

Your Guide to Planned Giving with LCV



LEAVING A LEGACY

with the League of Conservation Voters



Our Earth Is Worth Fighting For



Climate change is the existential threat of our time, exacerbating racial and economic inequalities and endangering our lives, livelihoods, health, and future. It is imperative that we take action to keep our environment and communities healthy, and leave our Earth better than we found it for our kids, grandkids, and future generations.

AS WE LOOK TO THE **FUTURE**, WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

WHAT CHALLENGES WILL OUR LOVED ONES **INHERIT**?

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE **REMEMBERED**?



A POTENT **FORCE**

Over the last 50+ years, LCV has grown into a **potent force for protecting our planet and everyone who inhabits it.** LCV and state affiliates work for a more just and equitable U.S. democracy, where people — not polluters — determine our future. Our efforts to protect the environment and engage in the political process are rooted in an understanding and pursuit of racial, social, and environmental justice.



WHY LCV?

LCV, a 501(c)(4) organization, understands that threats to our environment and democracy are interlinked, and that our nation's biggest environmental challenges require political solutions. To secure these solutions, LCV helps people use their power in three political realms: influencing policies, holding leaders accountable, and winning elections. LCV's unique ability to do all three places us at the center of the fight for our Earth.



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WHY LCVEF?

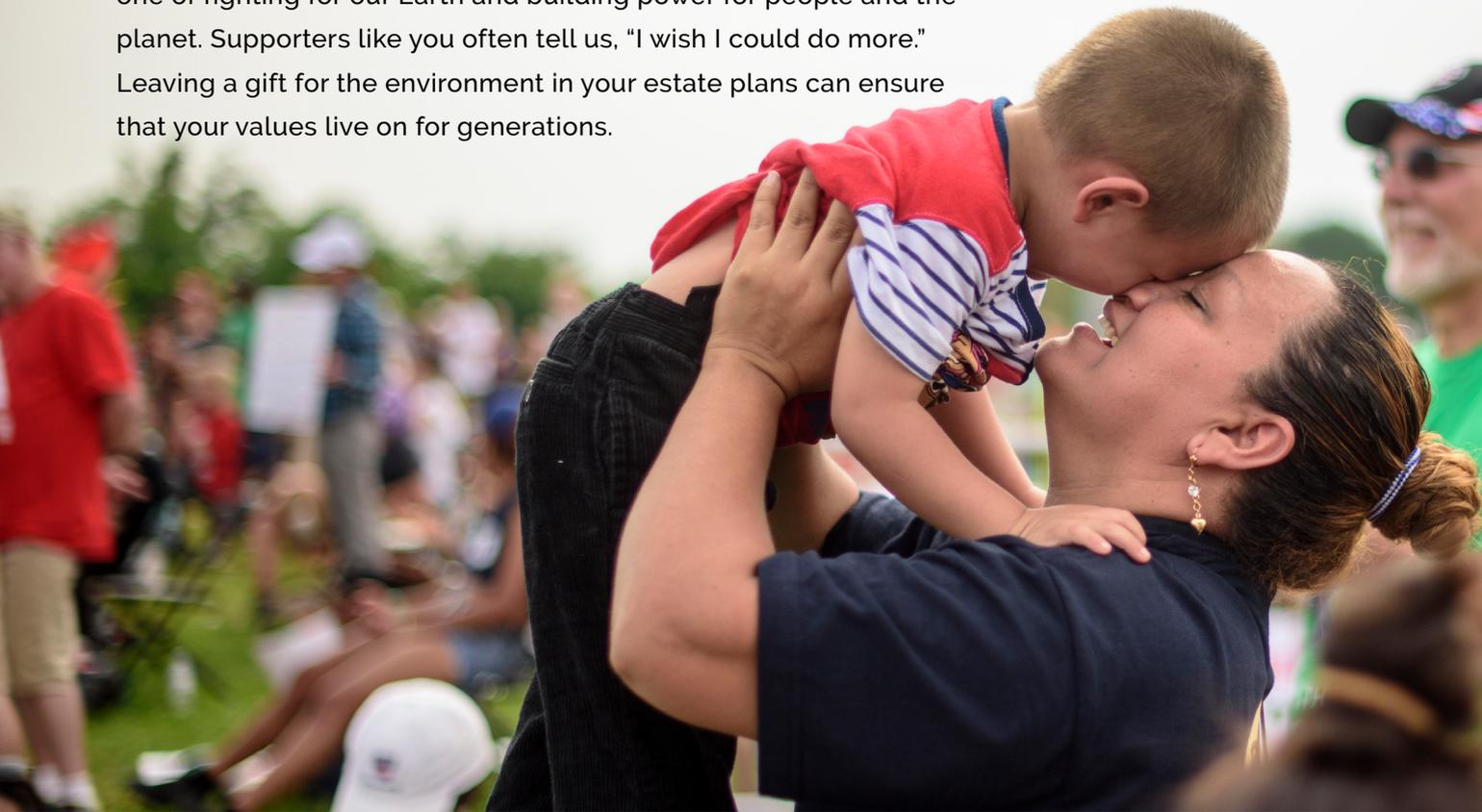
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Our Earth Is Worth Mobilizing For

