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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 19, 2022** 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.

Governance Committee Recommendations for 2022-2023

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The Governance Committee, composed of Sylvia Shaw, Dave Rosso and Byrd Lochtie worked via email to review the LWVHC Bylaws. After looking at a few concerns, the committee, on February 27, 2022, agreed that there are no issues that need to be addressed through an amendment. Therefore, the Governance Committee recommends no changes to the LWVHC Bylaws at the Annual Meeting in May 2022.

Budget Committee Report and Recommendations for 2022-2023

Financial Report 2021-2022

The League has been surviving the negative impact of the pandemic. With our inability for two consecutive years to conduct the State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL), which provides most of our operating capital, our concern was that we would need to use our reserves to continue to pursue the League's mission. However, by the combination of generous contributions from our League members and the community, along with several cost-saving measures, our financial assets have remained strong. We are looking forward to resuming the SOCL, hopefully in the upcoming fiscal year.

Typically, we count on about \$500 in annual contributions, but this year we asked for financial support and received \$3,700 in donations to our operating expenses. In addition, members contributed \$1,250 to our Education Fund at the Humboldt Area Foundation.

Expenses were minimized this year because we moved our office and saved over half of the monthly office-rent costs. We shifted to more electronic communications, saving trees and printing and postage costs. Events were held but were held virtually with Zoom. We made use of our website and social media more than we had prior to COVID.

The League's assets are summarized as follows:

	FYE	FYE	YTD
	2020	2021	2/25/2022
Checking account	6,208	7,603	8,605
Savings account	6,800	16,956	17,107
Certificate of Deposit	10,003		
Restricted: HAF Education Fund	54,757	56,695	59,608
TOTAL ASSETS	77,769	81,254	85,320

Budget Recommendations for 2022-2023

The following proposed budget was prepared on February 25, 2022, by the Budget Committee, which included board members Nancy Kay (Treasurer), Jessica Schlachter (Co-President), Becky Simpson (Membership Director) and off-board members Judy Bennett, Willa Mauro, and Carolyn Prescott. The proposed was approved by the board of directors on March 1, 2022.

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	ACTUAL		ACTUAL YTD		2022-2023
	July 2020 - June 2021	Budget	Jul 1, '2021 - Feb 25, 2022	Budget	PROPOSED BUDGET
Income					
Community Elections Service Inc	225.00	750	4,210.04	3,000	1,000
Contributions					
Contributions for Tweens	800.00	0			
Member Contributions	2,750.00	500	220.00		100
Non Member Contributions	30.00	0	169.00	200	
Poll Workers Contributions	405.81	300	-	-	200
Total Contributions	3,985.81	800	389.00	200	300
Event Revenues - Membership					
Annual Meeting Revenues		825	-	800	800
Membership Brunch Revenues		400	-	-	350
Total Event Revenues - Membership		1,225	-	800	1,150
Fund raising letter income			3,000.00	3,500	
HAF Monies for Education	11,507.50	5,050	-	1,200	3,568
Interest/Dividends - General	152.77	0	18.88	-	
Marathon	0.00	500	500.00	500	500
Member Dues	11,935.00	13,830	11,335.00	12,550	11,190
Miscellaneous Income	0.00		472.50	-	
Special Project Income			485.00		
State of the Community Revenue	0.00	24,000	-	20,000	20,000
Transfer from Reserves	0	5,980	0	23	
TOTAL INCOME	27,806.08	52,135	20,410.42	41,773	37,708
Expense					
Action & Advocacy	3,000.00	2,500	-	2,000	2,000
Administrative Postage	106.00	400	192.00	350	300
Advertising			371.34	-	
Annual Meeting Kits and Postage	0.00	575	-	120	120
Board Retreat	0.00	300			-
Community Education					
Citizen's Guide/Facts for Voter	10.80	1,600		700	700
Easy Voter Guide	677.04	250			400
Events/Meetings	0.00	150			1,000
Social Media/Internet	7,000.00	1,500			
Voters' Edge	500.00	500	-	500	500
Total Community Education	8,187.84	4,000	-	1,200	2,600
Community Election Service Exp	148.00	300	1,397.54	648	-
Conventions and Workshops	100.00	3,500	100.00	3,500	3,500
Dues Assistance	60.00	0	60.00	60	180
Dues for Local Associations	75.00	225	75.00	135	135
Event Expenses - Membership					
Annual Meeting Expenses	0.00	1,000	-	800	800
Membership Brunch Expenses	0.00	1,000	-	-	400
Total Event Expenses - Membership	0.00	2,000	0.00	800	1,200
Fees PayPal and Other	31.66	175	96.90	150	150
Fund Raising Letter Exp			85.31	-	
General Membership Meeting Cost	0.00	500	-	250	
Insurance	202.70	1,000	232.25	1,000	1,000
Membership Development	442.78	700	73.12	250	350
Moving Expense			300.00		
Office Supplies/Name Badges	25.00	100	-	150	50
Officer's Expenses	75.00	150	-	100	100
PMP	6,710.00	11,280	4,490.00	9,960	8,880
Rent	2,700.00	5,400	1,900.00	5,400	2,400
Special Projects	1,800.00	2,000	800.00	2,500	743
State of the Community Expenses	110.00	12,700	-	12,000	12,000
VOTER expenses	545.93	900	194.04	100	400
Voter Service	0.00	3,000			500
Web-person			400.00	600	600
Website/Tech Communications	401.61	430	499.90	500	500
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,721.52	52,135	11,267.40	41,773	37,708
NET PROFIT/LOSS	3,084.56	-	9,143.02	-	-

