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At its October 24, 2017 meeting, the Board of the League of Women Voters of Lincoln and Lancaster discussed and approved a motion to use the League of Women Voters of the United States position statement on Gun Control to participate in and take action in state and community discussions on guns and gun violence.

The statement with some history of its establishment and actions related to the position can be found on pages 96 and 97 of the League of Women Voters of the United States Impact on Issues 2016-2018 edition. It can also be found in full at <http://lww.org/content/gun-control>

### **The League of Women Voters of the United State's Position on Gun Control**

**The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.**

**The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.**

**The League supports a ban on "Saturday night specials," enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers.**