THE **IMPACT** OF PLANNED GIVING

There are concrete steps you can take to ensure that your legacy is one of fighting for our Earth and building power for people and the planet. Supporters like you often tell us, "I wish I could do more." Leaving a gift for the environment in your estate plans can ensure that your values live on for generations.



DONATION BENEFITS & OPTIONS

Leaving a gift to LCV or LCV Education Fund not only feels good, it comes with the flexibility to leave a gift on your terms.



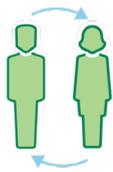
You can provide for loved ones and help preserve our environment for generations to come.



You retain control of your assets during your lifetime. These gifts cost you nothing now.



You can leave a gift in honor or memory of someone special.



You can change your beneficiaries at any time.



You can make a transformational gift using stocks and bonds.



You can remain anonymous, if you choose.



You choose the amount; there is no minimum contribution required.

PLANNED GIVING **OPTIONS**



WILLS & LIVING TRUSTS

The most common planned gift, a gift through your will or living trust, can help us protect the environment for generations. This gift costs you nothing now but allows you to make a significant impact on the future.

Life can change quickly, and making sure your estate plans reflect your wishes is important.

Here are just a few reasons why it might be time to create a will or update your estate plans:

- Have your children or dependents reached adulthood?
- Have you entered the workforce or changed jobs and rolled over your retirement plan?
- Has a loved one passed away recently?
- Have you recently moved?
- Have you decided to leave a gift for your favorite charities?
- Has your life changed significantly since you last made updates?

Being prepared pays off in the long run. You have several options: you can take care of family first and name LCV or LCV Education Fund to receive a specific amount or percentage of your estate. Or, you can consider naming LCV or LCV Education Fund as a contingent beneficiary to be next in line after loved ones. Your wishes can be discussed with your attorney and/or financial advisor. For your convenience, we have included sample bequest language in these materials (see Next Steps section).

PLANNED GIVING **OPTIONS**



BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

One simple way you can leave a legacy of protecting our environment is by filling out a short form and signing your name. You can include our organization as a beneficiary of any of these types of accounts:



Retirement
Accounts



Life Insurance
Policies



Bank or Brokerage
Accounts



Certificates of
Deposit



Donor-Advised
Funds

IT'S EASY TO DO

- 1** Check your account statement for the phone number and website of your account administrator. Confirm with your account administrator if it will be necessary to fill out a spousal waiver form when designating your charitable beneficiaries.
- 2** Request or download a beneficiary designation form.
- 3** Fill out the form and designate LCV or LCV Education Fund as a partial, contingent, or sole beneficiary of your account. When designating LCV or LCV Education Fund as a partial beneficiary, you can choose between leaving a percentage or a specified amount.
- 4** Sign and return the form to your plan administrator, and keep a copy for your files.
- 5** Let us know about your gift so we can welcome you into our Legacy Society and keep you updated on the impact of your gift.

