



# The Voter

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The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy

## Pierce County Services and Funding—March Unit Meetings

By Cynthia Stewart



March unit meetings will focus on the study of Pierce County funding that was completed last Fall. The study was established as a priority at the Annual Meeting in June 2015, with the directive to:

- Define the services that Pierce County provides;
- Define the services provided by other special purpose taxing districts;
- Explain how those services are funded; and
- Determine whether the services provided are what the public wants and whether the services provided are adequately funded.

At the November unit meetings, the study team presented findings on County revenue. The March meetings will focus on services and on consensus questions (which are on page 6).

The study reviews the 2016 adopted County budget. For those interested in the 2017 budget, it provides a basic understanding of the budget structure that would also apply for 2017, even though some of the details may change. The study describes the role of County government and identifies the services provided by the County and other taxing entities within the boundaries of Pierce County.

Though its main focus is on the County’s General Fund – the County’s largest single fund with the most visibility – it also describes the Public Works & Utilities Funds because they affect the public directly in physical ways; and the Community Connections and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Departments that provide social and health services.

To prepare for these unit meetings, please review the report, which you can find at our web site, here, particularly the sections on expenditures and services.



The study committee - Paula Eismann and Nancy Pearson, co-Chairs; Roxanne Miles and Cynthia Stewart - very much looks forward to talking with all of you about its work and findings.

## President's Message



In February, many of you joined the largest forum in our history for the first of three forums on Civility. A committee made up of LWVTPC members along with representatives from the ACLU, RAD, AAUW, and the NAACP organized the forums. I especially want to thank the League members who have contributed to these forums. Many thanks to LWV members, Paula Eismann, Bev Isenson, Alison McCaffree, Bill & Noel Hagens, Maralise Hood Quan, Dorothy McBride, Cynthia Stewart and Hank Tanz.

The next two sessions seem especially timely to me with the current concern about conduct at local town hall meetings. Check out the details in the flyer in this issue of The Voter.

The Board is considering ways to involve more League members in our work. Please let us know what area of our work you are interested in, and we will find a way to help you

get involved.

Action Chair, Cynthia Stewart, is keeping membership informed on ways to advocate for our positions during the legislative session. As we learned at our February Unit meetings, contacting your representatives makes a difference. If you have questions or ideas, please contact Cynthia at [stewdahl@comcast.net](mailto:stewdahl@comcast.net).

Huge thanks to the many volunteers who helped get the TRY out this year. See the article below for more information. This project requires so many people, and without each and every one of them, the public would not have this valuable resource.

*Ruth Ann Hatchett*

## 2017 They Represent You (TRY) Publication and Distribution

This year, 6000 TRYs (2017) were published, and about 5500 of them have been distributed to government officials and agencies, non-profit and for-profit organizations, libraries, schools, senior centers, social justice groups, political parties, churches, and public service organizations.

Thank you to Nancy Dahl, Betty Devereux, Susan Eidenschink, Charlene Franz, Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow, and John Thurlow for gathering information for the TRY. Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor, and her staff sent us information for the 2017 TRY. A big thank you to John Thurlow for putting all that information in the right places in the TRY.

Proof reading was done by Nancy Dahl, Betty Devereux, Susan Eidenschink, and Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow, which is a challenging job that is much appreciated. Distributing the TRYs is also a big job, so thank you to those of you who distributed the 2017 TRYs – Terri Baker, Susan Eidenschink, Paula Eismann, Ruth Ann Hatchett, Nancy Howe, Mary Kohli, Aviva Lemberger, Cynthia Lorch, Judy Payne, Nancy Pearson, Ginny Peterson, Julie Offner, Jo Rodman, Shan Vipond, and Judy Wood.

If you would like to help with the 2018 TRY, please contact Susan Eidenschink at [susaneiden@harbornet.com](mailto:susaneiden@harbornet.com) or 253-365-4005. John Thurlow would like to work with some of you who are computer-savvy on the 2018 TRY. Contact John at [johnthurlow@harbornet.com](mailto:johnthurlow@harbornet.com) or 253-219-1617.

The TRY is available on our Website, [www.tacomapiercelwv.org/TRY.html](http://www.tacomapiercelwv.org/TRY.html).

