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**Proposed Order of Business  
May 24, 2018**

Call to Order and Welcome	Michele Fell-Casale
Introductions	Michele Fell-Casale
Parliamentarian	Byrd Lochtie
Credentials Report	Becky Simpson
Organization of Annual Meeting	Michele Fell-Casale
Adoption of Order of Business and Rules	
Appoint Committee to approve minutes of May 2018 Annual Meeting	
Treasurer's Report	Deborah Downs
Annual Reports	
President's Report	Michele Fell-Casale
Bylaws Committee Report	Byrd Lochtie
Recommended bylaws changes	
Proposed Budget	TBD
Adoption of the 2018-2019 recommended budget	
Proposed Program	Michele Fell-Casale
Adoption of the 2018-2019 recommended program	
Nominating Committee Report	Sharolyn Hutton
Nominations from the floor	Michele Fell-Casale
Election of new board members	Sharolyn Hutton
Acknowledgments	Michele Fell-Casale
Directions to the Board	Michele Fell-Casale
Adjournment	Michele Fell-Casale

**Parliamentary Authority:** Bylaws of the LWVHC, Article XIII, Section I: "The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Modern Edition, shall govern the League in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws."

**Record Date:** The LWVHC Board of Directors set **April 24, 2018** as the record date for determining those local League members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. (Dues must be paid.)

**Convention Rules:** Shall be in accordance with LWVHC Bylaws. There shall be no smoking.

**Bylaws Committee Recommendation for 2018-2019**

The Bylaws Committee, composed of Becky Simpson, Anne Hartline and Byrd Lochtie, met several times via email and phone. The following changes are proposed, with ~~strikeout~~ to show what will be removed or changed, and *italics* to show new wording.

**Article III Section 3d** - The board shall give such member 15 days prior notice, with reason, of the proposed termination or suspension. ~~no less than five days before the effective date of the proposed suspension or termination.~~

**Article V Section 2** - The other elected directors, *half one year and half the next year*, shall be elected by a majority of members eligible to vote at the annual meeting. ~~Nine shall be elected in even-numbered years and eight in odd-numbered years.~~

**Article VII Section 3** - The budget committee shall be composed of the treasurer and at least two *additional* board members nominated by the president and appointed by the board, and three local League non-board members ~~elected~~ *appointed* by the board.

**Article VII Section 4** - A copy of the budget shall be sent to each member ~~30~~ *20* days before the date of the annual meeting.

**Budget Committee Report and Recommendations for 2018-2019**

The proposed budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was reviewed and feedback given by the Budget Committee including: Lorey Keele, Mary Lou Lowry, Rollin Richmond, Carolyn Otis and Byrd Lochtie. Some of the budget highlights include a request by members that have asked the League to spend enough to do the proper education of citizens of which the state allows 25% of the outreach costs to come from the League's Education fund at the Humboldt Area Foundation. The budget shows 3/4 of the total estimated bill. Additionally, the League will normally pay for 2 individuals to go to conventions and next year will be the CA state convention.

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## Program Recommendations for 2018-2019

The LWVHC Program Planning Meeting was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 with 13 members in attendance. In accordance with direction from the 2017 Annual Meeting, this meeting would focus on a review of the Position on Education (1972, 1973, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2013). The recommendations after discussion and consensus were as follows:

### **Curriculum:**

**Add:** Vocational education curricula designed to meet student and business needs

**Change: Under Position 4:** replace 'recommended' with 'mandated'; add 'critical'. Sentence to now read: Mentoring of new teachers is mandated, and critical.

**Add:** "Feedback about effective teaching practices should be provided regularly to all staff. Peer and academic coaching shall be encouraged and supported.\*"

**Change: Under Position 6:** Support placement of special education students in the least restrictive setting. If they are in regular classes, provide additional help for the teacher(s)

**Change: Under Position 7:** Add the following: Media centers should be professionally maintained and staffed (i.e., avoid use of volunteers). "Students should be afforded regular access to libraries, media centers and technology."

**Note:** The group agreed that ultimately, better funding is necessary to accomplish the goals in the Curriculum Position.

\* This was originally listed in the Administration/Management section, however after group discussion, it was agreed that it was more appropriately included with Curriculum.

