



Resources for 2020 Ballot Questions

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Two ballot questions will be on the statewide ballot Nov. 3. LWVMA has taken a stand on one of them.

The questions, summaries, what your vote will do, statements of fiscal consequences, arguments in favor and against, and the full text of the measures are in the official guide to the 2020 ballot questions, the "Information for Voters" red booklet, which will be distributed to the households of all registered voters in September. It will also be posted on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website.

See [LWVMA's reasons for its stands](#) on these ballot questions.

See [guidelines on conducting League forums](#) on the ballot questions.

Under "Resources" below are ballot question campaign organizations that can provide additional information and speakers on the questions. You can contact those organizations through their websites.

Question 1: Enhance, Update and Protect the 2013 Motor Vehicle Right to Repair Law. (Right to Repair Law).

LWVMA takes no stand on this question.

A "yes" vote would require manufacturers that sell vehicles with telematics systems in Massachusetts to equip them with a standardized open data platform beginning with model year 2022 that vehicle owners and independent repair facilities may access to retrieve mechanical data and run diagnostics through a mobile-based application.

A "no" vote would maintain the current law and continue to exempt telematics systems from wireless accessibility by vehicle owners and independent repair facilities

RESOURCES:

Supporting a YES vote:

[Massachusetts Right to Repair Coalition:](#)

Right to Repair is a coalition of Massachusetts auto repair shops, local auto parts stores, drives, and consumers interested in making sure consumers have access to all repair and diagnostic information on the vehicle they own.

Supporting a NO vote:

[The Coalition for Safe and Secure Data:](#)

Top donors for this coalition include the Alliance for Automotive Innovation.

Question 2: Implement Ranked-Choice Voting in Elections (Ranked-Choice Voting Initiative)

LWVMA urges a YES vote.

A "yes" vote would enact ranked-choice voting (RCV) for primary and general elections for state executive officials, state legislators, federal congressional and senate seats, and certain county offices beginning in 2022.

A "no" vote would maintain the existing plurality voting for state executive officials, state legislators, federal congressional and senate seats, and county offices.

RESOURCES:

Supporting a YES vote:

[Voter Choice Massachusetts:](#)

LWVMA is a member of this coalition.

LWVMA did a forum in 2019 on Ranked Choice Voting that can be accessed [here](#).

Supporting a NO vote:

[Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance:](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Ballotpedia.org compiles election information from public sources. For information on Massachusetts ballot questions go to [this webpage](#).

The Massachusetts Office for Campaign and Political Finance publishes information on contributions to ballot question campaign committees. [See the OCPF webpage](#).