



## Local Positions

### City Government

**General:** Support of council-manager government in Highland Park. Support of at-large election of council people. Support of home rule. Support of practices and procedures which promote maximum citizen participation.

**Boards, Advisory Boards and Commissions:** Support of the board, advisory board and commission structure in Highland Park. Support for a strong and effective Human Relations *Advisory Board* and a strong fair housing ordinance. Support of the Business and Economic Development *Advisory Board*. Although the League supports the Advisory Board structure, the preceding are singled out because they were studied individually by League members. See long form of the position.

**Budgeting Procedures:** Support of the present budget procedures and the use of a budget summary, a salary schedule and an explanation of expenditures for special projects. Support of citizen participation in the budgeting process.

**Campaign Practices and Procedures:** Support and encourage voluntary candidates' guidelines and community-based efforts to reduce the financial burden of running for elective office in Highland Park.

**Community Resources:** The LWV of Highland Park recognizes that the social service facilities and resources of Highland Park are many and varied. Support of moderate city funding of private social service agencies in Highland Park by purchase of services, if necessary.

**Facilities:** Support for the use of the Highland Park Community House to be funded primarily with private funds and limited public monies.

### City Planning

**General:** Support for planning and zoning in Highland Park that encourages a more unified, active and heterogeneous community without losing the suburban character.

**Central Business District:** Support of a stable and diversified Central Business District. Keep a watchful eye on future CBD development: Reflecting concerns of height, open space between buildings, diversity of businesses and funding. Recommend observer to watch City Council and Community and Business Development Advisory Board meetings.

**Historic Preservation:** Support of historic preservation through the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Housing:** Support for the development of adequate housing in Highland Park for senior citizens, young people, persons who work in Highland Park and people of all income levels. Low and moderate-income housing is of particular concern.

**Neighborhood Character:** Support for preserving the character of single-family residential neighborhoods through the use of traditional zoning techniques. Regulation should be of measurable criteria not subjective matters of taste such as a design review process. Support for maintaining a range of housing prices in the community, which should be considered whenever changes in zoning district regulations are proposed.

**Skokie Corridor:** Support of controlled development of the Skokie Corridor with health, safety, and flood control as high priorities.

**Transportation and Roads:** Consideration of bicycles and other non-motorized means of transportation as well as roads when planning transportation to help promote unity and better access in Highland Park.

### **Criteria for Local Government Acquisition, Development, or Divestiture of Public Property**

The LWV of Highland Park/Highwood believes that local government acquisition, development, or divestiture of public property should be subject to criteria that take into consideration the impact on community character, land use and open space, growth and development, and financing options and costs. Consideration must be taken of the effect on goals as defined in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

### **Environmental Preservation**

**General:** Recognition that the lakefront and open spaces are irreplaceable assets of Highland Park.

**Beaches and Ravines:** Support for local government responsibility in maintaining ravines and public beaches in Highland Park. Support for the City, the Park District, and the State of Illinois sharing a responsibility for comprehensive shoreline protection. Support for safe, clean, and attractive beaches.

**Flood Plain And Watershed:** Support for strong storm water management and flood plain ordinances to control growth and prevent flooding.

**Open Space:** Support for acquisition of land for open space based on natural resources criteria and public recreation needs.

### **Handguns**

Support of a ban on possession, manufacture, assembly and sale of handguns and ammunition in Highland Park.

### **Library**

Support of a strong and diverse library offering a variety of collections and cultural programs. Support of the no-charge policy for all library materials, as opposed to services.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Support of park and recreational facilities and services throughout Highland Park.

### **Ravinia Festival**

Support for the direct and indirect benefits that Ravinia Festival represents to the City of Highland Park. Support for the Ravinia Festival Community Relations Commission's responsibility to oversee the Festival's special use permit. Support of better community-Festival relations through improved communications and Festival outreach programs. Opposition to the imposition of an amusement admission tax on any not-for-profit cultural institution.

### **Schools**

**Consolidation:** Opposition to the formation of a unit district for District 113 and its elementary feeder districts.

**School Referenda Criteria:** Support for League-established criteria developed in order to evaluate school referenda in Highland Park. Update position in anticipation of a referendum to update the K-5 buildings in 3-4 years (2019).

**Senior Services:** Support of quality senior services that accommodate current and future senior populations in Highland Park. Support for social, educational, recreational and cultural services provided by governmental and non-governmental agencies.

### **Township Government**

Support for development of written guidelines for general assistance, the use of local advisory committees, a professional caseworker and regularly scheduled evening meetings.

### **Fort Sheridan**

Support redevelopment of military property at Fort Sheridan in a manner that does not place additional financial burdens on local taxpayers. Support increasing federal impact aid to North Shore School District 112 and Township High School District 113 to pay for the cost of educating students from Navy households. Support requiring that military land and/or other resources be made available for a school (or other educational facilities) for North Shore School District 112. Support requiring development to pay its equitable share of all provided municipal and educational services.

(Note: Existing LWV positions, such as City Planning, Environmental Preservation, etc., also apply to Fort Sheridan redevelopment.)