### **Support Services:**

**Add: Under Position 8:** after 'Counseling services are especially important'. Schools should provide professional development training on mental health and suicide prevention for teachers and support services staff.

### **Communication:**

#### **Add: Under Position 11:**

We support efforts, including policies and practices, to encourage effective communication among all parties, using all available technologies, multiple language platforms and appropriate multi-media without sacrificing personal interaction. Alternative means of communication are necessary to ensure that those without access to technology (computers, 'smart phones', 'robocalls, text messages, etc.) are not excluded.

**Add (new position):** We support efforts to recruit and retain professional (credentialed) language development specialists to better communicate with/support efforts to communicate with a diverse population.

### **Administration/Management**

**Under Position 14: Delete** "...than the national average"; replace with "... secure state support for basic funding at no less than the bottom of the top ten funded states. Alternative methods such as unification, consolidation of school services, parcel taxes and bonds should be considered"

**Under Position 15: Replace with** "School districts, school boards, and communities should emphasize collaboration to advocate for more unrestricted state funding, which could provide more flexibility to meet identified local needs and sustain successful, innovative programs.

**Under Position 16: Replace** "School *plants*" with "school facilities should be evaluated..." Sentence to now read "School facilities should be evaluated on the condition of the site, the basis of the size and needs of the student population and finances"

**Under Position 18, subheading E: Add:** "...that address bullying, cyber bullying and the physical safety of students". An additional item discussed related to the Education Position: "What is the effect of charter schools on public schools?" It was agreed that this topic should be brought up at annual meeting.

The board recommends that LWVHC present a community education program on the Electoral College during the 2018-19 year.

**Nominating Committee Recommendations for 2018-2019**

Nominating Committee Report for 2018-2019, prepared by Nominating Committee Chair, Sharolyn Hutton, and members Carol Johnson, Alex Stillman, Julie Kelly and Byrd Lochtie. LWVHC bylaws state that our President and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Vice-president and Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The remaining thirteen directors can be elected for two-year terms, half in odd-numbered years and half in even-numbered years. We no longer have a provision in the bylaws for a Past-president, although we have had that position in the past. The following slate is designed to get us on the correct cycle for electing our officers and the other directors. The bylaws allow for appointed directors if a full slate of 17 board officers and directors is not elected. The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees:

To be elected to the board for one year, with the term ending June 30, 2019

**President:** Rollin Richmond

To be elected to a two-year term ending June 30, 2020

**Vice-President:** Deborah Downs

**Treasurer:** Hawley Riffenburg

To serve on the board of Directors for a two year term ending June 30, 2020

**Director:** Carol Masterson **Director:** TBD

**Director:** Jessica Snow **Director:** TBD

**Director:** Deloris (Delo) Freitas **Director:** TBD

**Director:** Leslie Leach

To serve on the board of Directors for a one-year term ending June 30, 2019

**Director:** Judy Bennett

**Director:** Nancy Kay

**Director:** Becky Simpson

To serve on the Nominating Committee for a one-year term that ends June 30, 2019

**Chair:** Sharolyn Hutton

**Member:** Carol Johnson

**Member:** Margaret Stofsky

**Nominations may be taken from the floor provided consent from the nominee has been obtained prior to the nomination.**

The following people are NOT on the slate, but they are part of the 17 directors on the board. They were elected in May 2017, and are continuing to serve on the board in that elected position ending June 30, 2019.

**Secretary:** Patricia-Anne WinterSun

**Director:** Keith Snow-Flamer

**Director:** Julie Kelly

**Director:** Elaine Weinreb

**Director:** Kathy Johanson

**League of Women Voters Humboldt County 2018-2019**

*Whatever the issue, the League believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibilities, adequate financing, coordination among levels of government, effective enforcement and well defined channels for citizen input and review.*

# SOCIAL POLICY

## **Funding for Services for Victims of Domestic Violence— 2003, 2014**

**Position Summary: Support of funding needed to provide adequate services to victims of domestic violence and elder abuse in Humboldt County.**

### **Positions:**

1. We encourage pursuing all methods for funding services for victims of domestic violence and elder abuse.
2. We support developing a community environment that provides adequate funding for victims of domestic violence and elder abuse by encouraging:
  - A. Effective coordination and collaboration between agencies providing services to victims of domestic violence and elder abuse,
  - B. Community education and awareness of domestic violence and elder abuse, for all segments of the population,
  - C. Comprehensive training and education for all professionals and volunteers dealing with domestic Violence and elder abuse.