Program Recommendations for 2022-2023

We have eighteen positions that we have studied over the years, which we review periodically during our Local Planning Meeting(s) held from fall to spring. We have prepared a tentative schedule for your consideration, first listing positions we have not reviewed for six or more years.

The three positions listed for 2023 are the ones you will be voting on. The rest of the schedule is tentative and can be changed by the membership at any Annual Meeting or Membership Business Meeting.

Key:

Social Policy (underlined)

NATURAL RESOURCES (CAPITALIZED)

Government (italicized)

2023 RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF HUMBOLDT BAY, Funding for Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Child Care

2024 The Role of Government in Economic Development in Humboldt County, Adult Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County, Juvenile Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County

2025 Civic Engagement, Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury System, Education

2026 Local Government Financing in Humboldt County, Transportation in Humboldt County, Foster Care

The Board and members have reviewed the following positions for voting on at this meeting:
Housing, LAND USE PLANNING, Library Facilities.

NEW Housing - 1975, 1983, 2012, 2022

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

Positions:

1. Support of decent, safe and sanitary planning for adequate low-cost housing for all low-income people in Humboldt County with diverse individual needs to be considered in the planning, and provide 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. Plan for populations with special needs.
 - B. Complete use of Use all available funds.
 - C. Professional resident manager. Provide residential inspection programs and professional resident managers where required.
 - 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.
2. Support implementation of a County Housing Element with priority given to: Prepare and implement all community housing elements on a timely basis.

