

SUMMARY OF LOCAL POSITIONS 2007

League of Women Voters of the Oshkosh Area

HOUSING

Promote affordable and fair housing for all segments of the population with a mixture of housing types and appropriate regulations. Support stable neighborhoods, compact development, historic preservation and a minimum housing code. Support recommendations of the Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Promote adequate funding, acquisition and maintenance of parks, marine facilities and hiking and biking trails. Preserve natural features of new and existing parks. Support use of the Oshkosh Parks Advisory Board.

EDUCATION

Promote quality education and educational facilities in the Oshkosh Area School District. Support adequate funding, planning and programs to meet individual student needs. Support at-large election of school board members. Promote active parent and community involvement in all schools. Encourage use of proven methodology and community participation in facility, program and boundary planning. Waive material and course fees for those unable to afford them. Support wheelchair accessibility for all facilities.

CITY GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Support a council/ manager form of government and at-large election of Oshkosh city council members. Promote priority use of CDBG funds to meet goals of the Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan, leverage additional funds, and benefit low and moderate income and elderly persons to the maximum allowed. Promote an active role by local government in community revitalization.

COUNTYWIDE POSITIONS

(Held jointly with LWV Neenah-Menasha)

Winnebago County Government. Support a smaller Winnebago County Board, 6-9 county board committees focused on policy and legislation, and a County Executive with coordinative and administrative powers.

Public libraries. Support shared, equitable funding by municipalities and the county, administered to encourage greater usage.

Billboards. Oppose construction of new billboards. Phase out existing billboards.

Intergovernmental Cooperation. Support a regional planning agency. Promote cooperation among local and area wide units of government in a broad range of functions and services, using appropriate and equitable types of agreements.

Fox River Corridor. Support action to protect and improve the Winnebago Pool Lakes and the regional Fox River Corridor.

SOCIAL POLICY, COMMUNITY LIVING

Promote programs and policies that combat discrimination, provide for basic human needs, develop citizenship skills and recognize the special needs of refugees, immigrant groups, and other minorities. Support the concept of community based residential facilities.

FOX RIVER PCB CLEAN-UP

(Held jointly with River Leagues: Green Bay, Appleton, Neenah-Menasha, Oshkosh)

Support joint public/ private efforts to clean up PCBs in the Fox River based on a long-term plan and paid for by responsible parties plus all available state and federal grant dollars. Support disposal of contaminated sediments in segregated engineered landfills close to the Fox River, until new disposal technologies such as vitrification are proven environmentally sound, practical, and cost effective. Molecule destruction is preferred over encapsulation. Support restitution funds to mitigate environmental damages.