

# League Lines

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF UMPQUA VALLEY

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## Misleading Brochure Hides True Development Plans and Distorts the Impacts of Measure 49

Opponents of Measure 49, some of whom are asking for up to 140 homes, issued a glossy 8-page brochure to Oregon voters this week making false claims about the effects of Measure 49. Among the most egregious claims—

**CLAIM:** The Netters say: “If Measure 49 passes, we’ll lose the value of our property. We want to see the tradition go on... we want to farm.”

**WHAT THEY’RE NOT TELLING YOU:** The statement is false. The Netters filed a Measure 37 claim for a 60-lot housing subdivision on their 98 acres of exclusive farm use land. The state denied the subdivision because the land was already protected farm land when Fred Netter acquired it in 1977. Under Measure 37 they are allowed up to 3 houses—Measure 49 would preserve these rights.

**CLAIM:** Marla Robison says in the brochure: “Measure 49 is about stopping us from passing our property rights on to our grandchildren.”

**WHAT THEY’RE NOT TELLING YOU:** The opposite is true. Measure

49 specifically allows property owners to pass development rights on to their grandchildren, which is not allowed currently (by Measure 37). Marla Robison has proposed an 18-home subdivision, but her property was zoned agricultural when she bought it. Now she’s trying to create 2 homes—which Measure 49 would allow.



**CLAIM:** The Laraways say in the brochure: “If Measure 49 passes, our whole way of life — as farmers — as we know it, would be gone.”

**WHAT THEY’RE NOT TELLING YOU:** The Laraways have filed Measure 37 claims to build 144 housing units on their farm land: 42 houses on 10.5 acres, 70 multi-family units on an-

other 10.5 acres, 26 houses on another 26 acres, and 6 units on another 34-acre parcel.

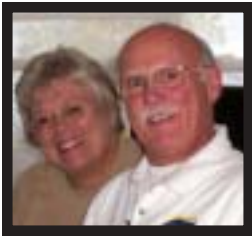
**CLAIM:** The Currys say in the brochure: “If Measure 49 goes through...we won’t have anything left at all. Measure 49 would just take it all away.”

**WHAT THEY’RE NOT TELLING YOU:** No property would be taken away under Measure 49. The Currys are trying to build a 110-home subdivision on their property even though their voters’ pamphlet statement says they just want homes for their kids and grandkids. Measure 49 would allow them between 1 and 10 homes.

**CLAIM:** Ollie Wilcox says in the brochure: “If Measure 49 passes we will lose all our rights – not only our rights, but our children’s and grandchildren’s.”

**WHAT THEY’RE NOT TELLING YOU:** Measure 49 won’t take the Wilcoxes’ rights away. She has proposed a 16-home subdivision on 8 acres of rural land. Measure 49 will allow her between 1 and 3 homes, and

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# CO President's Message

Jim Williams & Linda Clary

## SECOND GENERATION IMMIGRANT

I'll never be a candidate for D.A.R. membership. My grandparents didn't come over on the Mayflower or any other British ships back in the day when the colonies were being settled. However, my Russian grandfather did arrive on America's shores in New York's harbor sometime around 1915 or so. He told the ships' mate he needed another pair of shoes and would be back in a few hours. He turned his back on his old life and his face towards a new one. Somewhere along the way he must have purchased some shoes because I don't recall him being bare-foot. When he died he left behind a thriving plumbing business that my uncle and my nephew continued, two daughters and six grandchildren. Grandpa paid taxes, built his own home, raised his kids and was proud to be an American. Never did I hear his native tongue or my grandmother's native Estonian spoken in their home. In retrospect I wished I asked about their homeland and learned of the cultures they left behind. I do remember my grandmother cooked-up some pretty strange things – so maybe it's best to not seek too much of a connection. Even so, their genetic legacy, seeking a better life, brought my family to Oregon.

When Roseburg selected us (more about this weird story at another time) we felt we were moving into a community that cared about its children. We saw evidence of this in the newspaper, bulletin board posters, and baseball diamonds filled with activity. This type of structure, taking care of tomorrow's

citizens, does not happen overnight. Developing an effective, sustainable, and promising infrastructure takes vision, strategic plans, lots of heavy lifting, and years of sustained energy. It's done with forethought about the future.