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- A. ~~Broader public education on housing.~~ Educate the public regarding content, variety, and availability of housing programs and opportunities, targeting areas of greatest need. This could include providing information in utility bills, public service announcements, press releases, multimedia outreach, public meetings, housing advisory boards, and the Area 1 Agency on Aging.
 - B. ~~Comprehensive planning for housing including new sites, existing stock and needs inventories.~~ Plan for comprehensive housing, including existing stock, new sites, and in-fill while considering relevant 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.~~ Support the Humboldt County alternative owner-builder (AOB) ordinance providing that health and safety standards are not compromised.
 - 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.~~
 - F. ~~Implementation of an alternative owner-built ordinance providing that health and safety standards are not compromised.~~
 - F.D. ~~Investigation of the need for a Just Cause Eviction ordinance.~~ Publicize the availability of the ~~Housing Condition Advisory Service provided by the County Building Department.~~ County Building Department's housing condition inspection service, which is complaint driven.
 - E. Encourage robust and transparent citizen involvement in housing element revisions.
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 construction 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 accessory dwelling units (ADU) that conform to appropriate health, safety, and planning guidelines.
 5. Support establishment within the county and cities of mixed-use zones to allow for variety and availability 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. 6. Support of city and county county and city housing projects involving private/public cooperation in their financing, administration and development. ~~with consideration given to~~ Consider factors such as the impact of the project on schools, transportation, suitability of the site, design quality, energy and water efficiency, and affordability for moderate as well as low-income people, ~~and provision for for a variety of types of occupancy.~~ households. Consider a variety of types of occupancy and supportive services where appropriate.
 - 9.7. Encourage cities to explore giving county and city incentives to for housing non-profits and private developers to build more affordable housing. Some possible examples for city exploration are: ~~city provided examples of incentives are infrastructure, consideration of smaller lot sizes, land write-downs,~~

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and revolving or payback funds, development permit fee reductions, fast tracking of permits, trust funds, and community land trusts.

8. Advertise vacancies on housing commissions as they occur, consider the qualifications of the potential members, and provide a thorough orientation program for all members of housing commissions.

CORRECTED Housing - 1975, 1983, 2012, 2022

Position Summary: Support measures to encourage the county and cities to adopt regulations, programs, and projects that will increase adequate, safe, and sanitary housing stock for all income groups.

Positions:

1. Support planning for adequate low-cost housing for low-income people in Humboldt County with diverse individual needs and provide a choice of housing whenever possible.

A. Plan for populations with special needs.

B. Use all available funds.

C. Provide residential inspection programs and professional resident managers where required.

2. Prepare and implement all community housing elements on a timely basis.

A. Educate the public regarding content, variety, and availability of housing programs and opportunities, targeting areas of greatest need. This could include providing information in utility bills, public service announcements, press releases, multimedia outreach, public meetings, housing advisory boards, and the Area 1 Agency on Aging.

B. Plan for comprehensive housing, including existing stock, new sites, and in-fill while considering relevant needs inventories.

C. Support the Humboldt County alternative owner-builder (AOB) ordinance providing that health and safety standards are not compromised.

D. Investigate the need for a Just Cause Eviction ordinance. Publicize the availability of the County Building Department's housing condition inspection service, which is complaint driven.

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E. Encourage robust and transparent citizen involvement in housing element revisions.

3. Support implementation of housing regulations contained in Article 10, Title 25 of the California Administrative Code on State Housing Law.

4. Support local ordinances allowing accessory dwelling units (ADU) that conform to appropriate health, safety, and planning guidelines.

5. Support establishment within the county and cities of mixed-use zones to allow for variety and availability of housing types and densities.

6. Support County and city housing projects involving private/public cooperation in their financing, administration, and development. Consider factors such as the impact on schools, transportation, suitability of the site, design quality, energy and water efficiency, and affordability for moderate as well as low-income households. Consider a variety of types of occupancy and supportive services where appropriate.

7. Encourage county and city incentives to housing non-profits and private developers to build more affordable housing. Some examples of incentives are infrastructure, consideration of smaller lot sizes, land write-downs, revolving payback funds, development permit fee reductions, fast tracking of permits, trust funds, and community land trusts.

8. Advertise vacancies on housing commissions as they occur, consider the qualifications of the potential members, and provide a thorough orientation program for all members of housing commissions.

NEW Land Use Planning - 1973, 1999, 2000, 2012, 2022

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.~~

Support land use planning for Humboldt County that recognizes the need for more affordable housing, prioritizes policies that mitigate impacts of climate change, addresses economic vitality, and preserves natural spaces. Citizens must have meaningful participation in land use planning and regulation.