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## Board Highlights—January 2017

*By Julie Offner*

The first Board meeting of Tacoma-Pierce County League of Women Voters of 2017 was held on January 24. President Ruth Ann Hatchett shared that Ingrid Curtis had resigned from the Board due to personal circumstances. Fortunately, Ingrid will remain involved in League activities. The Board agreed that it was not necessary to appoint a new member to complete Ingrid's term, which ends in June.

Susan Eidenschink presented the Treasurer's report, informing that two new members had joined. Total membership is 123. More donations in the amount of \$1,325 were received from the Finance Drive. The NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council contributed \$100 in support of the forum. Additional income included \$264 from the raffle at the Program Planning meeting and a \$100 donation from NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council for help with a candidates forum .

The Board approved the renewal of our membership in the Affordable Housing Consortium, for \$100. Board members agreed that this is a valuable alliance, as it will help advance our positions on housing.

The Board discussed leveraging the interest in League activities generated by the past election and is looking at ways to move forward with emphasis on speaking to a younger audience. The

Board is also looking at approaches to mentoring new members and will ask the Membership Committee to develop a checklist of mentoring activities.

Roxanne Miles is leading fundraising and sustainability activities and has submitted several grant applications. One to the Muckleshoot Tribe is still pending.

Cheryl Mann and Julie Offner reported that the Martin Luther King Celebration was a good opportunity to engage attendees, many of whom were familiar with the work of the League. They advertised the availability of the TRY and the upcoming Forum on Civility.

The proposed new committee structure is taking shape. The next step will be to have the Executive Committee consider the proposal along with the revised committee charters and make a recommendation to the Board.

The Board considered the program planning recommendations proposed at the December meeting. Cynthia Stewart volunteered to serve on a scoping committee to investigate local homelessness for the purpose of recommending the scope of a study to begin next year. We need to know what we are getting into due to the complexities of the issue. The study is anticipated to take two years.

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## Pierce County Gets a New Voting System

*By John Thurlow*

Say goodbye to connecting arrows to mark your ballots! For the August 1 primary election, voters will mark their new ballots by showing their choices for candidates and ballot issues by filling in ovals.

Pierce County Elections will demonstrate the new ballots and aids for handicapped voters, as well as the new vote tallying system, on **March 30, 5:00-7:00p.m.**, at the P.C. Elections Center, 2501 S. 35th St., Suite C, Tacoma. That's at the intersection with S. Steele St., near Costco. Come see what the new ballots look like and understand how the new system fosters transparent ballot handling and ballot "rescuing" or adjudication, helping to ensure that every legitimate vote is counted.

There is an announcement of the event on the P.C. Elections website [here](#). It also shows the locations of five new ballot drop boxes.



## Civility in Public Discourse- Whose Job is it, Anyway?

The February 4 forum attracted nearly 150 participants and received glowing reviews. Here are some images from that event. Many thanks to keynote speaker Amy Young, the panel, Moderator Simone Alicea, KNKX; Senator Hans Zeiger; County Councilmember Connie Ladenburg; Nate Bowling, Kimi Ginn, John Norlin and Eric Stanzyck, Educators; and Kim Bradford, Tacoma News Tribune; as well as to co-sponsors AAUW, NAACP and RAD (Restoring the American Dream). Check out the next one, March 4, on page 7.



*Panelists (Left to Right) Bradford, Stanzyck, Ginn, Bowling, Norlin, Ladenburg and Zeiger.*



*Elected officials Connie Ladenburg and Hans Zeiger enjoy a moment between segments of the forum.*



*Amy Young, Assoc. Professor of Communication and Chair of the Department of Communication & Theatre, Pacific Lutheran University, gave a significant and surprising background to set the stage for dialogue.*



*The room was very full, but discussion was lively and civil.*



*At Left, Terry Bergeson was first in line to give feedback from small groups to the panel for response.*

You can watch the forum [here](#) and read Amy Young's speech [here](#).

## International Women's Day—and Strike! Be Bold for Change

*What would the world be without women?!*

International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women. Observed since the early 1900's - a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies, International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. This year, it is **March 8**, and the theme is Be Bold for Change. See a history [here](#).

