

Positions-2006- LWVODC

Each level of the League develops positions on issues of importance. A position is a stand or commitment made by the League at the local, state or national level. Acting under positions from another League level is sometimes referred to as vertical action. If the LWVODC board judges that its members are knowledgeable and support the action to be taken, it can undertake action at the local, regional and/or state level under a national position or positions without clearance from LWVUS board.

At the February 16, 2006 general meeting of LWVODC, recommendations were made by the attendees for positions to be taken by the local League. These positions were adopted May, 2006 at the annual meeting and are identified below.

Campaign Finance

- **The LWVUS** believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process. This position is applicable to all federal campaigns for public office, presidential and congressional, primaries as well as general elections. It also may be applied to State and local campaigns.
- **The LWVODC** supports Lobby Reform on the State and Local level. We support an independent ethics commission to review the reporting process of the legislative and executive branches of government. (2006)

Individual Liberties

- **The LWVUS** believes in the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the US. The League is convinced that individual rights now protected by the Constitution should not be weakened or abridged.
- **The LWVUS** supports an Independent Judiciary under Citizen's Rights Position.
- **The LWVODC** recommends education of the public on the particulars of the Patriot Act and the impact on their civil liberties. We advocate for changes in the law to protect our civil liberties through emails, visits and calls to our federal representatives and senators.(2006)

Redistricting Reform

- **The LWVUS** believes that Congressional districts and government legislative bodies should be apportioned substantially on population ("one person, one vote"). Redistricting should not dilute the effective representation of minority citizens. Efforts that attempt or result in partisan gerrymandering should be opposed.
- **The LWVNC** supports an independent commission for drawing new plans for redistricting. Congressional districts, both houses of the state legislature, county, as well as municipal government districts including boards of education, should be apportioned primarily according to population.

- **The LWVODC** believes that redistricting locally should be representative of and apportioned on population and effectively represent minority citizens. We strongly believe that the public should be educated regarding partisan gerrymandering. (2006)

Election Laws

- **The LWVNC** promotes measures which safeguard the rights of the voter and encourage clear and democratic election procedures. The LWV-NC promotes and supports election laws in NC which emphasize full participation of all citizens in the democratic process.
- **The LWVODC** supports Same-Day Registration at One-Stop Sites. This legislation will allow a person who misses the cut-off for registration (25 days before the election) to go to a one-stop voting site when they are open, show proper ID, register and vote.(2006)

Position: Taxes

- **The LWVNC** promotes an equitable and efficient system of taxation. The LWV-NC supports House Bill 433, Earned Income Tax Credit. LWV-NC supports an equitable and efficient system of taxation which will adequately fund needed services.
- **The LWVODC** supports an Earned Income Tax Credit and supports an equitable and efficient system of taxation. (2006)