Positions:

1. Planning for residential, commercial and industrial developments in ~~urban and adjacent areas~~ Humboldt County 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.~~ prioritization of infill development, establishment of strong water and energy efficient guidelines for new development, and consideration for preservation of cultural and historical sites and buildings. Planning should also provide for natural open spaces and preserve ecologically valuable and scenic areas.

2. ~~Extension, development and promotion of~~ Extend, develop, and promote Humboldt Bay recreational activities ~~with further development compatible with natural terrain in all county beach areas, being compatible with the natural terrain.~~ with consideration of future sea-level rise based on the best available science.

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~~3. Acquisition of~~ Acquire more county 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;~~ educate and involve the public in the stewardship of beach ecology; ~~provision of more~~ provide adequate maintenance of for county beach parks ~~enforcement of anti-littering ordinances;~~ with access to trash facilities and bathrooms; ~~encouragement of~~ encourage public access (visual and physical) to Humboldt Bay and bay-oriented activities; consistent with conservation of wildlife.

~~4. Prohibition of~~ Prohibit motorized vehicles from public beaches. ~~and provision of other areas for their uses.~~ This prohibition shall not apply to vehicles which ingress and egress that utilize the beaches for the purposes of: ~~Rescue, rescue, retrieval of gear by fishermen, or 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 legal salvageable material removed should be monitored to determine that its removal is not environmentally damaging. Off road vehicles should not be allowed in areas such as dunes, where their use will damage the environment or endanger pedestrians, or equestrians, or wildlife. ~~also using the beaches.~~

~~5. Preservation of agricultural land, whenever possible, as a land use priority.~~ Maintain agricultural zoning whenever possible. Promote conservation easements. Do not allow large commercial agricultural operation on lands zoned otherwise.

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.~~

A. Leave rivers and streams in their natural states whenever possible with each case considered on its own merits.

B. Coordinate total watershed management by qualified professionals in collaboration with local tribes so that economic interests, aesthetic issues, fish and wildlife protection, cultural significance, and health concerns can exist in harmony in our county and our future water supply can be provided adequately.

C. Support restoration of degraded watersheds provided existing healthy sections are protected.

D. General Plans should protect wildlife corridors, riparian zones, and fragile ridge lines, and specifically address endangered/threatened species habitat when developing land use standards.

E. Support greenbelts and trails along urban stream corridors.

F. Minimize development in riparian zones to preserve the inherent value of those waterways.

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7. ~~Implementation of~~ Implement recreational zoning as shown delineated in all on the general plans.
8. Limit new fossil fuel imports and exports as well as storage and handling facilities.

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Positions:

1. Planning for residential, commercial, and industrial developments in Humboldt County should include prioritization of infill development, establishment of strong water and energy efficiency guidelines for new development, and consideration for preservation of cultural and historical sites and buildings. Planning should also provide for natural open spaces and preserve ecologically valuable and scenic areas.
2. Extend, develop, and promote Humboldt Bay recreational activities compatible with natural terrain in all county beach areas, with consideration of future sea-level rise based on the best available science.
3. Acquire more county beach property with priority being land still in its natural state; educate and involve the public in the stewardship of beach ecology; provide adequate maintenance for county beach parks with access to trash facilities and bathrooms; encourage public access (visual and physical) to Humboldt Bay and promote bay-oriented activities consistent with conservation of wildlife.
4. Prohibit motorized vehicles from public beaches. This prohibition shall not apply to vehicles that utilize the beaches for purposes of rescue, retrieval of gear by fishermen, or legal commercial fishing. The amount of salvageable material removed from beaches should be monitored to determine that its removal is not environmentally damaging. Off road vehicles should not be allowed in areas such as dunes, where their use will damage the environment or endanger pedestrians, equestrians, or wildlife.
5. Maintain agricultural zoning whenever possible. Promote conservation easements. Do not allow large commercial agricultural operations on lands zoned otherwise.
6. Coordinate interagency planning and action critical to successful management and to the accomplishment of the following objectives:
 - A. Leave rivers and streams in their natural states whenever possible with each case considered on its own merits.
 - B. Coordinate total watershed management by qualified professionals in collaboration with local tribes so that economic interests, aesthetic issues, fish and wildlife protection, cultural significance, and health concerns can exist in harmony in our county and our future water supply can be provided adequately.
 - C. Support restoration of degraded watersheds provided existing healthy sections are protected.
 - D. General Plans should protect wildlife corridors, riparian zones, and fragile ridge lines, and specifically address endangered/threatened species habitat when developing land use standards.
 - E. Support greenbelts and trails along urban stream corridors.
 - F. Minimize development in riparian zones to preserve the inherent value of those waterways.
7. Implement recreational zoning as delineated in all general plans.