This year there will not only be a celebration of women but also a women's "strike". After the women's march on January 21, many wondered what the next step would be. In early February, the organizers of the Women's March announced they would stand with the grassroots organizers putting together a one-day strike on March 8, 2017 called "A Day Without A Woman." On this day, there are three things you can do to participate:



1. Women take the day off work — whether you are paid or unpaid.
2. Refrain from shopping for the day — or if you must shop, choose small, women- and minority-owned businesses.
3. Wear red in solidarity with those participating in and supporting the strike.

There are events being planned in Seattle and Portland. For information on these, check the International Women's Day web site [events page](#).

### Please Welcome New Members

**Michelle Copeland**     **Sabrina Ebengho**  
**Joann Fritsche**         **Babette Kunkle**  
**Cammie Miller**



## Lobby Day, March 21

At February's unit meetings, when League Action was discussed, some members asked about League Lobby Day. In the past, LWVWA has held a League Lobby Day at some time during the Legislature, at which local League members convene in Olympia, receive information about League issues, and then meet with their respective legislators to discuss those issues. In recent years, this was not planned because attendance became too sparse.

However, Snohomish County League conducts their own lobby day. This year, it will be **March 21**. If any Tacoma-Pierce County League members would like to join them, here is the plan:

- Meet in Olympia at 9:30
- Go to appointments with legislators (schedule your own here) and/or attend hearings
- Meet for lunch and review action thus far
- Conduct other meetings and attend hearings, as you can schedule.
- Leave at approximately 4:00 pm

If you would like to participate, please contact Cynthia Stewart, [stewdahl@comcast.net](mailto:stewdahl@comcast.net); and she will connect you with the Snohomish County group. Reservations must be made no later than March 14, in order for the lunch to be arranged for all. Cynthia can also help arrange meetings with LWVWA Lobby Team members, if you are interested. In that Please provide that information as well as your indication of interest in lunch.

## Consensus Questions for Pierce County Budget Study

Please refer to the study, which is at our web site [here](#).

**PART I:** Referring to the table on page 36 (Appendix C) of the report, which services do you feel should receive more attention and funding?

**PART II:** Prioritize the top three under-funded services/departments.

**PART III:** For each of the prioritized under-funded services/departments, which strategies should be used to increase funding?

1. Seek additional state & federal funding and only provide services if funded
2. Seek to repeal the 1% restriction on property tax growth
3. Add more taxing authority to the County, to meet or exceed what is available to Cities
4. Reduce other County services (or restrict % allocations) so underfunded services the public is requesting receive greater attention, without increasing any taxes
5. Increase special districts and dedicated funding streams to protect priority services, even if that reduces the overall general fund of the County
6. Other: (Please specify)

**PART IV:** The most important role the League of Women Voters can play to affect local Pierce County funding decisions is to:

1. Invest in materials and a campaign to educate voters on how taxes are distributed and used and the voter behaviors and decisions that impact County revenues and services.
2. Work through the State League and Legislature to increase tax options for Counties
3. Work through the State League and Legislature to remove the 1% restriction on property tax growth placed on the Counties, since they are most reliant on that funding stream compared to the State and Cities
4. Evaluate tax-exempt lands (such as non-profit hospitals, private schools, churches, other non-profits, tribal lands and federal installations) and make a case to change exemption status so more is collected from those not currently contributing property tax.
5. Encourage a change in County budgeting by challenging the County through broader citizen outreach to adopt a method for allocation of resources based on voter priorities instead of Executive and Council determinations.
6. Other: (Please specify)

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### Other Ways to Keep up with League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County

For those of you who are not on Facebook, look for LWVT-PC online posts at The Suburban Times, [thesubtimes.com](http://thesubtimes.com), and Patch, [patch.com](http://patch.com). Both of these news sites have become easy to use. For Patch, select your desired community (Find your Patch) and scroll among the latest Bulletin Board posts.

# Civility, Incivility and Civil Disobedience

a Forum Series  
addressing the rise in political incivility

**Session II: Maintaining Civility at Home, at Work and on the Street**  
**March 4, 2017**  
**1:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**621 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma**

Parking available on street or adjacent to Tacoma School District Admin. Office, south of the corner of S. 7th St. and S. G St.

