

Dear State Contact and Local League Leaders,

Please find below the latest report submitted by Jean Fredlund on the redistricting meetings held weekly. As promised, the LWVCO is sending frequent updates from the LWVCO Redistricting Committee to keep all members informed of the progress.

Please share this report with your members.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the State League's redistricting reform efforts, please reach out to your state board liaison or any LWVCO board member.

Thank you for your help on this important Colorado issue.

Toni Larson
President, LWVCO

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Things are moving along, though of course, never as quickly as we would like. The two groups working together to develop two proposals on redistricting of the legislature and Congress, plan to use a dual process. The proposals have been introduced in the legislature (Senate) and have been submitted to the Title Board process. We have good feedback from both parties and are in the process of getting good sponsors in both houses.

Please note the article in last Tuesday's Denver Post (March 27, 2018). This is the first of an ongoing campaign to publicize and explain both the need for these initiatives and how they will meet that need.

At the same time, we are beginning to solidify a structure to go forward. We will have a new name for the combined groups and a new committee that will include all the pertinent players. We are in the process of leaving behind any competitiveness and trying to be aware of each groups' needs. In that vein, please remember that Common Cause, the ACLU, the NAACP, and Mi Familia Vota are all non-partisan, just as is LWV. I inadvertently referred to them as other than that in a communication to the LWVCO office, which was then sent to the membership. This kind of mistake can understandably cause hurt feelings. I certainly won't do it again, so FYI for all our further communications.

Thanks for your attention and interest in this important issue.

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