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8. Limit new fossil fuel imports and exports as well as storage and handling facilities.

NEW Library Facilities – 1970, 2012, 2022

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~~ the needs of a growing, diverse community to provide learning opportunities and build community connections.
3. Improve broadband and multi-media services to support community needs.
4. Increase accessibility and convenience to the public throughout the county.
5. Apply for local, state, and federal funds available to assist in reaching these goals.
6. Increase financing to provide for present and future needs.

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Nominations Committee Recommendations for 2022-2023

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Judy Bennett, chair, Anne Hartline and Becky Simpson, board appointed members, and Maggie Fleming and Judith Stoffer, members at large, once again is pleased that we were able to fill all vacancies on the board and present the following slate of nominees:

To be elected to the Board of Directors as officers for two-year terms ending June 30, 2024:

Secretary: Amy Moffat
Treasurer: Nancy Kay

To be elected to the Board as directors for two-year terms ending June 30, 2024:

Anne Hartline Byrd Lochtie
Leslie Leach Dave Rosso
Ann Diehl

To continue serving on the Board of Directors for two-year terms ending June 30, 2023:

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Sharolyn Hutton
Molly Cate
Sharrone Blanck
Eddie Morgan
Sylvia Shaw

Jessica Schlachter
Maggie Augustine
Deborah Downs
Karen Price
Becky Simpson

To serve on the Nominating Committee for a one-year term ending June 30, 2023:

Chair: Helen Andrews
Member: Maggie Fleming
Member: Judith Stoffer

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

League of Women Voters Humboldt County 2022-2023

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:
 - G. Special needs for the elderly, handicapped and large families.
 - H. Complete use of available funds.
 - I. Professional resident manager.
 - J. Advertisement of vacancies on commissions as they occur.
 - K. Consideration of the qualifications of potential members of commissions.
 - F. A thorough orientation program for all members of commissions.
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.
 - L. 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.

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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:

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

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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.
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 Position - 1974, 2011, 2021

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.

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Positions:

1. Health care services should be obtainable by all. Equity and stable funding are essential to this effort.
2. Telehealth services should be expanded through greater broadband access.
3. The rights and dignity of the individual should be safeguarded at all times.
4. Social services are an important part of patient care for people of all ages.
5. LWVHC supports expanded services addressing health risk factors such as "ACES," Adverse Childhood Experiences of abuse, neglect and household dysfunction.
6. LWVHC supports a robust program explaining (in culturally relevant terms) the critical importance of immunizations, especially for children.
7. Preventive measures are essential and should be promoted in all phases of health care planning, including suicide prevention, addiction mitigation, sexually transmitted infections, reproductive health and access to quality nutrition in all areas of the county.
8. We support expansion of funding for and parity in mental health services 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

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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.

