

**League of Women Voters of California  
Education Update Study 2003-2005**

**LEADER’S GUIDE**

This Leader’s Guide is part of the study materials provided to local Leagues of Women Voters in California as part of the 2003-05 update of the LWVC Education position. It is designed to assist your Education Study Committee as it prepares to present study materials and facilitate discussions at your consensus sessions. It includes an overview of the current LWVC education position, consensus questions, and notations directing readers to relevant study materials regarding each question, and offers ideas and suggestions for productive study and consensus meetings.

Three packets of study-related materials were sent to local Leagues prior to the publication of the study and leader’s guides. They contained information designed to 1) give Leagues information about the overall process to allow for planning, and 2) distribute basic materials that would allow local study committees to begin their work.

The complete study kit is made up of the following materials, distributed to all local Leagues:

- Packet #1 ..... April 2004
- Packet #2 ..... May 2004
- Packet #3 ..... August 2004
- Study Guide, titled *Public Education in California* ..... September 2004
- Leader’s Guide ..... September 2004

All are available online at **www.lwvc.org** in the members-only section of the Web site, unless otherwise indicated in the material. Packet #3, for example, includes the bound copy of the California Master Plan For Education, which is available online at **[http://www.senate.ca.gov/ftp/SEN/COMMITTEE/JOINT/MASTER\\_PLAN/\\_home/020909THEMASTERPLANLINKS.HTML](http://www.senate.ca.gov/ftp/SEN/COMMITTEE/JOINT/MASTER_PLAN/_home/020909THEMASTERPLANLINKS.HTML)**



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