## **Housing - 1975, 1983, 2012**

**Position Summary: Support of measures to encourage the cities and county to adopt regulations, programs and projects which will increase the affordable housing stock for all income groups.**

### **Positions:**

1. Support of decent, safe and sanitary low-cost housing for all low-income people in Humboldt County with individual needs to be considered in the planning, a choice of housing whenever possible, and more effective housing authorities. Priority should be given to:
  - A. Special needs for the elderly, handicapped and large families.
  - B. Complete use of available funds.
  - C. Professional resident manager.
  - D. Advertisement of vacancies on commissions as they occur.
  - E. Consideration of the qualifications of potential members of commissions.
  - F. A thorough orientation program for all members of commissions.

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2. Support implementation of a County Housing Element with priority given to:
  - A. Broader public education on housing.
  - B. Comprehensive planning for housing including new sites, existing stock and needs inventories.
  - C. Utilization of the Article 34 referendum of the California State Constitution (requirement for voter approval of low-income housing projects) if the need is determined.
  - D. Implementation of the State Housing Law regulations pertaining to limited-density owner-built rural dwellings providing that health and safety standards are not compromised.
  - E. Implementation of an alternative owner-built ordinance providing that health and safety standards are not compromised.
  - F. Investigation of the need for a Just Cause Eviction ordinance. Publicity of the availability of the Housing Condition Advisory Service provided by the County Building Department.
3. Support implementation of housing regulations contained in Article 10, Title 25 of the California Administrative Code on State Housing Law which allow the owner to build under more flexible codes than the full uniform code for rehabilitation and reconstruction of existing homes in Community Service Districts provided that this contributes to increased health, fire and structural safety; does not increase unit density in the area; and a housing condition survey be required first.
4. Support adoption of local ordinances allowing supplemental living units which conform to appropriate health, safety, and planning guidelines.
5. Support establishment within cities of mixed zones to allow for variety of housing types and densities.
6. Support education of the public regarding content, variety and availability of housing programs and opportunities, i.e. targeting areas of greatest need; sending out information with utility bills; using public service announcements, press releases, public meetings, Housing Advisory Boards and Area 1 Agency on Aging.
7. Support of additional city and county public housing should be based on criteria such as needs Assessment survey, waiting list for available public housing units, the percentage of low income families in the population, the vacancy rate, overcrowding and homelessness.
8. Support of city and county housing projects involving private/public cooperation in their financing, administration and development with consideration given to factors such as the impact of the project on schools, suitability of the site, design quality, affordability for moderate as well as low income people, and provision for a variety of types of occupancy.
9. Encourage cities to explore giving incentives to private developers to build more affordable housing. Some possible examples for city exploration are: city-provided infrastructure, consideration of smaller lot sizes, land write-downs and revolving or payback funds.

## Education – 1972, 1973, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2013

**Position Summary: Support of a public school system that is accountable to the students and to the taxpayers. Support of the development and maintenance of a high quality educational program in a safe environment.**

### Positions:



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### **Curriculum**

1. School districts should have an on-going curriculum evaluation process, which includes input from the community. We support district curriculum committees composed of school board members, teachers, administrators, students and community members. Curriculum decisions should be based on sound educational research.
2. Evaluation of students should be based on established goals that are clearly understood by students, parents and staff.
3. School districts should have an awareness of and take a leadership role in addressing issues of diversity affecting the school and the community. Schools should support a sense of community by creating a dialogue among families, students and staff. We support on-going teacher and staff professional development.
4. Students have the right to a qualified teacher, one who has the ability to reach, teach and inspire students and who has a command of the subject matter. It is important that school districts provide and fund on-going professional development pertinent to the particular school and staff. Mentoring of new teachers is recommended.
5. We support reciprocal volunteerism between school and community/business. To be effective, volunteers must be trained and supervised and should not replace paid personnel. Students should be involved in well-coordinated and meaningful service learning projects that are integrated into the curriculum.
6. We support placement of special education students in the least restrictive setting while considering the most productive environment for all students.
7. School media centers should be given high priority. They should be maintained and staffed so as to teach media center skills and general research methods.

