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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 *May 15, 2025* 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 2025-2026

AMENDING BYLAWS TO REFLECT

THE LWVUS NEW STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION

The Structural Transformation Plan requires changes to all League Bylaws to reflect the changes in the way that member dues are to be collected and processed by LWVUS, and the related changes to membership structure. The following paragraphs reflect the ways that local League Bylaws should be amended.

Local League Bylaws are consistent in structure but have many variances in detail. Presented in the following paragraphs are examples drawn from the LWV California Model Bylaws. However, it will be necessary to review the entirety of each set of Bylaws to be sure that there are no references to dues or membership in other Articles. The LWVUS board has approved their bylaws already.

Local Leagues can work on their bylaws changes now. Once you have completed this work, please email your draft bylaws to bylaws@lwvc.org. It is recommended that proposed amendments be submitted by January 15, 2025, if possible. This will give the LWVC Bylaws Review Committee the necessary time to review your bylaws. The Committee will let you know when you can move forward to approve these changes. If you have any questions, you may email your local League coach and/or bylaws@lwvc.org.

Please note that as these kinds of amendments are mandated by the LWVUS, they may be implemented by each League's Board of Directors and should not be submitted to the members for approval.

Article III Membership

Section 1. Eligibility.

Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the League and who pays dues as provided for in Article VII, Section 2, shall be eligible to become a member.

It is not necessary to refer to dues in this section, but many League bylaws do so. This new language will maintain consistency through the Bylaws.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

a. The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members. Only voting members shall be members within the meaning of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law.

b. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the local League. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

This subsection used to have a definition of student members, but there will no longer be a student membership classification in the future.

c. Associate Members. All other persons who join the League shall be associate members.

Section 3. Termination of Membership.

a. A member may resign at any time by delivering a written notice to the president or secretary. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt of such notice.

b. Membership shall terminate upon the death of a member.

c. Members who fail to renew within the period specified by the LWVUS shall be removed from the membership roster.

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d. The board may recommend to the LWVUS that a member be terminated for conduct which the board shall deem inimical to the best interests of the League.

This language reflects the existing authority of LWVUS.

The board shall give such member 15 days prior notice, with reason, of the proposed termination or suspension. The member may submit a written statement to the board regarding the proposed termination or suspension no less than five days before the effective date of the proposed action. Prior to the effective date, the board shall review any statement submitted and shall determine the mitigating effect, if any, of the information in the statement on the proposed action. A suspended member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the voting rights set forth in these bylaws.

This inserts into the Bylaws the applicable provisions of California Nonprofit Corporation Law.

Article VII Financial Administration

Section 2. Dues. All members shall pay membership dues in accordance with the LWVUS' policy except those exempted from paying dues in Article III.

Budget Committee Report and Recommendations for 2025-2026

Budget committee report and recommendations will be provided at the Annual Meeting. The numbers shown in negative are credits/income, the numbers shown in positive are debits/expenses. In accounting credits are shown as negative numbers and debits are shown as positive numbers.

