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The Administrative Team, having considered recommendations of voting members, has formulated the following proposed program:

PROGRAM

Issues for Emphasis and Local Positions. These categories of Program are defined as follows:

I. Issues for Emphasis are timely governmental issues based on local, state, or national positions selected for education, advocacy and action in the coming year.

II. Local Positions are positions on local governmental issues to which the LWVODC has given sustained attention and in which it may continue to act.

I. LWVODC Issues for Emphasis 2010-2011

The adopted Program guides the new Administrative Team and as it plans meetings, forums and other activities during 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.

The LWVODC Administrative Team proposes the adoption of the following Issues for Emphasis for the League year beginning July 1, 2010.

SOCIAL POLICY

1. Affordable healthcare for all (See LWVUS position “Health Care”.)

Objective: Advocate and Educate

Example: Respond to and create action alerts, provide educational material.

2. Immigration (See LWVUS position “Immigration”.)

Objective: Advocate and Educate

Example: Promote informed involvement in immigration policy at all levels of government.

NATURAL RESOURCES

3. Water Quality (See LWVUS & LWVNC positions “Water Resources”.)

Objective: Advocate and Educate

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT

4. Redistricting (See LWVNC position. “Fair & Equitable Representation”)

Objective: Inform ourselves as to the process and prepare to monitor redistricting when it occurs.

The LWVUS and LWVNC positions can be found on the LWVODC web site (<http://www.lwvdc.org>) under ADVOCACY- Positions for Action or at <http://www.lwvdc.org/ActionAlerts.html>.

II. LWVODC Positions 2010-2011

Positions are arranged by the headings used in state and national listings of positions. Local Leagues may take action within their jurisdiction based on their local positions or on state and national League positions. Most importantly, members should support the action, be kept informed, and have opportunities for discussion and evaluation.

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).

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 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).

Redistricting Reform

- This is covered by the LWVNC position “Fair & Equitable Representation.”

NATURAL RESOURCES

Greenways

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

SOCIAL POLICY

Education

- 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).

Public Recreation

- Support for public recreation (2006).

Previous additional local positions have been archived and can be found at <http://lwvdc.org>