### **Support Services**

8. The availability of student support services at each school site is important. We support maximum coordination and collaboration of services within the school and among all districts and Humboldt County Office of Education. We support a community resource position to research appropriate services and serve as a liaison between families and needed support services. Counseling services are especially important.
9. We encourage and support the use of new technologies for information sharing that ensures interaction among all agencies benefiting students, schools and education. We support electronic transfer of the information normally contained in a student's cumulative file within a district or between districts, provided that access to information is safeguarded according to law.
10. We support a continuum of alternative programs designed to meet the needs of students. We support early intervention and all possible efforts to help the student succeed before transfer to an alternative program. This includes the opportunity to return to the school of origin or to transfer to another program that best meets the needs of the student.

### **Communication**

11. We support efforts, including policies and practices, to encourage effective communication among all parties, using all available technologies without sacrificing personal interaction.

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12. Policies and practices should include a defined method for parents and community to evaluate schools and for schools to respond to such evaluation.
13. The public should be informed of meetings where goals, objectives and budgets are decided and it should be encouraged to provide input. Advisory committees should be ongoing and should receive support from administration and staff.

### Administration/Management

14. It is important for school districts, school boards and administrators regularly to work together to secure state support for basic funding at no less than the national average. Alternative methods such as unification, parcel taxes and bonds should be considered.
15. School districts, school boards, and communities should collaborate to advocate more unrestricted state funding, which could provide more flexibility to meet identified local needs and sustain successful, innovative programs.
16. Internal, qualified evaluators should make prescriptive evaluation of teachers regularly. The tenure system should be maintained, provided established dismissal procedures are used and pursued when warranted.
17. School plants should be evaluated on the basis of size and needs of student population, condition of plant and finances.
18. It is important to provide a safe environment where teachers can teach and students can learn, including, but not limited to, support for:
  - A. Manageable class size;
  - B. Presenting a balanced and accurate view of the students and their activities and accomplishments;
  - C. Encouraging parent participation in student issues;
  - D. Identifying and providing intervention for students needing assistance; and
  - E. Preparing and implementing safe school plans, including effective programs that address bullying and cyberbullying.

### Public Health Services – 1974, 2011

**Position Summary: Support of measures to provide efficient publicly-administered health care, including mental health services, as these are essential and should be available to each individual.**

#### Positions:

1. Health care services should be obtainable by all.
2. The rights and dignity of the individual should be safeguarded at all times.
3. Social services are an important part of patient care.
4. County health facilities should offer quality health care, consistent with community standard.
5. Preventive medicine is essential and should be promoted in all phases of health care planning.
6. Support of a mental health facility in Humboldt County.

## Adult Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County -1978, 1984, 2006, 2016

**Position Summary: Support use of the jail facility, provided revisions and renovations occur as required by law as well as alternative programs for adult misdemeanants.**

### Positions:

1. Improve recreation programs and facilities within the jail.
2. Continue library, vocational, educational, and ombudsman programs within the jail.
3. Support work furlough programs and the farm program.
4. Continue substance abuse program, especially self-supporting aspect.
5. Encourage pretrial and post-trial alternatives.
6. Encourage mediation/arbitration programs as a diversion from the court system for misdemeanants only.
7. Support restitution when applicable.
8. Maintain adequate fiscal support for work-alternative programs.
9. Support the use of science-based risk assessment tools within the adult detention facilities and programs to address needs.
10. Continued support of funding for re-entry facilities.