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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, 2021

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 that emphasize timely actions and that eliminate redundancy, including.
 - A. Programs which focus on the child, such as CASA, and which address mental health and wellness.
 - B. Programs such as the Homebuilder Model and Homemaker Services that emphasize birth and resource family stability.
3. Support policies to reduce psychological disruption of the child.
4. Support efforts to ensure 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.
7. Support separate staff positions for recruiting, training, assisting, 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 for adequately funded, comprehensive, culturally appropriate services, including:
 - A. Respite/recreational/educational opportunities for children and birth/resource families.
 - B. Recognition of the unique needs of older resource families.
 - C. Providers of legal services and health care.
11. Support appropriate educational services from pre-school to higher education.
12. Require rigorous adherence to federal and state laws pertaining to children in foster care, specifically Indian Child Welfare Act.
13. Require adequately funded rigorous adherence to federal and state laws pertaining to children in foster care, including the Indian Child Welfare Act and subsequent legislation.

14. Encourage efforts to place children in supportive environments, with attention cultural identity and gender.

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. 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.
 - 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 Waste in Humboldt County -- 1985, 2011, 2021

Position Summary: LWVHC supports safe storage, management, and disposal of hazardous wastes generated in Humboldt County, with special emphasis on adequate financial support for the agencies that reduce and dispose of wastes. LWVHC supports

increased awareness of hazardous materials use and disposal, as well as non-hazardous alternatives. Producers and users of hazardous materials should share in the responsibility for the costs of hazardous waste management.

Positions:

1. All hazardous wastes in the county must be disposed of safely.
2. All producers and 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. LWVHC supports measures to increase consumer awareness and education for people of all ages regarding hazardous wastes and non-hazardous alternatives in the home, community, and 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.

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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, 2021

Position Summary: The LWVHC supports retaining a Eureka City Charter that ensures a council/manager form of government.

1. The Eureka City Charter should allow flexibility within state law and provide clarity for city personnel.
2. The Eureka City Charter should ensure a form of government that provides for well-trained and qualified personnel.
3. The Eureka City Charter should conform to the provisions of state law.
4. The Eureka City Charter should include a city government process that complies with an ordinance procedure for the majority of issues.

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 appropriate economic development activities such as business retention and recruitment, and advocacy at the local, regional, state and federal levels to provide sufficient flexible funding, with local control, to support programs that serve vulnerable populations and improve the quality of life in Humboldt County.
2. Increase efficient use of local government expenditures by avoiding unnecessary duplication of efforts, contracts and personnel who perform similar services. Consolidate special districts when economically feasible, and where transparency and accountability are not compromised.
3. Accommodate county or city needs by providing general services instead of creating new government structures.

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4. Encourage the use of fees that positively impact the community overall when services result in specific individual benefit. Fees should be reviewed at budget time to reflect the cost of services.
5. Use assessment districts to help finance capital improvements and maintenance within those areas. Allocation of public and private benefits of the capital improvements 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; 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 to state and county highways within Humboldt County, taking into consideration environmental impacts.
2. Public funds should be used if necessary to subsidize roads, public transportation, airports, railroads, trails and harbor facilities
3. Shortfalls in funding for state and county roads should be mitigated by increasing fuel and electric vehicle taxes. Roads largely serving private benefits should be funded by the specific property owners; for

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example, through organizations similar to homeowners associations. The least desirable alternative is for government to abandon roads.

4. The League should help the public understand the need for transportation system maintenance by disseminating information through all possible means including media, publications and public forum.
5. In planning for road use and maintenance, tourism should receive high consideration. Heavy industry, such as lumber, should be encouraged to use available accessible, affordable and alternative modes of transportation, such as water or 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 and providing rail transportation on the existing right of way. Facilitation should be provided using 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. Para-transit is defined as an alternate mode of transportation that does not follow fixed routes or schedules including mini buses, shared taxis and ride services and includes special transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities.
8. Decisions about alternative modes of transportation should include attention to climate change i.e., sea level rise, environmental impact, sustainability, accessibility, and affordability.
9. Water transportation should be coordinated with other current and future modes of transportation. Passenger service into Humboldt Bay is desirable as a tourist attraction.
10. Local governments should provide incentives to encourage air carriers and routes. However, environmental concerns and new, reduced carbon emission technologies must be considered when evaluating increased airport usage.

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.

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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.

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

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