When people relocate to Roseburg, do we deny them entrance because they don't bring a needed skill? Do we send them packing because our quotas have been met? Do we close the exits to I-5 because we don't have the water and land resources that would allow for growth? Do we ask them if they are related to any families in town? Do we build a fence around the Umpqua Basin to protect our security? What about the kids from another community who want to go to UCC – send them away? And what about those who are in our community without a specific invitation? Were they invited? What do we do with "them" now? What do we do with those who desire a better life for their families, not only in Douglas County but in the United States?

These are questions we need to answer, not for our local community, but for our nation. For generations the League has long been considered the Gold Standard by fellow citizens. They rely upon our ethics and fairness, our sense of honesty and nonpartisanship. The nation will be looking to us as the Congress debates Immigration issues and how to develop an infrastructure that will prepare us for the future. What is accurate and without a spin? Who can the country trust to provide an unbiased

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### Nonpartisanship Statement

The LWV takes political action on issues on which members have reached agreement. The LWV never supports or opposes any political party or candidate for elective office. However, as individuals, LWV members are encouraged to join fully in the political process. Because of scrupulous adherence to this nonpartisan political policy, the LWV takes action only in the public interest.

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# Immigration

Betty Mack, Program Chair

## Immigration Panel for November Meeting

The November League meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday November 27 at the Ford Community Room of the Douglas County Public Library. A panel will speak to immigration issues as experienced locally. The panel includes Rob Searles, Forestry Crew Supervisor, and Julie Shoufler, Human Resources Administrator, with Lone Rock Timber Management Company, and Shelley Wetherell, a League member. Shelley runs a family agricultural operation which hires part time employees in raising wine grapes, Christmas trees, sheep and timber. The panel members have been asked to relate personal experience regarding their immigration experiences

Lone Rock Timber Management Company is a family owned forest management organization responsible for over 115,000 acres and employing 100 people in activities ranging from tree planting to logging to engineering and road construction. Rob Searles has been with LRT for over 25 years. His crew plants approximately 250,000 trees a year, thins 1000 acres a year, controls vegetation and brush on another 1000 acres, burns 200-500 acres a year as well as other tasks.

Julie Shoufler has been with LRT since 1998. Her major task is navigating state and federal employment laws including screening and credential verification of all potential employees and overseeing payroll, unemployment claims, injury reporting and follow up/return to work – many times with a bilingual workforce.

Shelley describes their agricultural operation as relatively small hiring 35-50 different individuals to pick and prune grapes and harvest Christmas trees. They have been in the farming business since 1975.

Plan to attend and bring your questions to ask the panelists.

## Immigration Consensus

The League of Women Voters of the United States study of Immigration will culminate in forming a consensus of League opinion from local League members across the nation. Our local consensus is to be received in the Washington D.C. office of the LWVUS by February 1, 2008. The panel planned for the November meeting has been proposed to gain some understanding of local immigration issues before we attempt to form consensus.

Now is the time to review the eight background papers on the immigrations issues placed on the LWVUS website last winter and spring. See below to get background papers. In addition this newsletter includes a copy of the consensus questions to which we will be responding after discussions in December and January. Have your opinions changed in response to study? Are you ready to influence your congressman?

Study up and be present at the League meetings. ★

Betty Mack, Program Chair

### Quick Downloads

For convenience, available materials have been grouped together and zipped for quicker download.

- • [Consensus Kit](#) (PDF Version; includes a copy of the Consensus Questions)
- • [All 8 Background Papers](#)
- • [National Voter Articles](#)

Updated the website with immigration materials for download.

<http://www.lwvuv.org/index.html> <http://www.lwvuv.org/projstudies.html>





# Take Action

co-presidents message continued

view of the issues?

It's the League, of course. But we are only as good as each individual. If you're proud to be a League member, your voice needs to be heard at the Immigration study meetings. Wear your membership proudly, prepare for the meetings by reading the LWVUS materials as referenced in this newsletter. Discuss and debate in our meetings – let us come to consensus and contribute our thoughts to the national study. The country (and Congress) pay attention to our voices – come and speak out. ★

