

LWV-VA Affordable Housing Study - 2020
Study Questions to Guide League Conversations
(To Accompany Distribution of The Study to Local Leagues)

NB: Please refer to the Executive Summary and Sections III and IV of the study for background, as well as the educational power point, for further details and overviews of the study.

These **Study Questions** are intended to help guide local Leagues as they wade through the complicated terminology, issues, and approaches that surround affordable housing. Once a League feels its members are comfortable with the ideas presented in the attached LWV-VA Affordable Housing Study, it should proceed to tackle the **Consensus Questions**, which will form the basis of a new LWV VA position on Affordable Housing.

Overview

Do you have a basic, or better, understanding of the connection between affordable housing and other issues (such as education, health, and jobs)?

Resources

Do you have a basic, or better, understanding of the purpose and operation of the following resources for affordable housing?

1. Virginia Housing Trust Fund
2. State Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program
3. Homelessness grants
4. Permanent Supportive Housing through DBHDS
5. Eviction diversion/prevention programs
6. State Housing Choice Vouchers

Non-Financial Policies and Approaches

Do you have a basic, or better understanding of the purpose and functioning of the following policies and approaches in advancing affordable housing efforts?

1. Housing Choice Vouchers
2. Policies on zoning and incentives for development
3. Policies and laws related to evictions