**Join the Conversation:**  
**Hear the Panel; Express your own Opinion**

*Talk with the panel about these questions and more:*

- *Is civility a mind-set, attitude, or behavior?*
- *When dealing with incivility, when is it better to intervene vs call for help?*
- *Is incivility ever necessary? Appropriate?*
- *How can incivility be addressed?*

**Kathleen Wareham, Moderator**  
Mediator & Facilitator,  
Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service (WAMS)

**Panel:**

**Brother Pasha, Islamic Center of Tacoma**

**Sarah Rumbaugh, Temple Beth El**

**Sara Irish, Latinos Unidos of South Sound**

**Paula Anderson, New Hope Resource Center**

**Bill Lincoln, Mediator, The Lincoln Institute**

**Rebeca Olvera, FBI Community Outreach**

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## Parking at First United Methodist Church

There is no dedicated parking for the First United Methodist Church. On Tacoma Avenue there is free 90 minute parking and unlimited parking for those who have a handicapped permit. There is free parking in the parking lot south of the corner of South 7th Street and South G Street, which is adjacent to the school administration building, about a block and a half from the church. This is normally occupied during weekdays but is available on weekends.

## Legislative Update – Take Action

By Susan Eidenschink

Have you been receiving the weekly LWVWA Legislative Newsletter, which is sent to your email every Sunday? It has the logo at right. If so, have you contacted your Legislators to tell them how you feel about a bill or more than one bill?

I was not receiving the newsletter for several Sundays, and I found out that the system that is used to send out the Legislative Newsletter did not work well with @harboret.net. To remedy this, I logged on [here](#) and signed up for the newsletter using my gmail account. And I then received the next newsletter.

The LWVWA system works well with gmail, as do several other systems that receive email from sources that send email to many users. You can also look on the LWVWA [website](#), to access the Legislative Newsletter.

February 17 was the first cut-off date in this year's Legislative Session. Several bills were not voted out of their committees of origin; therefore, they have little chance of becoming law during this year. However, there were several bills that did pass out of their committees of origin. Some of these bills that are supported by the League are listed below. You have the power to make changes in the laws of our state, so take action!

### Civic Education

- **HB 1986 and SB 5668** will help teachers in Washington State to learn to use new tools of civic learning while teaching about how federal, state, tribal, and local governments work. This bill could increase the usage of The State We're In – Washington. This will help students actively participate in their communities.

### Climate Change, Energy, and Natural Resources

- **HB 1429** creates an Aquatic Invasive Species Management Account which provides funding for aquatic invasive species enforcement programs.
- **HB 1611 and SB 5462** address filling the policy gaps of our prevention, preparedness, and response program for crude oil transport.
- **SB 5546** instructs the DNR to create an assessment of fire-prone lands and respective forest health



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treatments, including prescribed burning and thinning, to remove forest floor fuels and establish forest resilience.

### Criminal Justice

- **HB 1529 and SB 5073** will improve the Deadly Force Law based on recommendations of the Joint Legislative Task Force on the Use of Deadly Force in Community Policing.
- **HB 1298 (Fair Chance Act)** prohibits an employer from including any question on an application for employment, from enquiring either orally or in writing, from receiving information about an applicant's criminal record until after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position.

### Democracy: Elections, Voting Rights & Campaign Finance

- **SB 5019** establishes prepaid postage for ballots, which eliminates the poll tax of buying a stamp in order to mail in a ballot.
- **SB 5192** extends the time period for voter registration to the same day as the election. The voter would complete a provisional ballot which would be counted if and when their voter registration was confirmed.

### Education

Three plans are now on the table to fully fund education: the Governor's Budget, the Senate's Funding Bill, and the House's Funding Bill (HB 1843).

- **The Senate bill, SB 5607**, would replace money collected from local school levies with revenue from an increase to the statewide property tax.
- **The House bill, HB 1843**, focuses on where additional state dollars would be invested. This bill would boost starting salaries for new teachers to

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## Get Involved! Attend a Unit Meeting and Bring a Friend (or two)

### Tacoma

**2nd Thursday of the Month**

**1:00—3:00 pm**

Tacoma Police Department, North Substation

5140 N. 26th St., Tacoma

Contact: Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow,  
lyzkurnitz@harboret.com