## Juvenile Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County – 1978, 1984, 2006, 2016

**Position Summary: Support use of up-to-date juvenile detention facilities, provided revisions and renovations occur as required by law; alternative programs for juvenile misdemeanants; probation department's programs for foster and crisis homes**

### Positions:

1. Facilities for mentally disturbed children should be provided; as well as flexible funding for the facility and its programs.
2. Improve recreation programs and facilities within the juvenile hall.
3. Continue substance abuse program, especially self-supporting aspect.
4. Encourage media informational programs dealing with Probation Department's foster and crisis homes and support community members who take in delinquent youth.
5. Encourage pretrial and post-trial alternatives.
6. Encourage mediation/arbitration programs as a diversion from the court system for misdemeanants only.
7. Support restitution when applicable.
8. Maintain adequate fiscal support for all alternative programs and juvenile detention facilities.
9. Encourage Probation Department to continue its diversion program and its support of community-based diversion options,-valuable services to juveniles in the system.
10. Support of science-based risk assessment tools.
11. Continue adequate educational programs within the juvenile detention facilities.
12. Encourage Probation Department to continue its diversion program and its support of community-based diversion options,-valuable services to juveniles in system.

## Child Care – 1990, 2014

**Position Summary: Support of city and county policies and programs with incentives for the private sector for programs which meet the need for accessible, affordable, and quality care of minors.**

### Positions:

1. Support of local policy committed to the following principles: Caring for children is society's as well as family's responsibility; quality child care should be responsive to the diverse needs of children and their families and available to all socioeconomic groups.
2. Support for a local administrative structure to implement child care policies, programs and services which meet the following criteria: Efficiently coordinates private and public programs; effects cooperation of responsible agencies; advocates for child care; and is responsive to public concerns.
3. Support for diverse community efforts to meet identified local needs for child care services. Support measures that: Explore the needs and services available; provide community wide development, coordination and implementation of child care policies; designate a coordinator for child care services; provide incentives for private providers and employers through such means as fee waivers and simplification of the regulatory process; establish child care benefits and services for private and/or local government employees as a model employer; include child care elements in the General Plan.
4. Affordability—Promote and support: State and Federal assistance for child care needs through reliable and diverse sources of funding; "flex" benefits (with a child care component) by public and private employers; measures to provide child care for all income levels, such as tax credits and grants.
5. Availability/Accessibility—Support the use of public lands and facilities for child care programs. Support efforts to recruit licensed child care providers throughout the County.
6. Quality—Support efforts to provide a variety of information and support services to child care providers, especially family day care providers. Support effective monitoring of child care programs. Encourage child care providers and staff to provide and maintain quality child care. Encourage family day care homes to become licensed. Advocate for and support increased wages and benefits for child care providers. Support provision of information for parents regarding child care services.

## Foster Care - 1991, 1999, 2017

**Position Summary: Support of services which prevent children from being placed in foster care, and which provide safe and supportive foster care when required.**

### Positions:

1. The primary goals of foster care in Humboldt County are the physical, emotional, and social protection, care, and growth of each child.
2. Support coordination, cooperation and open communication among all agencies providing services to families and children.
3. Support policies to reduce psychological disruption of the child.
4. Support efforts to insure compatible matches of child and foster home by increasing the number of licensed foster homes available to children in need.
5. Provide enough emergency placements for the number of children needing placement.
6. Support family reunification when it is in the best interest of the child.

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7. Support separate staff positions for recruiting, training, and retaining foster parents.
8. Support public education to inform citizens of the need for foster parents.
9. Support a grievance procedure in which biological and foster parents can address concerns without fear of reprisal.
10. Support respite care, by trained workers, for foster parents.
11. Special recognition should be given to the needs of elderly foster parents.
12. Support funding for additional social workers and health providers for foster children.
13. Support adequate funding for childcare and extracurricular activities of foster children.
14. Support appropriate educational services from pre-school to higher education.
15. Require rigorous adherence to federal and state laws pertaining to children in foster care, specifically Indian Child Welfare Act.
16. Support efforts to place foster children in culturally similar environments.
17. Support efforts to ensure that foster children of legal age are encouraged to register to vote.