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		2024-25 BUDGET	2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET
Income			
Community Elections Service Inc		\$ (4,000.00)	\$ (4,500.00)
Contributions			
Fund raising letter income		\$ -	\$ -
Member Contributions		\$ (220.00)	\$ (200.00)
Non Member Contributions		\$ -	\$ -
Poll Workers Contributions		\$ (100.00)	\$ -
Total Contributions		\$ (320.00)	\$ (200.00)
Event Revenues - Membership			
Annual Meeting Revenues		\$ (800.00)	\$ (1,000.00)
Membership Brunch Revenues		\$ (350.00)	\$ (200.00)
Total Event Revenues - Membership		\$ (1,150.00)	\$ (1,200.00)
HAF Monies for Education		\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (3,800.00)
Interest/Dividends - General			\$ -
Marathon		\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
Member Dues		\$ (11,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)
Miscellaneous Income		\$ -	\$ -
Special Project Income		\$ -	\$ -
State of the Community Revenue		\$ (21,000.00)	\$ (25,000.00)
Transfer from Reserves		\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME		\$ (40,470.00)	\$ (37,200.00)
Expense			
Action & Advocacy		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Administrative Postage		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Advertising		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Annual Meeting Kits and Postage		\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00
Board Retreat		\$ -	\$ 250.00
*Community Education-HAF			
* Citizen's Guide-HAF		\$ 700.00	\$ 3,700.00
* Easy Voter Guide-HAF		\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
* Events/Meetings-HAF		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
* Social Media/Internet-HAF		\$ -	\$ -
* Vote 411 - HAF		\$ 500.00	\$ -
* Facts for Voters		\$ 100.00	\$ -
*Total Community Education-HAF		\$ 2,700.00	\$ 4,400.00
Community Election Service Exp		\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00
Conventions and Workshops		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 400.00
Dues Assistance		\$ 180.00	\$ 150.00
Dues for Local Associations		\$ 135.00	\$ 300.00
Event Expenses - Membership			
Annual Meeting Expenses		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,900.00
Membership Brunch Expenses		\$ 600.00	\$ 450.00
Total Event Expenses - Membership		\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,350.00
Fees PayPal, Quickbooks, Zoom, and other		\$ 150.00	\$ 545.00
Fund Raising Letter Exp		\$ -	\$ -
General Membership Meeting Cost		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Insurance		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,300.00
Membership Development		\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Moving Expense		\$ 300.00	\$ -
Office Supplies/Name Badges		\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Officer's Expenses		\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
PMP		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Rent		\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,000.00
Special Projects		\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
State of the Community Expenses		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
VOTER expenses		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Voter Service		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Web-person		\$ 720.00	\$ 1,000.00
Website/Tech Communications		\$ 500.00	\$ 525.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 39,255.00	\$ 32,670.00
NET PROFIT/LOSS		\$ (1,215.00)	\$ (4,530.00)

Program Recommendations for 2025-2026 and beyond

We have nineteen positions divided into three categories: Government, Natural Resources, and Social Policy. We review these periodically to keep them updated.

Below you will find a list of the two positions reviewed in the 2024-2025 year and proposed for adoption at this meeting. At the October 19, 2023 membership meeting we proposed reviewing two positions a year instead of three. That change was adopted at the 2024 Annual Membership meeting.

[Key: Government positions are in *italics*, Natural Resources positions are CAPITALIZED, and Social Policy positions are underlined.]

Below the list of the two positions reviewed this past year is a list of proposed reviews for 2026 through 2028. Below that are all nineteen of our positions.

Adoption of Positions Reviewed in 2024/2025

Civic Engagement and RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF HUMBOLDT BAY

Changes to these positions were determined at membership meetings and approved by the board on the dates given: *Civic Engagement* (November 21, approved January 7), RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF HUMBOLDT BAY (March 20, approved April 1).

They are presented here for adoption by the membership.

Proposed Program for 2026 through 2028

This schedule is tentative and can be changed by the membership at any Annual Meeting or Local Program Planning meeting.

2026 *Regular Grand Jury System, Education*

2027 *Local Government Financing in Humboldt County, Transportation in Humboldt County*

2028 *Eureka City Government, HAZARDOUS WASTES IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY*

Natural Resources: Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay - 1968, 2000, 2013, 2023 Position:

1. Continue to support a publicly elected centralized authority, ~~such as the Humboldt Harbor Commission~~, with full powers to function that oversees and enforces a master plan for Humboldt Bay.
8. ~~Encourage relocating critical public infrastructure to higher ground.~~ **Support current research along with community-based research into sea level rise risk reduction.**

Civic Engagement – 2016, 2024

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

Position:

All governmental bodies and organizations should:

1. **Before the meetings:** Facilitate equitable access to current, **fact-based** 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 **(written, phone, in-person, online, including emerging technologies)** and provide ample opportunities for citizens to participate in the civic process. **Encourage wider access to meetings by utilizing school and library spaces, as well as existing underused cable and phone lines.**
3. Ensure that sufficient input from citizens is allowed at public meetings and recorded in the minutes **and that the dignity of all participants is maintained.**
4. **During/After meetings:** ~~Comport~~ **Comply** with State and local laws regarding the recording of public input **at meetings** and **the** availability of public meeting minutes **and recordings. Minutes must provide a complete summary of the topics covered. Equitable access to all must be assured, regardless of location, especially in rural areas.**
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 **and make these available to the public** in order to improve citizen participation. ~~and public trust with the goal to improve governmental effectiveness~~ **Ensure that all meetings are open to the public and that they follow best practices procedures.**
7. **Encourage active participation on commissions, boards, and public agencies.**
8. **Encourage accessibility for citizens with special needs, such as deafness/limited hearing, speech, vision or mobility challenges.**

