

LOS ANGELES COUNTY POSITIONS GOVERNMENT

COUNTY GOVERNMENT Adopted 1976; amended 1978; studied and amended 2004

Support for a more efficient, responsive, representation.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUDGET Adopted 1993

Support for policies and processes that encourage meaningful public involvement before and during the budget preparation and adoption process. Support for a budget based upon serving the public good, and including assessment of needs, consideration of cost and program effectiveness

ELECTION PROCEDURES Adopted 1964; amended 1983; revised 1994; amended 2002

Support of ease of registration including postcard registration with simplified forms and greater availability, with safeguards against fraud. Support of County Registrar of Voters providing continued and increased voter education to encourage maximum informed voter participation.

GRAND JURY Adopted 1981

Support Grand Jury function as mandated by law in 1980 with the exception of the function of the witness' counsel. Witness' counsel should be permitted to be present in the hearing room.

NATURAL RESOURCES

AIR QUALITY Adopted 1971; amended 1989

Support of the governmental efforts to attain established ambient air quality standards in the Los Angeles region, with emphasis on cooperation and coordination among all units of government and measures to encourage research and control of air pollution.

LAND USE Adopted 1974, amended 2002, revised and amended 2006

Support for comprehensive regional planning consistent with LWVC Sustainable Communities Action Policy, including strong, enforceable, environmental protection and for acquisition of additional open space.

TRANSPORTATION Adopted 1967, restudied and amended 2002

Support of the concept of transportation as a public service with equity and political accountability in its provision; having the appropriate social and environmental concerns, Support of adequate transit financing

WASTE MANAGEMENT Adopted 1984, 1985

Support for actions by local government to promote solid and hazardous waste reduction with programs to protect public health and the environment.

POPULATION IMPACTS ON A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE – Adopted 1996

Support for education of League members and the public about the rate of population growth and the social, environmental and governmental impacts associated with a large and rapidly expanding population. Support for governmental and individual policy planning and decision making that consider the carrying capacity of our region and our earth.

SOCIAL POLICY

CHILD CARE Adopted 1987

Support for adoption of a comprehensive child care policy which recognizes the importance of accessible, affordable quality care for all children who need it,

FOSTER CARE - CHILDREN'S SERVICES Adopted 1988

Support for a foster care system which considers the needs and feelings of the child to be primary; offers supportive and preventive services to keep the natural family together when feasible; and provides a nurturing home-like environment to enhance the growth and development of children in foster care.

INCOME ASSISTANCE Adopted 1972; amended 1980

Eligibility requirements and regulations accorded families headed by a single parent should be extended to two-parent families with a working or unemployed parent and to General Relief applicants and recipients. There should be a job and training program for those who are employable and a simple assistance program for the non-employable.

JUVENILE JUSTICE Adopted 1986

Support for a system that places emphasis on early identification and prevention, adequate funding and efficient use of resources for services to troubled children.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE Adopted 1989

Support for an adequately funded mental health care system which provides comprehensive services to the acutely, chronically and seriously mentally ill of all ages; maintains optimal mental health services for all clients, including children and the homeless.;

SOCIAL SERVICES Adopted 1972; amended 1980

Support for continued and improved supportive services for all who need them, with fees charged according to ability to pay when this is appropriate and cost-effective for the service.

COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM Approved by LWV/LAC Board, 2011

Support for reducing overcrowding in the county jail system Oppose using private jails. Support for providing comprehensive health care services including mental health. Support for offering re-entry programs to all inmates.

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