# NATURAL RESOURCES

## Land Use Planning - 1973, 1999, 2000, 2012

**Position Summary: Support of aesthetic and economic utilization of Humboldt County land resources which should be protected by thoughtful planning with full consideration of present and future needs.**

### Positions:

1. Planning for residential, commercial and industrial developments in urban and adjacent areas should include establishment of procedures for aesthetic review of new developments in the Humboldt Bay area, provide for natural open spaces, preserve ecologically valuable and scenic areas, and encourage preservation of historical sites and buildings.
2. Extension, development and promotion of Humboldt Bay recreational activities with further development in all county beach areas being compatible with the natural terrain.
3. Acquisition of more beach property by the county with the first priority being land still in its natural state; education of the public in the care of beaches; provision of more maintenance of county beach parks; enforcement of anti-littering ordinances; encouragement of public access (visual and physical) to Humboldt Bay and bay oriented activities, consistent with conservation of wild life
4. Prohibition of motorized vehicles from public beaches and provision of other areas for their uses. This prohibition shall not apply to vehicles which ingress and egress the beaches for the purposes of: Rescue, retrieval of gear by fisherman, legal commercial fishing, and legal salvage of materials by local "split makers" and driftwood gatherers who sell materials for income or to supplement income. The amount of material removed should be monitored to determine that its removal is not environmentally damaging.

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Off road vehicles should not be allowed in areas such as dunes, where their use will damage the environment or endanger pedestrians or equestrians also using the beaches.

5. Preservation of agricultural land, whenever possible, as a land use priority.
6. Coordinated interagency planning and action are critical to successful management and to the accomplishment of the following objectives:
  - Rivers and streams should be left in their natural states whenever possible, with each case considered on its own merits. Total watershed management, including preservation and restoration, should be coordinated by qualified professionals so that economic interests, aesthetic issues, and health concerns can exist in harmony in our county and our future water supply can be provided adequately.
  - Restoration is no substitute for adequate protection of existing healthy streams. We support restoration of degraded streams, provided existing healthy stream sections are protected. County general plan should include stream protection zones. Greenbelts and trails along urban stream corridors are desirable because they increase public awareness and appreciation of the importance of streams.
7. Implementation of recreational zoning as shown on the general plan.

### **Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay - 1968, 2000, 2013**

**Position Summary: Support of the orderly development of Humboldt Bay and adjacent lands for industrial, shipping, commercial, recreational and intangible uses with full consideration of the conservation of the Humboldt Bay's natural resources and stewardship of the Humboldt Bay as a whole.**

#### **Positions:**

1. Continue to support a publicly elected centralized authority with full powers to function that oversees and enforces a master plan for Humboldt Bay.
2. Continue to support a long-term master plan for Humboldt Bay which includes completion, adoption and implementation.
  - A. A periodic review of the plan with actively recruited public input.
  - B. Development of the Humboldt Bay which conforms to the plan.
  - C. The plan should be based on adequate scientific data and research.
  - D. Encourage integration of city and county general plans in alignment with the adopted plan.
3. Protection through zoning and regulation for natural resources including fish and wildlife habitat areas of Humboldt Bay with adequate funding for monitoring and enforcement.
  - A. Monitor and guard against pollution from all sources.
  - B. Monitor and guard against introduction and spread of detrimental non-native species.
  - C. Maintain and enhance greenbelts and other watershed areas to preserve the natural integrity of Humboldt Bay.
4. Encouragement of industrial, commercial and recreational development which does not hamper the enjoyment of Humboldt Bay's potential for other purposes and preserves the natural resources of Humboldt Bay.

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- A. Include industrial and commercial coastal dependent development that enhances and complements Humboldt Bay and its resources.
  - B. Promote activities which preserve, enhance or restore the natural resources of Humboldt Bay.
  - C. Any importation of natural products should be from sustainably managed resources.
  - D. Development and maintenance of an integrated transportation system for Humboldt Bay.
5. Recreational development on Humboldt Bay should include the following considerations:
- A. Appropriate public access for low-impact activities.
  - B. High-impact activities only where appropriate and in designated areas.
  - C. Public physical and visual access to Humboldt Bay for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors.
6. Public education that develops responsibility for appropriate uses of Humboldt Bay, including:
- A. Year-around environmental education.
  - B. Pollution prevention measures.
  - C. The inherent value of Humboldt Bay's resources.
7. Encourage all governmental entities to work cooperatively in the stewardship, management and development of Humboldt Bay.

