

LWVODC Local Positions

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 form another League level is sometimes referred to as vertical action. If the LWVODC Board deems 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.

The following positions are those that have been adopted by the LWVODC. The date of initial adoption is indicated in parentheses.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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).

COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

Support for a long-range Orange County budget plan that includes establishment of goals and priorities, both for operating expenses and for capital improvements (1988).

Support for clear communication in the Orange County budget process (1988).

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

Support for clear communication in the budget process (2006).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Support for action to increase citizen safety by decreasing the number of drunken drivers (1983, 2006).

EDUCATION

Support for the Chapel Hill School Board in its assignment of pupils on a non-discriminatory basis (1960).

Support redistricting policy that maintains racial balance and continuity of individual educational experience. Support improvement of quality of integration within the schools and individual classrooms (1978).

Support of action to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro school bus transportation system (1979).

Support for adequate funding of the capital needs of Chapel Hill/Carrboro and Orange County school systems (1984).

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).

ELECTION LAWS

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).

GREENWAYS

Support for the greenways system and open space (1984, 2006).

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Support of a sound planning program through which public improvement, policies, and regulations are coordinated for the orderly and attractive development of the community (1964, 2006).

Support of joint planning as the best process for managing growth cooperatively in the areas of Orange County surrounding Chapel Hill and Carrboro (1986).

Public facilities should be adequate before new development is permitted (1987).

Support for joint planning as the best process for managing growth cooperatively in our districts (2006).

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES

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).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local governing boards should adopt written ethics codes and local municipalities should adopt the state statute for candidates reporting all campaign contributors who give more than \$100.00 (1989, 2006).

PUBLIC RECREATION

Support for public recreation for the Chapel Hill area (1961, 1974).

Support for public recreation (2006).

REDISTRICTING REFORM

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).

TAXES

The LWVODC supports an Earned Income Tax Credit and supports an equitable and efficient system of taxation (2006).