

Questionnaire for the LWVNM 2005 Sustainability Study

- 1) Which of the following statements most closely reflects your opinion about the need for an LWVNM position on sustainability? (Feel free to compose a short statement that better reflects your own position.)
 - The existing positions of the League of Women Voters on natural resources and conservation are adequate for the purposes of the League. Attempts to formulate a position on sustainability are a distraction from the main work of the League.
 - Technological advances will provide solutions to the problems considered by this study. The League should concentrate on areas in which it has more expertise, such as education, democracy and social justice, in the expectation that progress in these areas will lead to a society that will be better equipped to deal with the limitations of our finite planet.
 - Sustainability is too complex and ill-defined a concept to be satisfactorily dealt with by a single League position. The LWVNM should formulate separate sustainability-related positions in each of the traditional LWV areas of interest.
 - The rapid development of an ecologically sustainable society is the overriding issue of the next two decades, without which few of the other LWV goals can be attained. Therefore sustainability needs to play a major part in all of the League's positions, education and advocacy.
 - (or write your own statement here.)

- 2) Have you ever been confronted with a local or state government proposal on which you could not act for lack of an appropriate League position? (Y / N)
If so, might a position on sustainability have helped in this situation? (Y / N)
If so, how?

- 3) Have you read the series of articles on sustainability in the 2005 issues of *La Palabra*?
(all / some / none)
Have you visited the sustainability study web page at
<http://www.lwvnm.org/sustainability.html>? (Y / N)
Which of the topics covered so far has been of particular interest to you?

- 4) Would you be willing to take an active role in the second year of this study? In particular, would you be interested in helping to formulate consensus questions? (Y / N)

(We hope that all work can be accomplished by e-mail and conference call. If you are willing to help, please either sign your name or contact Gale Zander Barlow, 662-9019 or [galezb\(at\)earthlink\(dot\)net](mailto:galezb(at)earthlink(dot)net).)