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### LWV Ohio Announces Position on Fall Ballot Issues

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**Columbus** – Today, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO) announced the following positions on state Issues 1, 2, and 3 for the November 3, 2015 ballot.

#### **Issue 1: Support**

LWVO's board voted earlier this year to formally endorse the Fair Districts for Ohio redistricting reform proposal that will appear as Issue 1 on the November 2015 ballot. We have been a staunch supporter of the need for redistricting reform in Ohio and have been advocating for such reform for the last forty years. We are pleased that the Ohio General Assembly came together to approve a bipartisan measure to improve how we draw state legislative districts, and we wholeheartedly support its approval by the voters.

#### **Issues 2 & 3:**

The League of Women Voters of Ohio has a position, adopted in May 1968, on the Ohio Constitution:

*“LWVO believes a constitution should be a clearly stated body of fundamental principles. It should provide for the flexible operation of government and be logically organized and internally consistent.”*

Based on this position, LWVO opposed the 2009 initiative to write casinos into the Ohio Constitution.

For this same reason, LWVO takes the following position on Issue 2 and Issue 3 on the November 3, 2015 Ohio ballot.

**Issue 2 – Support** Issue 2 because it protects the constitution as a document of general principles.

**Issue 3 – Oppose** Issue 3 because the constitution should be a document of general principles.

However, LWVO is *Neutral* on the aspect of Issue 3 pertaining to marijuana as we have no applicable League position.

The League of Women Voters of Ohio (LWVO) is a nonpartisan political organization that has been serving our members and the people of Ohio since 1920. LWVO encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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