition, the Board recommends adoption of the local Program positions found on pages 25 to 41 of the LWV Newton 2008 Handbook.

1. No new studies have been proposed.
2. Continue to study and educate League members and the community about best practices related to municipal finance, specifically focusing on health care provisions and capital planning and budgeting.
3. Continue monitoring of Community Preservation Committee and CPA applications.
4. Form a LWVN housing committee, with guidance on issues from the Board.
5. Form an ad hoc committee to review Newton's election procedures.
6. Environmental Committee priorities are: to continue to monitor and support the implementation of the Energy Action Plan, and to monitor the City's solid waste disposal contract renewal and upcoming recycling contract renewal.
7. Advocate for snow and ice clearing ordinance.
8. Support the consistent use of the Newton Comprehensive Plan as a planning tool and a guide to new development.
9. Continue to build the Observer Corps to monitor City committees.

Not recommended at this time is to work on the campaign to reform the City Charter.