Nominations Committee Recommendations for 2025-2026

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Mary Lou Lowry, Peg Gardner, Bonnie Oliver, and Becky Simpson, board-appointed members, members at large, and committee chair, presents a full slate of nominees.

To continue serving to the Board of Directors as an officer to fill a two-year term ending June 30, 2027:

President: Julie Kelly

To be elected to the Board of Directors as an officer to fill a two-year term ending June 30, 2027:

Vice-President: Peggy Syvertson

To continue serving on the Board of Directors as an officer with a term ending June 30, 2026:

Secretary: Bonnie Oliver

To be elected to the Board of Directors as an officer to fill a term ending June 30, 2026:

Treasurer: Tess Coffman

To continue serving on the Board as directors for two-year term ending June 30, 2026:

Anne Hartline Leslie Leach Kathy Johanson

Byrd Lochtie Jessica Schlachter

To be elected to the Board as Directors for two-year term ending June 30, 2027:

Becky Simpson Anne Wasson Janet Foos

Claire Eyton Corrine Frugoni

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

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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 Survivors of Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse – 2003, 2014, 2023

Position Summary: Support of consistent funding to provide adequate services to survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse throughout Humboldt County.

Position:

1. Support all methods of on-going and consistent funding of services for survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse.
2. Encourage effective coordination and collaboration between agencies providing services to survivors of domestic violence and elder abuse.
3. Promote community education, awareness, and adequate collection of accurate data on domestic violence and elder abuse across all segments of the population.
4. Support comprehensive training and education for all professionals and volunteers dealing with domestic violence and elder abuse.
5. Support improved access to services and follow-through.

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.

Position:

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 infill while considering relevant needs inventories.

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- 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.
- 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.

Education – 1972, 1973, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2013, 2018

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.

Position:

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.

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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.
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.

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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.

Position:

- 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.

Behavioral Health Services (2023)

Position Summary: Support of measures to provide efficient, evidence-based, culturally knowledgeable, and trauma-informed publicly administered behavioral health care for all people in Humboldt County.

Position:

- 1. Support greater funding for all behavioral health services in Humboldt County. Support the availability of more beds for inpatient treatment, improvements in current facilities, and more crisis care options for those with severe mental health challenges.
 - A. Support the full staffing and funding of Mobile Response Teams and other effective crisis response programs and their development locally throughout the county, using Eureka’s Community Safety Engagement Team as a model.

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- B. Support a community safety net for the most severely ill through implementing the most innovative, evidence-based programs.
- 2. Support increased staffing of behavioral health workers at all levels and pay grades, including constructive supervision to promote retention.
 - A. Support the county in hiring clinicians with the most up-to-date, medically sound, culturally sensitive training.
 - B. Support the county in seeking out funding opportunities that promote the retention of behavioral health professionals.
 - C. Support the county in developing streamlined procedures and flexible scheduling options for behavioral health workers at all levels and pay grades to receive comprehensive, up-to-date continuing education and training, including training in the specific historical and cultural needs of underserved groups.
 - D. Support coordination between Humboldt County Behavioral Health and local institutions of higher learning to provide innovative pathways to training, hiring, and retaining all levels of behavioral health care staff.
- 3. Support greater training in and consistent use of evidence-based practices in prevention and treatment, including training in evidence-based practices for clients, their families, and educators.
 - A. Support more options for dual diagnosis care and greater outreach to and education of the community about dual diagnosis and harm reduction for the addicted.
 - B. Support Humboldt County in addressing suicide prevention education and treatment, with a focus on the most vulnerable groups.
- 4. Support a community-based educational approach to behavioral health support that focuses on replicating demonstrated positive outcomes, acknowledges successes, emphasizes prevention, and decreases stigma, nimbyism, discrimination, and other barriers to care.
 - A. Support the maintenance of a broad community coalition to address all barriers to services including burnout among behavioral health workers.
 - B. Support the streamlining of services for physical health, mental health and substance use disorders to remove barriers to care.
- 5. Support Humboldt County in addressing all community determinants undermining mental health in the physical/built environment, social/cultural environment, and economic environment. Included as community determinants undermining mental health are the deficiency of supportive housing, the understaffing of the County's behavioral health system and the prevalence of incarceration over treatment.
- 6. Support education about anosognosia (the inability to consistently recognize one's illness and the need for one's continuing treatment) for everyone at all levels of the Humboldt County community because it is an important and poorly understood indicator of severe mental disability.
- 7. Support the requirement that all law enforcement personnel receive at least 16 hours of education devoted exclusively to behavioral health topics, including comprehensive and uniform training on 5150 holds and anosognosia. Support community education on the use of 5150 holds and anosognosia.