### Southwest Pierce

**2nd Friday of the Month**

**10:00 am to noon**

Steilacoom Community Center

2301 Worthington St., Steilacoom

Contact: Ann Elliston, 253-564-4102

### East Pierce

**2nd Saturday of the Month**

**10:00 am to Noon**

Puyallup Library

324 S. Meridian, Puyallup

Contact: Paula Eismann,  
peismann60@comcast.net

### Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula

**2nd Saturday of the Month**

**2:00—4:00 pm**

Harbor Place at Cottesmore

1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor

Contact: Julie Offner, 253-432-4407

**For more information, see**

**[www.tacomapiercelwv.org](http://www.tacomapiercelwv.org)**

**or call 253-272-1495**

**This Month: March – General Meeting on Civility, Incivility and Civil Disobedience at home, at work, and on the street; and Unit Meetings on the Pierce County Budget with an emphasis on services.**

In March there will be a **general meeting**, open to the public, on maintaining civility when dealing with incivility at home, at work, and on the street. A panel of experts will share their opinions and attendees will have an opportunity to share their own stories and get suggestions.

There will also be **Unit meetings** on the study of the Pierce County Budget. This will be Part 2 of the Budget Study, focusing on services and consensus discussion.

**Next Month: April – General Meeting on Civility, Incivility and Civil Disobedience at home, at work, and on the street; and Unit Meetings on a Topic Chosen by each Unit.**

In April there will be a **general meeting**, open to the public, on maintaining civility when expressing political activism and with opposition. A panel of experts will share their opinions and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions.

There will also be **Unit meetings** on a topic chosen by each Unit. The Tacoma and East Pierce Units chose Redistricting, and the Gig Harbor Unit chose Distinguishing Fake News from Real News. The SW Pierce Unit has not been announced yet..

**Last Month: February – General Meeting on Civility and Respect and Unit Meetings on action and engagement with Legislators and Local Elected Officials**

In February there was a general meeting, open to the public, on Civility and Respect toward others, particularly those whose opinions differ from our own. This topic is very important following a contentious election. A panel of experts shared their opinions and attendees asked questions.

The Unit Meetings dealt with action and engagement with Legislators and local elected officials.

**Check out our web site: [www.tacomapiercelwv.org](http://www.tacomapiercelwv.org)**

LWVT-PC Calendar - March —May 2017

<b>Mar 4</b> 1:00—4:00 pm	<b>Civility, Incivility &amp; Civil Disobedience: A Forum Series—Part II</b> <b>General Membership Meeting and Public Forum</b> First United Methodist Church 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma	<b>Mar 30</b> 5:00—7:00 pm	<b>Pierce County Elections New System Demo</b> P.C. Elections Center 2501 S. 35th St., Suite C, Tacoma
<b>Mar 8</b> All Day	<b>International Women’s Day and Strike</b> See International Women’s Day <a href="#">web site</a> for more information	<b>April 1</b> 1:00—4:00 pm	<b>Civility, Incivility &amp; Civil Disobedience: A Forum Series—Part II</b> <b>General Membership Meeting and Public Forum</b> First United Methodist Church 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma
<b>Mar 9</b> 1:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Tacoma Unit Meeting</b> <b>Study of Pierce County Funding &amp; Consensus</b> Tacoma Police Substation North 5140 N 26th St, Tacoma	<b>Apr 8</b> 10:00 am—Noon	<b>East Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Unit Choice: Redistricting</b> Puyallup Library 324 S Meridian, Puyallup
<b>Mar 10</b> 10:00 am – noon	<b>Southwest Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Study of Pierce County Funding &amp; Consensus</b> Steilacoom Community Center, 2301 Worthington St, Steilacoom	<b>Apr 8</b> 2:00—4:00 pm	<b>Gig Harbor Unit Meeting</b> <b>Unit Choice: Distinguishing Fake News from Real News</b> Harbor Place at Cottessmore 1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor
<b>Mar 11</b> 10:00 am – noon	<b>East Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Study of Pierce County Funding &amp; Consensus</b> Puyallup Library 324 S Meridian, Puyallup	<b>Apr 13</b> 1:00—3:00 pm	<b>Tacoma Unit Meeting</b> <b>Unit Choice: Redistricting</b> Tacoma Police Substation North 5140 N 26th St, Tacoma
<b>Mar 11</b> 2:00 – 4:00 pm	<b>Gig Harbor Unit Meeting</b> <b>Study of Pierce County Funding &amp; Consensus</b> Harbor Place at Cottessmore 1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor	<b>Apr 14</b> 10:00 am—Noon	<b>Southwest Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Unit Choice: TBD</b> Steilacoom Community Center, 2301 Worthington St, Steilacoom
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Deadline for April Voter</b>	<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Deadline for May Voter</b>
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Lobby Day in Olympia with Snohomish County LWV</b> <b>For details, contact Cynthia Stewart, <a href="mailto:stewardahl@comcast.net">stewardahl@comcast.net</a></b>	<b>Apr 25</b> 10:00 am—Noon	<b>LWVT-PC Board Meeting</b> League Office 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma
<b>Mar 28</b> 10:00 am—Noon	<b>LWVT-PC Board Meeting</b> League Office 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma	<b>May 11</b> 1:00—3:00 pm	<b>Tacoma Unit Meeting</b> <b>Legislative Session Review</b> Tacoma Police Substation North 5140 N 26th St, Tacoma
		<b>May 12</b> 10:00 am—Noon	<b>Southwest Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Legislative Session Review</b> Steilacoom Community Center, 2301 Worthington St, Steilacoom