## Global Climate Change

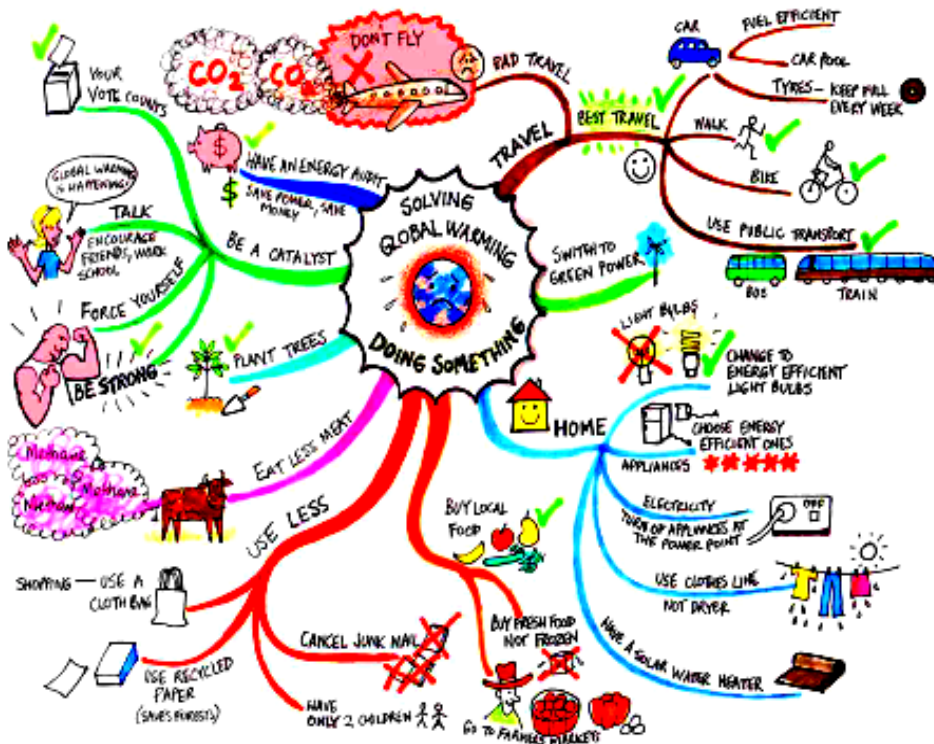
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Global climate change is one of the most serious threats to the environment, health and economy of our nation. Recent scientific studies show that global warming is already causing environmental changes that will have significant global economic and social impacts. The League believes that now is the time to act on global climate change. We can reduce global warming pollution by using exist-

ing technologies to make power plants and factories more efficient, make cars go farther on a gallon of gasoline, and shift to cleaner technologies. Cities, states and individuals are already adopting many of these solutions, which also reduce our dependence on oil, reduce air pollution, and protect pristine places from oil drilling and mining. State and local initiatives are proving that answers exist. To reinforce and expand on those efforts, the League urges federal action that reduces global warming pollutants on a national and global scale.

The Latest!

**League Supports Statement of Principles on Global Warming** - Nov 20, 2006 *Global warming is one of the most serious threats to our environment, our health and our economy. The League of Women Voters joins other organizations in calling for immediate action to curb the worst effects of global warming by enforcing reductions in global warming pollution and promoting clean and efficient sources of energy.* ★



Submitted by Robin Wisdom, Global Warming Committee



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## Calendar for November 2007

December 6 - Lunch at  
Ami Sushi - 11:45am

Board of Director's Meeting  
November 13 - 5pm  
UCDC  
605 Kane Street  
**ALL MEMEBERS WELCOME!**

Immigration Study  
November 27 -7pm

Douglas Library - Ford Community Room

# LWVUS Immigration Study Consensus Kit

Below are the questions for the Immigration Study Consensus process. These questions are for discussion only and will NOT be accepted as a response to the consensus process.

## QUESTION 1

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**Instructions:** Rate each of the following “*High Priority*,” “*Lower Priority*,” “*Disagree*,” or “*No Consensus*.” Check **ONLY** one box per item.

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 1:**

*Two-hour discussion – 45 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion – 65 minutes*

**Question 1: Federal immigration laws should take into consideration criteria such as the following (not listed in any particular order or hierarchy):**

**Part a:**

**a. Ethnic and Cultural Diversity**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Economic, Business and Service Employment Needs**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Environmental Impact/Sustainability**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. Family Reunification of Authorized Immigrants and Citizens with Spouses and Minor Children**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**e. History of Criminal Activity**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**f. Humanitarian Crises/ Political Persecution in Home Countries**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**g. Immigrant Characteristics (health and age)**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**h. Rights of All Workers to Safe Working Conditions and Liveable Wage**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**i. Rights of Families to Remain Together**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**j. Rights of all Individuals in U.S. to Fair Treatment Under the Law (Fair Hearing, Right to Counsel, Right of Appeal, and Humane Treatment)**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**k. Education and Training**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**Instructions: In Question 1, Part a, you marked items as "High Priority." Of these items, please take a moment and select the three most important criteria and list them, in order (1, 2 and 3, with 1 being the most important) below.**