Adult Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County -1978, 1984, 2006, 2016, 2024

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

Position:

1. Support recreation programs and facilities within the jail including alternatives such as yoga and meditation.
2. Support library, vocational and educational programs within the jail such as the book cart, opportunities to obtain a GED and college credit and voter registration and information.
3. Support work alternative programs such as the farm, Humboldt Botanical Garden, Hoopa food distribution, Eureka woodlot and County garage.
4. Support substance abuse counseling, veterans aftercare and treatment and mental health counseling such as a local treatment unit for those deemed incompetent by the courts to understand the court process in lieu of waiting period to go to the State Hospital for competency treatment.
5. Encourage pretrial and post-trial alternatives to incarceration.
6. Support adequate fiscal support for full staffing, facilities repair/maintenance and work alternative programs.
7. Support the use of science-based risk assessment tools within adult detention facilities and programs to address needs such as the dormitory supervision model with option of cells for behavioral health needs.
8. Support adequate funding for re-entry facilities.

Juvenile Detention Facilities and Programs in Humboldt County – 1978, 1984, 2006, 2016, 2024

Position Summary: Support use of juvenile detention facilities, alternative programs for juvenile offenders; and probation department programs for resource families and crisis homes.

Position:

1. Support flexible funding for facilities, programs, and staffing, such as providing youth behavioral/mental health.
2. Support facilities for recreation and counseling programs within juvenile hall.
3. Support the establishment of treatment for substance abuse disorder/detox programs for juvenile offenders.
4. Support a media presence to increase public awareness and knowledge about programs with Probation Department's resource families and crisis homes. Provide support, such as training and education, for community members who are caring for delinquent youth.
5. Support and fund diversion and other alternative programs encouraging cultural and ethnic support and parent involvement.
6. Support educational programs and opportunities within the juvenile detention facilities and the community.
7. Support the continued use of science-based risk assessment tools.
8. Support programs and opportunities within the juvenile detention facilities and the community.

Child Care – 1990, 2014, 2023

Position Summary: Support of city and county policies and programs, including incentives for the private sector, that meet the need for accessible, affordable, and quality child care.

Position:

1. Support local policy committed to the following principles: Quality child care is a great benefit to the entire community; caring for children is society's as well as the family's responsibility; quality childcare should be responsive to the diverse needs of children and their families; childcare should be available to all socioeconomic and cultural groups.
2. Support implementation of local childcare policies, programs, and services which meet the following criteria: Efficiently coordinate private and public programs; effect cooperation of responsible agencies; advocate for childcare; and are responsive to public concerns.
3. Support 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; encourage the establishment of child care benefits and services for private and/or local government employees; include child care elements in all county planning, including the General Plan and the Economic Development Plan.
4. Affordability--Promote and support: Local, State and Federal assistance for child care needs through reliable and diverse sources of funding; 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; support fair, consistent, equitable, and simplified payment structures so parents and providers know what they can count on.
5. Availability/Accessibility--Support the use of public lands and facilities for childcare programs. Support efforts to recruit licensed childcare providers throughout the County.
6. Quality--Support efforts to provide a variety of information and support services to childcare providers. Support effective monitoring of childcare programs. Encourage childcare providers and staff to provide and maintain quality childcare. Encourage all childcare providers to become licensed. Advocate for and support a living wage with benefits for childcare providers, tied to the actual cost of providing care. Support education and information for parents regarding childcare 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.