## Hazardous Wastes in Humboldt County – 1985, 2011

**Position Summary: Support of safe storage, management and disposal of hazardous wastes generated in Humboldt County, with special emphasis on reduction of wastes to be disposed of, increased awareness of hazardous materials use and disposal, and realization that all users of hazardous materials should share in the responsibility for costs of hazardous waste management.**

### Positions:

1. All hazardous wastes in the county must be disposed of safely.
2. All users of hazardous materials should share in the costs of the safe storage, management and disposal of hazardous wastes in the county.
3. A transfer station should be supported in the county, for county wastes only, provided it meets stringent health, safety, environmental and land use standards.
4. If a Class I Hazardous Waste Disposal Site becomes a requirement in Humboldt County, it should accept only hazardous waste generated in this county, and the site must meet the LWVUS Hazardous Waste Siting Criteria; additionally, it should not be near facilities frequented by large numbers of people.
5. Responsibility should be designated locally to inventory hazardous wastes in this county, and to determine appropriate alternatives to land disposal, i.e. recycling and source reduction.
6. Support thorough and comprehensive training for local existing emergency response personnel and a well trained and properly equipped local team capable of responding to hazardous waste emergencies throughout the county.
7. Support measures to increase consumer awareness and education for people of all ages, regarding hazardous wastes in the home, community or county.

8. Support the consumer's right to know what hazardous materials are used and what hazardous wastes are generated and/or transported within the county.

# GOVERNMENT

## **Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury System - 1991, 1995, 2000, 2015, 2016**

**Position Summary: Support improved understanding of and participation in the Civil Grand Jury system. Strengthen resources and support for the Civil Grand Jury, so that it can carry out its investigative functions.**

### **Positions:**

1. Increase accurate information to the public about the Civil Grand Jury process and procedures through the Presiding Judge, the Jury Commissioner, community groups, media and former Grand Jurors.
2. Support the existence of a Civil Grand Jury composed of citizens, willing to serve, selected from a cross section of the community.
3. Improve resources and support to Civil Grand Jury by providing adequate office and meeting space, childcare, clerical help and reimbursement for travel.
4. Encourage publication of Civil Grand Jury report and responses to the report by a community-wide newspaper.
5. Encourage the Jury Commissioner to distribute recruitment information to prospective Grand Jurors through all available media outlets.
6. Encourage comprehensive orientation and training for Grand Jurors.
7. Support the use of a standardized format for comprehensive official responses to the Civil Grand Jury Final Report findings and recommendations.

## **Library Facilities – 1970, 2012**

**Position Summary: Support of improved library facilities in the Humboldt County Library District.**

### **Positions:**

1. Improve quality and quantity of materials.
2. Increase staff to meet basic state library standards.
3. Improve multi-media services.
4. Increase accessibility and convenience to the public throughout the county.
5. Apply for state and federal funds available to assist in reaching these goals.
6. Increase financing to provide for present and future needs.



## Eureka City Government – 1976, 2011

**Position Summary: The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County supports retaining a city charter that insures a council/manager form of government which provides for well-trained and qualified personnel for the complexities of city management, is flexible and easy to understand, conforms to the provisions of state law and contains the basic direction of city government with the majority of issues to be dealt with by ordinance procedure.**

## Local Government Financing in Humboldt County - 1980

**Position Summary: Support of adequate local government financing to maintain government services to meet the demands of the community.**

### Positions:

1. Strengthen local government revenues through continued acquisition of available federal funds. Provide income through the redistribution of the state income tax. Increase local share of the state sales tax according to the point of origin, and use of fees set at an appropriate level.
2. Decrease of local government expenditures by consolidating of special districts when prudent, conversion of special districts to assessment districts when feasible and avoid overlapping of special districts.
3. Accommodate community needs by the county or cities providing general services instead of creating new government structures including those for the elderly.
4. Encourage the use of fees when services result in specific individual benefit. Fees should be reviewed periodically at budget time to reflect the cost of services.
5. Use of assessment districts to help finance capital improvements and maintenance in business districts and residential areas. Allocation of public and private benefits of the project to be assessed must be carefully determined. Payment of assessment for those on fixed incomes may be deferred until the property is sold or inherited.