**Question 1, Part b:**

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2.	
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## QUESTION 2

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**Instructions: Rate each of the following "High Priority," "Lower Priority," "Disagree," or "No Consensus." Check ONLY one box per item.**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 2:**

*Two-hour discussion – 25 minutes/*

*Three-hour discussion – 35 minutes*

**Question 2: Unauthorized immigrants currently in the U.S. should be treated as follows: (rate each one)**

**a. Deport Unauthorized Immigrants**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Some Deported/Some Allowed To Earn Legal Adjustment of Status Based on Length of Residence in U.S.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Some Deported/Some Allowed to Earn Legal Adjustment of Status Based on Needs of US Employers**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. All Allowed to Earn Legal Adjustment of Status by Doing Things Such as Paying Taxes, Learning English, Studying Civics, Etc.**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**e. If Deported, Assess Fines Before Possible Re-Entry**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**f. Assess Fines Before Allowed To Earn Legal Adjustment Of Status**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

## QUESTION 3

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**Instructions: Rate each of the following “High Priority,” “Lower Priority,” “Disagree,” or “No Consensus.” Check ONLY one box per item.**

### **Suggested Discussion Times for Question 3:**

*Two-hour discussion – 5 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion – 10 minutes*

**Question 3: Federal immigration law should provide an efficient, expeditious system (with minimal or no backlogs) for legal entry into the U.S. for immigrants who are: (rate each one)**

**a. Immediate Family Members Joining Family Member Already Admitted for Legal Permanent Residence in the U.S**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**b. Entering the U.S. to Meet Labor Needs**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**c. Entering the U.S. as Students**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

**d. Entering the U.S. because of Persecution in Home Country**

High Priority  Lower Priority  Disagree  No Consensus

## QUESTION 4

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**Instructions: Rate each of the following “High Priority,” “Lower Priority,” “Disagree,” or “No Consensus.” Check ONLY one box per item.**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 4a / 4b:**

*Two-hour discussion – 5 minutes (4a) / 25 minutes (4b)*

*Three-hour discussion – 10 minutes (4a) / 35 minutes (4b)*

**Question 4a: In order to deal more effectively with unauthorized immigrants, Federal immigration law should include:**

**Social Security Card or Other National Identification Card with Secure Identifiers for All Persons Residing in the U.S.**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**Question 4b: Federal immigration law dealing with unauthorized immigrants should be enforced by including: (rate each one)**

**i. Physical Barriers (such as Fences) and Surveillance at Borders**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**ii. Increased Personnel at Land, Air, and Sea Entry Points**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**iii. More Effective Tracking of Persons with Non-Immigrant Visas Until They Leave the Country**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**iv. Verification Documents, such as Green Cards and Work Permits with Secure Identifiers.**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**v. Improved Technology to Facilitate Employer Verification of Employee Visa Status**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**vi. Improved Technology for Sharing Information Among Federal Agencies**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**vii. A Program to Allow Immigrant Workers to Go in and Out of the U.S. to Meet Seasonal and Sporadic Labor Needs**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

**viii. Significant Fines Proportionate to Revenue for Employers Who Fail to Take Adequate Steps to Verify Work Authorization of Employees**

High Priority    Lower Priority    Disagree    No Consensus

## QUESTION 5

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**Instructions: Please mark each question as "Consensus" or "No Consensus"**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 5:**

*Two-hour discussion – 5 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion –10 minutes*

**Question 5: Federal immigration law should address and balance the long-term federal financial benefit from immigrants with the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations.**

Consensus:       No Consensus

## QUESTION 6

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**Instructions: Please mark each question as "Consensus" or "No Consensus"**

**Suggested Discussion Times for Question 6:**

*Two-hour discussion – 10 minutes*

*Three-hour discussion –15 minutes*

**Question 6: Federal immigration law should be coordinated with U.S. foreign policy to pro-actively help improve economies, education and job opportunities, and living conditions of nations with large emigrating populations.**

Consensus:       No Consensus

## QUESTION 7

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**Instructions: If desired, please add your brief comments. (Limited to 150 words.)**

**Question 7: Comments**