RECOGNIZING **LEGACY** DONORS



"LCV Education Fund combines conservation on a large scale with grassroots power at the local level as the most powerful means of making progress. I've chosen to show my gratitude for LCV Education Fund's work with a gift through my estate. I'm happy that I can invest in the future for my grandkids and others."

— AL BELL

Legacy Society Member from Arizona
Retired Community Planner

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

LCV and LCV Education Fund supporters who have chosen to include our organization in their estate plans become part of our Legacy Society.

Legacy Society members receive annual impact reports and other organizational updates, invitations to exclusive events — including phone briefings with movement leaders and environmental champions — and much more!



I made a personal decision to leave a gift to the League of Conservation Voters because they are fighting for all of us when it comes to climate change and carbon pollution. These are the issues I have championed throughout my life and career. If I can help that work continue by leaving a gift in my will, then it's an easy decision."

CAROL BROWNER

Legacy Society Member, Former EPA Administrator,
Senior Advisor to President Obama, and LCV Board Chair

NEXT STEPS

You have two options for where your gift will go:

League of Conservation Voters (LCV)

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League of Conservation Voters Education Fund (LCVEF)

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The work of both LCV and LCV Education Fund is critical to protecting our planet, so you can't go wrong in your decision!

SAMPLE LANGUAGE

We recommend you consult with your financial or legal advisor to identify the best approach to giving based on your personal circumstances; we are available to work with you and your advisors. To leave a gift for the environment in your will, trust or other planned giving instrument, the following language can be reviewed with an advisor to ensure that the organization you wish to support is clearly identified:

LCV

I hereby give and bequeath \$____, or ____ percent of the residue of my estate to The League of Conservation Voters, Inc. a Maryland nonprofit corporation exempt from Federal taxation under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 740 15th St NW Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005, Federal tax ID number 52-1733698.

LCV EDUCATION FUND

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PROGRAM SNAPSHOT



Democracy For All

LCV Education Fund's signature nonpartisan civic engagement initiative, Democracy for All, operates at the nexus of large-scale voter mobilization, transformational community engagement, and structural democracy reform to ensure that all communities have an equitable say in their elected representation. We make a special commitment to work in collaboration with the communities most impacted by democracy inequities and injustices, i.e., Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other communities of color, youth communities, and immigrant communities. More than 75% of voters registered through our Democracy for All programs are people of color.



Clean Energy for All Campaign

Clean Energy for All (CEFA) is a grassroots campaign to reject fossil fuels and embrace clean energy nationwide. Led by LCV and our 30+ state affiliates, this campaign works to enact change at the state and local levels to advance clean energy solutions that cut pollution and protect public health. Since 2018, the CEFA campaign has helped secure 100% clean energy commitments from 15 states and 1,300 elected candidates (and counting). Thanks in part to these successes, 40% of people in the U.S. now lives in places committed to 100% clean energy.



Chispa

LCV's Chispa (Spanish for "spark") program builds the power of Latinx communities to achieve climate justice, community health, and environmental protections, and to demand accountability from decision-makers and polluters. Chispa's organizing model is centered on building a base of volunteers who are active in their neighborhoods, schools, and churches, and strengthening their leadership skills so that they can build long-term relationships with decision-makers. Chispa programs are active in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Nevada, and Texas, with a volunteer base of more than 20,000 participants and nearly 800 leaders.



