

## GUIDELINES FOR FORUMS SPONSORED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Type of Forum	Information	Advocacy
<b>Purpose</b>	Educate community generally about issues associated with hospital changes and related merger issues	Advocate for League members and others to take action based on League's positions on a particular hospital's proposed changes related to mergers
<b>Use of League Positions</b>	League positions not to be cited	League positions may be cited
<b>Funding</b>	Education Fund and/or Civic Education Grant may be used	Education Fund/Civic Education Grant may be used EXCEPT WHEN advocating/lobbying for specific legislation/bill, which does not qualify for Ed Funding/Civic Ed. Grant
<b>Forum Panel Guidelines</b>	<p>Balance the program by including a broad base of perspectives. Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives of organizations under discussion (local hospital and new affiliate)</li> <li>• WA State Hospital Association</li> <li>• ACLU</li> <li>• Compassion &amp; Choices</li> <li>• Planned Parenthood</li> <li>• Hospice</li> <li>• National Women's Law Center</li> </ul> <p>Assure that the moderator is objective, fair and open</p>	<p>Respect for differences of opinions should be demonstrated while presenting League positions. In addition to the organizations in Information column, add a spokesperson for the League.</p>
<b>What To Do If Some Proposed Panelists Decline</b>	Announce who was invited and read their statement, if any is provided	
<b>Process for Q&amp;A</b>	Recommend that questions be submitted in writing and that a neutral party reframe them in terms that are as objective as possible and that allow for civil discourse.	