Position:

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.

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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, 2022

Position Summary: 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.

Position:

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

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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.

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

Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay (1968, 2000, 2013, 2023)

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

Position:

1. Continue to support a publicly elected centralized authority, such as the Humboldt Harbor Commission, 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. Review the plan periodically with actively recruited public input.

B. Support development that conforms to the plan.

C. Ensure the plan is based on the best available scientific data and research.

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- D. Encourage integration of city and county general plans in alignment with the adopted plan.
3. Support 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, such as trash, stormwater pollution, agriculture, and legacy contamination (contamination from former industrial sites that have been abandoned and not cleaned up).
 - B. Monitor and guard against introduction and spread of detrimental marine and terrestrial non-native species of plants and animals.
 - C. Maintain, restore, and enhance wetlands, riparian areas, greenbelts, and other watershed areas to preserve the natural integrity of Humboldt Bay.
4. Ensure that industrial, commercial, and recreational development protects water quality and its beneficial uses, such as defined in the North Coast Basin Plan and the Humboldt Bay Area Plan and preserves the habitat and natural resources of Humboldt Bay, including tribal, commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing and shellfish harvesting while not hampering the enjoyment of Humboldt Bay for recreation, scenic, and other purposes.
 - 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. Ensure importation of natural products are from sustainably managed resources.
 - D. Develop and maintain an integrated transportation system for Humboldt Bay, including encouraging active and public transportation.
5. Support and monitor recreational development on Humboldt Bay.
 - A. Ensure appropriate public access for low-impact activities.
 - B. Monitor high-impact activities so they occur only where appropriate and in designated areas.
 - C. Ensure public physical and visual access to Humboldt Bay and adjacent coastal areas for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors.
6. Provide public education that develops responsibility for stewardship that can ultimately transfer to all aspects of civic life and appropriate uses of Humboldt Bay.
 - A. Encourage year-around environmental education including opportunities to visit coastal areas and participate in cleanup activities and invasive species eradication.
 - B. Support pollution prevention measures, including industrial sources and litter.
 - C. Promote 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.
8. Promote planning for sea level rise that protects natural habitats as well as public infrastructure.
 - A. Encourage use of public funding that emphasizes long-term rather than short-term adaptation measures.

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- B. Encourage planning that considers inland and upward migration of wetland habitats, particularly salt marsh.
- C. Encourage relocating critical public infrastructure to higher ground.
- D. Discourage new development in areas at risk of flooding, inundation, erosion, and rising groundwater due to sea level rise.

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.

Position:

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.

Position:

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.

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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, 2022

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

Position:

1. Improve quality and quantity of materials.
2. Increase staff to meet 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.

Eureka City Government - 1976, 2011, 2021

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

Position:

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.

Position:

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.
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, 2024

Position Summary: Support 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.

Position:

1. Local governments in Humboldt County should promote prosperity through economic development using the following criteria: Is acceptable environmentally and plans for sea level rise and other climate change challenges; promotes job creation at an equitable livable wage that uses the 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 water, air, aquaculture, mariculture, agricultural and timber lands,) renewable resources and waste products.
2. Local governments should become more effective in encouraging economic development by the following actions: Completing, updating and implementing general plans; long-range capital improvement planning; facilitating the permit process through clarity, consistency, and efficiency; supporting development of a broad variety of accessible and safe modes of transportation with equitable rates and schedules to enhance economic development; and providing for adequate housing.
3. Local governments should become more effective in coordinating economic development by the following actions: Promoting timely economic planning and development, such as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, countywide and in collaboration with local tribes, 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 staffed by trained and qualified people for up-to-date, effective dissemination of information related to economic development.

4. Effort should be made by the County Board of Supervisors to determine and guide the effectiveness and coordination of County 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.

Position:

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 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.

Position:

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.

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

Annual Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2025

SEQUOIA CONFERENCE CENTER, ROOM B

6:00 p.m. REGISTRATION

6:30 p.m. DINNER \$25

7:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING (NO CHARGE)

ZOOM is also available for those that cannot attend

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