
LWVMI Prison/Jail Restudy Consensus Questions

1. In terms of guiding Michigan's criminal justice systems, how would you rank the following sets of principles in terms of importance?

Retributive Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrelevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Important to Include	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude
Restorative Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrelevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Important to Include	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude
Therapeutic Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Important	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrelevant	<input type="checkbox"/> Important to Include	<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude

2. Should the League support alternatives to incarceration?

Should alternatives be used for individuals who can be safely managed in the community? YES NO

Should an effort be made to find alternatives to incarceration for persons with mental illness who have committed crimes? YES NO

Should the League support ending incarceration of juveniles in adult facilities? YES NO

3. Should the State of Michigan pay all the costs of an indigent person's defense? YES NO

4. Should individuals sentenced to prison forfeit any of the following rights as Citizens?

Right to Vote YES NO

Access to the Courts YES NO

Access to FOIA YES NO

Protection of Michigan Civil Rights Act YES NO

5. How important is each of the following forms of oversight?

Ombudsman Important Not Important

Media access to prisons Important Not Important

Policies that encourage visitation Important Not Important

Careful oversight of privatized services with penalties for non-performance Important Not Important

6. Which of the following should be responsibilities of the prison system?

Humane conditions YES NO

Mental health care at community standards YES NO

Health care at community standards YES NO

Timely rehabilitative programming YES NO

Assistance with transitioning to freedom YES NO

7. Which of the following are to be expected of the parole board?

Objective rationale for holding someone past his or her minimum date YES NO

Ensuring that all individuals are released early enough to provide some transitional supervision YES NO

Please mail this completed consensus form to: Paula Manley, 5652 Brenda Lane East, Parchment, MI 49004 by April 10.