Developing Future Leaders

Our country urgently needs more leaders who share our vision of a world with a healthy environment and healthy communities, protected by a just and equitable democracy. LCV and our state affiliates offer robust leadership development opportunities and provide pro-environment prospective candidates with training that centers equity and racial justice. Our Candidate Academy recruits environmental champions to run for local and state office, diversifies the candidate pool, and provides training that is welcoming and inclusive to candidates of color, young people, LGBTQ+ people, and women.

EQUIPPING THE **NEXT GENERATION**



"The Candidate Academy helped me to deliver and test my environmental messaging with a group of other environmental candidates. It really helped to have other people to workshop ideas with."

— **PRIYA SUNDARESHAN**

Arizona State Senator,
2022 LCV Candidate Academy Alum

When you leave a gift to LCV or LCV Education Fund in your estate plans, you help us equip the next generation of climate champions to pursue environmental justice, clean energy, a safe climate, and a healthy democracy for all. You also ensure that your values live on for generations and that your legacy is one of building power for people and the planet. **Thank you!**

Planned giving helps sustain our work for the long haul, as we look decades into the future. Planned gifts can help us scale up programs and invest in greater sustainability for our work beyond the next few years. We are honored to be considered in your estate planning process.

If you include us in your estate plans, please let us know so we can welcome you into the Legacy Society and recognize your gift, according to your wishes. If you have any questions about Planned Giving, we'd be more than happy to help.

League of Conservation Voters | legacy@lcv.org

League of Conservation Voters, Inc. (LCV) is a Maryland nonprofit organization, whose mission is to turn environmental values into national, state and local priorities. LCV, in collaboration with our state LCV partners, advocates for sound environmental laws and policies, holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions, and elects pro-environment candidates who will champion our priority issues.

LCV is located at 740 15th St NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC, 20005, and may be reached at (202) 785-8683. You may obtain a copy of the charity's financial report by writing to the charity's name and address.

The charity may be exempt from registration as a charitable organization in a number of states and jurisdictions. However, if this charity is required to register and comply with laws related to charitable contributions, residents of the following states may obtain information as follows: **Florida:** FL Registration CH4662. A COPY OF REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE WITHIN THE STATE, 1-800-435- 7352 or 1-800-FLA-Yuda POR ASISTENCIA EN ESPANOL. **Maryland:** Copies of documents and information submitted by League of Conservation Voters under the Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available for the cost of copies and postage from the Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401, 1-410-974-5534 (1-800-825-4510 within Maryland). **Mississippi:** The official registration and financial information of League of Conservation Voters may be obtained from the Mississippi Secretary of State's office by calling 1-888-236-6167. **New Jersey:** INFORMATION FILED WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THIS CHARITABLE SOLICITATION AND THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED BY THE CHARITY DURING THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD THAT WERE DEDICATED TO THE CHARITABLE PURPOSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY BY CALLING (201) 504-6215 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/. **New York:** New York residents may obtain a copy of League of Conservation Voters' annual report by writing to the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law, Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271, www.charitiesnys.com, 212-416-8686. **North Carolina:** Financial information about League of Conservation Voters and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Section at (888) 830-4989 (toll free in North Carolina) or (919) 814-5570. **Pennsylvania:** The official registration and financial information of League of Conservation Voters may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732- 0999. **Virginia:** A financial statement for the most recent fiscal year is available upon request from the Division of Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P.O. Box 526, Richmond, VA 23218; 1-804-786-1343. **Washington:** A notice of solicitation required by law is on file with the Washington Secretary of State. You may obtain additional financial disclosure information by contacting the Secretary of State at 1-800-332-GIVE. **West Virginia:** West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305.

REGISTRATION WITH A STATE AGENCY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OR IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THAT STATE.

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) Education Fund is a District of Columbia nonprofit organization. LCV Education Fund works to turn environmental values into national, state and local priorities. LCV Education Fund, in collaboration with our state LCV education fund partners, educates the public, media and elected officials about key environmental issues, works to increase voter participation in the democratic process, and mobilizes a diverse network of activists to advocate for sound environmental policies.

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