

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR LWVCM 2020-2021 AND AREAS OF FOCUS

The League's program consists of those governmental issues that the League has chosen (over the years) for concerted study and action at the local level. The program process is specified in the bylaws. At each annual meeting, members are asked to adopt the program consisting of issues on which League members reached a consensus. State and national League studies and consensus are considered at their respective conventions.

Positions must be readopted each year by League members at the annual meeting in order to remain on the program of issues for possible action.

I. TRANSPORTATION

- (1) Support regional transportation planning. (1994)
- (2) Support policies which encourage the use of bicycles and other alternatives to the automobile to be included in any comprehensive transit/transportation system. (1994)
- (3) Support a regional transportation plan should consider (a) all modes of transportation including air, rail, truck bus, automobile, bicycle and pedestrian, (b) the cost, pollution, consumption of natural resources, (c) effectiveness in moving people, and (d) integration of transport systems. (1994)
- (4) Support a distribution of public funds that puts a greater emphasis on alternatives to the automobile. (1994)
- (5) Support incentives to encourage the use of alternatives to automobile and disincentives to discourage its use. (1994)

II. GOVERNMENT

- (1) Support consolidated city/county government (1971, 1991)
- (2) Support of district representation on the Charlotte City Council, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board and appointed boards and commissions (1977, 2006)
- (3) Support non-residents sharing in financial responsibility of city revenue and the use of alternate sources of revenue in addition to property tax (1980)
- (4) Support stated goals of 2005 Plan that are compatible with LWV(US) position on land use (1986, 1990)
- (5) Support establishment of planning districts and city/county zoning policy (1986, 1990)
- (6) Urge adoption of criteria for planning commission members and mechanism for citizen participation (1986, 1990)
- (7) Support non-partisan city council elections with a primary (1998)

III. EDUCATION

- (1) Support equal access to a quality education for every public school student and endorse the premise that socio-economic and racial integration of schools is a necessary condition for providing an equitable and quality education for all students. (2016)
- (2) Support and endorse concept of teacher-career development and improved teacher working conditions (1984, 1988, 1989)
- (3) Support administrative career development (1988)
- (4) Support early and continuing intervention for at-risk children and promote comprehensive community and parental involvement in early childhood education for at-risk students (1991)
- (5) Support parental opportunity for controlled choice from among a wide variety of learning environments, options within schools, and learning styles within programs, in accordance with criteria designed to ensure both the quality and equality of educational opportunities, as well as socio-economic and racial integration. (1992, 2016)

IV. HOUSING – Support use of public/private funding for assisted housing in scattered sites. (1989)

V. SOCIAL POLICY – Support consensus study based on findings of the domestic violence Court Observation Project (2005).

VI. ENVIRONMENT/GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE – Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.

VII. HEALTHCARE REFORM – Support the LWVUS health care policy goals of having quality, affordable health care available to all US residents.

VIII. HUMAN TRAFFICKING – Support the work of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Human Trafficking task force and provide educational information about the issue and work to support the passage of a bill to create a Human Trafficking Task Force in North Carolina. (2012)

Areas of focus recommended by the board for 2020-2021

1) Voter Services: Education, Registration, Vote 411.org, End gerrymandering

2) Women's Issues: ERA, Wage Equality

3) Local Environment

4) Public Education: Support for public education with adequate and timely funding, equitable opportunity for a sound, basic education and Pre-K expansion.