## The Role of Government in Economic Development in Humboldt County – 1982, 2005, 2014

**Position Summary: Support of economic development in Humboldt County by local government defining goals, setting priorities, providing appropriate planning and implementation, understanding and implementing environmental regulations, facilitating coordination and funding, and promoting public awareness of the procedures for economic development. Support of tourism and recreation as important to the economic development of Humboldt County.**

### Positions:

1. Local government in Humboldt County should promote economic development which is favorably evaluated using the following criteria: Is acceptable environmentally; is labor intensive; uses existing local labor force; complements present business (including tourist business, arts and artisans); is water and energy efficient; makes best use of native resources (including agricultural and timber lands), renewable resources and waste products.
2. Local governments can become more effective in encouraging economic development by: Completing general plans and implementing general plans; long range capital improvement planning; facilitating the permit process by various procedures, for example: a) check list, b) plan review, c) scoping sessions;

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supporting transportation development which will enhance prospective economic development; promoting equitable rates and schedules.

3. Local governments should become more effective in coordinating economic development by: Promoting economic planning and development countywide as well as for individual areas; promoting understanding and cooperation between the different entities and agencies involved in economic development; establishing a centralized location in the county for dissemination of information related to economic development, staffed by trained and qualified persons.
4. An effort should be made by the County Board of Supervisors to determine the effectiveness of present promotion and advertising efforts.

### Transportation in Humboldt County – 1984, 2013

**Position Summary: Support of a balanced transportation system which includes rail, water, air, road and alternative ideas of transportation, and provides for improvement and funding adequate to maintain a coordinated system.**

#### Positions:

1. Encourage improvements of Highway 299 and 101.
2. Public funds should be used if necessary to subsidize roads, public transportation, harbor facilities, airport facilities and railroads.
3. The shortfall in funding for state and county roads should be mitigated by increasing the gas tax. Roads largely serving private benefits should be funded by the property owners benefiting from these roads. A less desirable alternative is for government to abandon roads.
4. The League should help the public understand the need for road maintenance by disseminating information through all possible means including media, publications, technology and speakers bureau.
5. In planning for road use and maintenance, tourism should receive high consideration. Heavy industry, such as lumber, should be encouraged to use accessible, affordable and alternative modes of transportation, such as water and rail, which will increase cost effectiveness and lessen wear and tear on the roads.
6. Public transportation should be accessible and affordable. Public transportation should be encouraged by improving bus services through various means such as coordinating schedules, providing parking facilities, developing promotions and public education, adding bus routes when warranted, and meeting tourist, pedestrian, and cyclist needs. Para-transit is an important service to be coordinated and maintained at an adequate level. Para-transit is defined as an alternate mode of transportation that does not follow fixed routes or schedules including mini buses, shared taxis and jitneys, and includes special transportation services for people with disabilities.
7. All alternative modes of transportation, including rail, air, light rail, bicycle, pedestrian, etc. should be increased and maintained for both freight and passenger service. Decisions about alternative modes of transportation should include attention to environmental impact, sustainability, accessibility and affordability.
8. Water transportation should be increased and harbor facilities improved. Water transportation should be coordinated with highways and rail. Passenger service into Humboldt Bay is desirable as a seasonal tourist attraction. A full time port director for Humboldt Bay continues to be necessary.

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9. Local governments should encourage air carriers by upgrading the airport facility, promoting competitive gasoline prices at the airport and improving economic conditions in Humboldt County.

### Civic Engagement - 2016

**Position summary: The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County supports public participation in government as a civic responsibility that makes government work effectively.**

#### Positions:

All governmental bodies and organizations should:

1. Facilitate equitable access to current information about all public meetings open or closed. This shall include all information about the meetings, agendas, and reports. This information should be made accessible to the public with reasonably sufficient time for citizen response and/or input.
2. Ensure that equitable opportunities exist for public input from multiple platforms and provide ample opportunities for citizens to participate in the civic process.
3. Ensure that sufficient input from citizens is allowed at public meetings and recorded in the minutes.
4. Comport with State and local laws regarding the recording of public input and availability of public meeting minutes.
5. Ensure transparency for citizens about all policies, practices, evaluations, and decisions of the organization.
6. Conduct regular and consistent evaluations of civic engagement processes utilized in the gathering of public input in order to improve citizen participation and public trust with the goal to improve governmental effectiveness.