

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OXFORD LOCAL PROGRAM POSITIONS**

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### **GOVERNMENT**

- Support of the HOME RULE CHARTER for the City of Oxford (1963).
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE: Support of sound fiscal policies and practices for the City of Oxford that: provide for the basic needs of the citizens; are based on a mix of progressive and regressive revenues and rational expenditures; allow revenue sources to be earmarked; promote user fees which are more consistent with actual cost; encourage the State of Ohio to reimburse the city for the actual cost of services provided to Miami University; allow for the use of incentives to entice business; and include the school district in the tax abatement process (1990).
- Support the use of PREFERENCE VOTING for Oxford City Council and Talawanda City School District elections (1997).

### **SOCIAL POLICY**

- Support of AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL REMODELING AND BUILDING PROGRAM where educational goals can be maintained with teachers, parents and taxpayers involved in the planning (1985).
- Support of a HIGH DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL EDUCATION BASED ON FLEXIBLE BLEND OF STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING, supplemented with federal funding. This means that:
  - Additional local, state and federal support for education means that citizens must support additional taxation;
  - Federal money for specific programs which meet local needs should be encouraged (1978); and
  - Revise the school funding formula according to the decisions of the Ohio Supreme Court (2005).
- Support LIBRARY FACILITIES AND SERVICE in the City of Oxford and the Talawanda School District (1970; 2005).
- Support of an effective RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAM including:
  - Specific delineation of the duties and responsibilities of the Recreation Board;
  - Long-range recreation planning;
  - A capital improvements fund for recreation; and
  - Cooperation with groups involved with recreation in the Talawanda School District (1975).
- Support for the SENIOR CITIZENS AND COMMUNITY CENTER for the provision of services and activities to older citizens in the Oxford area financed by public and private funding (1979, amended 1982).
- Support of LOCAL, CONSISTENT YEAR ROUND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ELDERLY AND/OR DISABLED in the Oxford area financed by public and private funding (1979; amended 2010, 2013, 2015)
- Support of HUMAN SERVICES, especially children's services, for Butler County and the Oxford community through both public and private agencies; support of services for children and their families, including: (a) professional diagnosis of social, learning, medical and psychological/psychiatric disabilities, and (b) innovation and coordination of quality programs for protection, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, including temporary care (1986).
- PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION: Support of environmentally responsible approaches in and around Oxford for self-supporting management of cars, creation of bicycle paths, improved sidewalk or pedestrian access, and public transportation. Such approaches would consider: the creation of a parking authority to operate and finance parking; a master bike plan –safe, designated and integrated with other systems, proper bicycle education about safe riding behavior

and the use of safety helmets, and cost of existing public transportation and alternative services for test populations (1997; amended 2005, 2010, 2013).

- Support CITY PLANS TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF HOUSING for homeless, low & moderate households.
  - Increase housing options for: seniors, the homeless, the disabled, first-time home buyers, residents who live in substandard housing, and households that earn their living in Oxford.
  - Promote a variety of housing styles and types for shelter, rent, and for purchase that are integrated within the community.
  - Support strategies including: public and private partnerships and grants, development agreements, rehabilitation, fee waivers, density bonuses, vouchers, and an affordable housing trust fund. (2005, 2013, 2015)
  - Support plans of the City of Oxford and other local organizations to increase housing and shelter options for the homeless. (2021)

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Support of policies and practices that are environmentally current, economically feasible and in regulatory compliance, and which encourage and promote sustainability.
- Support inter-jurisdictional solutions, arrived at with public input and sustained by an informed public for natural resource management in the following areas:
- WATER: Maintain high quality drinking water supply through conservation and facility maintenance
- SOLID WASTE: Promote reducing, reusing and recycling of solid waste, diversion of solid waste from the landfill, and composting of biodegradable materials. (2021)
- LAND USE:
  - Encourage green space and conservation development.
  - Require an impact study for all annexation requests and land use plans
  - Annex land that the city now provides with city services (2014, 2015)
  - Support of locally initiated community-based collaborative projects for green space, wildlife habitat, and native plantings. (2021)
- ENERGY: Support of locally initiated community-based collaborative projects for energy conservation. (2013)
- CLIMATE: Oversee and support the Oxford Climate Action Plan within the 3-year time limit. (2020)