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## LWVT-PC Calendar - March —May 2017

<b>May 13</b> <b>10:00 am—Noon</b>	<b>East Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Legislative Session Review</b> Puyallup Library 324 S Meridian, Puyallup	<b>May 23</b> <b>10:00 am—Noon</b>	<b>LWVT-PC Board Meeting</b> League Office 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma
<b>May 13</b> <b>10:00 am—Noon</b>	<b>Gig Harbor Unit Meeting</b> <b>Legislative Session Review</b> Harbor Place at Cottesmore 1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor	<b>Jun 2-4</b>	<b>LWVWA Convention</b> Best Western Executive Inn 200 N. Taylor , Seattle Get more details <a href="#">here</a>
		<b>Jun 10</b>	<b>LWVT-PC Annual Meeting</b> Save the Date; Details to be confirmed

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### Legislative Update – Take Action, *cont'd from p. 8*

\$45,000 and increase the average salary for teachers, certified administrative staff, and classified staff. Additional revenues would be needed to fund the House bill.

#### Economic and Social Justice

- **HB 1783** would ease the legal financial obligations of someone re-entering society after incarceration.
- **HB 1116** implements family and medical leave insurance to enable workers to care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition.
- **HB 1570** establishes the Washington Housing Opportunities Act, which improves resources available to aid with access and removing barriers to housing for individuals and families in Washington State.
- **HB 1797** encourages affordable housing development and preservation by providing cities limited sales tax remittance for qualifying investments and providing cities and counties with councilmanic authority to impose the affordable housing sales tax.

#### Gun Safety

- HB 1501 protects law enforcement and the public from persons who illegally attempt to obtain firearms.

#### Health Care

- **HB 2114** protects consumers from out-of-network health service charges. This bill was requested by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.
- **HB 5179** restores coverage for hearing devices for adults on Medicaid that was removed during the economic downturn in 2011.

#### Reproductive Rights

- HB 1234 requires a health benefit plan that includes coverage for contraceptive drugs to provide reimbursement for a twelve-month refill of contraceptive drugs obtained at one time by the enrollee.

#### Revenue

Options for raising revenue range from cutting programs, to cutting tax exemptions, and to raising new revenue through a capital gains tax. Ways to raise revenue for education will be included in the budgets when they are written by the House and Senate.

***Take a look at the next Legislative Newsletter and take ACTION!***

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## Join the Tacoma—Pierce County League of Women Voters !

**The League of Women Voters of Tacoma – Pierce County invites you to join us!**

Any person, age 16 or older, may become a member.

**Yes, I'd like to become a Member of the League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County.**

This application also entitles me to full membership in and mailings of the Washington State and National League of Women Voters (LWVWA and LWVUS)

Membership for one year for an individual is \$75 (for two members of a household - \$112.50). Student membership is \$37.50.

There are also special memberships that will help League even more and will be given special recognition: LWV Suffragist, \$500.00; LWV Advocate, \$250.00; and LWV Supporter, \$150.00.

Please indicate the type of membership you desire. We have scholarship memberships available at this time. Membership dues are NOT tax deductible. Contributions to the Education Fund (*by separate check made out to the Education Fund of LWVT-PC, and they are tax deductible*) and/or the General Fund are welcome.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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