



Legislative Priorities for the 2021 Legislative session

Fair Taxation & Funding for Essential Services:

LWVNM believes that the tax system should be progressive and equitable, taking into consideration relevant differences in annual income. The tax system should generate adequate revenue to meet essential needs. Also, LWVNM believes that the Legislature should consider new progressive revenue generators. Although regressive, LWVNM may support “sin taxes” if they achieve a socially desirable goal. We support:

HJR 1	Permanent Fund for Early Childhood	Reps. Javier Martinez & Antonio Maestas
SJR1	Permanent Fund Allocation for Education	Senator Peter Wirth
HB	Omnibus Revenue bill	Representative Javier Martinez

Reproductive Rights – Decriminalize Abortion

The League of Women Voters believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. LWVNM supports legislation that acknowledges the need for reproductive health care and opposes legislation designed to eliminate access to safe and legal abortion. We support:

SB10	Repeal Abortion Ban	Senators Linda Lopez & Peter Wirth
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Reform New Mexico’s Redistricting Process

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico believes that responsibility for redistricting should be vested in an independent redistricting commission with membership that reflects the diversity of the population. We support:

SB199	Redistricting Act	Senators Mark Moores & Jerry Ortiz y Pino
HB211	Redistricting Act	Representatives Rebecca Dow & Natalie Figueroa

Racial Justice

The League advocates against systemic racism in the justice system and, at a minimum, for preventing excessive force and brutality by law enforcement. Also, LWVNM will advocate for actions to eradicate systemic racism and the harm that it causes. We support:

HB29	No School Discrimination for Hair	Rep. Sheryl Stapleton
HB208	Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women	Rep. Andrea Romero
SB80	No School Discrimination for Hair	Sen. Harold Pope, Jr.
SB 81	Racial Impact Evaluation in Sentencing	Sen. Bill O’Neill
SB227	Inspection of Police Misconduct Investigation	Sen. Linda Lopez
SB376	Prohibit Defense of Qualified Immunity	Sen. Joseph Cervantes

LWVNM will also be supporting some election law legislation. That includes legislation that builds upon some of the provisions of SB 4 that was passed in the 2020 First Special Session. Most of those provisions expired on December 31, 2020. The LWVNM will be taking the lead on a bill that would centralize and make public the GIS and other data used in elections. The LWVNM will also be supporting education, natural resources and health care legislation that is consistent with our positions.

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