

## **LWVODC Issues for Emphasis & Local Advocacy Positions 2017 - 2018**

League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties voted at their 2017 Annual Meeting to adopt eight specific Issues for Emphasis for the League's 2017 - 2018 program. Issues for Emphasis are timely governmental issues that are based on local, state, or national positions and selected for education, advocacy, and action in the coming year.

The 2017-2018 Issues for Emphasis will guide the LWVODC Board of Directors as they plan meetings, forums, panel discussions, candidates' meetings, and other activities during the League year. This process is not intended to exclude other League interests. Rather, because of limited resources, it helps the Board to identify priorities, focusing on (but not limited to) specific government related issues in Orange, Durham and Chatham Counties.

Issues for Emphasis for 2017-2018 are listed in alphabetical order.

- Education
- Environment
- Gun Violence
- Health Care
- Membership
- Redistricting/Fair
- Violence Against Women
- Voter Services

### **LWVODC LOCAL PROGRAM**

Local programs are positions on local governmental issues to which LWVODC has approved and may continue to act upon. Dates indicated in parenthesis are when the local position was adopted and/or modified).

### **REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT**

#### *County Budget Process*

- Support for a long-range local government budget process that includes establishment of goals and priorities, for operation expenses and for capital improvements. (2006)
- Support for clear communication in the budget process. (2006)

#### *Local Government*

- Local governing boards should adopt written ethics codes and local municipalities should adopt the state statute for candidates reporting campaign contributions and expenditures. (1989, 2006, 2010, 2011)

- Durham County: Support for a continuing consolidation of Durham City and County services and functions to achieve efficiencies and eventual formation of a single governing body for all of Durham County. (2013)

#### *Growth and Development*

- Support of a sound planning program through in which public improvement, policies, and regulations are coordinated for the orderly and attractive development of the community. (1964, 2006)
- Support for joint planning as the best process for managing growth cooperatively in our districts. (2006)
- Public facilities should be adequate before new development is permitted. (1987)

#### *NATURAL RESOURCES*

- Support for greenways systems and open space. (1984, 2006, 2010)

#### *SOCIAL POLICY*

- Support redistricting policy that maintains racial balance, continuity of individual educational experience and supports the quality of integration within the schools and individual classrooms. (2006)
- Support actions to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of school bus transportation systems. (2006)
- Support for adequate funding of the capital needs of local schools. (2006)