

## League of Women Voters Kansas

### Position Update on Criminal Justice Reform

The League of Women Voters Kansas authorized a one-year review and update of the league's criminal justice adult corrections, juvenile corrections, and services and sentencing position. The review includes the following:

- the current structure of the adult corrections system,
- potential effects of privatization,
- changing demographics of prison populations,
- rehabilitative services provided,
- the impact of juvenile justice reforms including the merging of Juvenile Justice Authority with the Kansas Department of Corrections,
- the effects of the Kansas Sentencing Commission (1989), and
- the impact of the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act (1993).

The league criminal justice policy positions were adopted in 1982. The current 1982 position under review is located [here](#).

League study protocol for reviews calls upon local leagues to educate themselves on the issue under review. As a part of that education, LWVTSC, is providing a discussion with Topeka Police Chief Bill Cochran at the September Tuesday Topics on Sept. 1. His presentation is entitled, "What Defunding the Police Means in Topeka."

The Topeka City Council will devote the entire City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 25, beginning at 6 p.m. to a special discussion on Policing in Topeka. The special session may be viewed on Cox Channel 4 or may be viewed later at this [site](#). Search by date. Viewing this session in preparation for Chief Cochran's Tuesday Topics presentation will make for a lively, informed discussion.

LWVTSC will seek member input into the proposed revisions in early 2021 and will vote to reach concurrence on the proposed policy revisions. Our members Dennis Bosley and Ken Kerle are representing Topeka on the statewide committee. Thank you Dennis and Ken.