

League of Women Voters Minneapolis

Positions* In Brief

City Government

- **Structure:** Support of responsive and efficient structures and procedures of Minneapolis government. (Updated June 2005)
- **Civil Service:** Support of affirmative action; fairness in hiring, employment and dismissal of City Employees.
- **Citizen Participation:** Support of opportunities for all citizens to participate in effective ways in the decisions of local government.
- **Finance/Budget/Property Tax:**
 - Support of sound fiscal policy and new sources of revenue. (Updated June 2004)
 - Support of improved budgetary procedures for city government. (Updated June 2004)
 - Support of policies to strengthen the city's tax base. (Updated June 2004)

Housing, Planning and Urban Renewal (Updated April 2008)

- **Housing:**
 - Support of governmental responsibility for emergency housing needs.
 - Support of policies that provide for a variety of housing that meets the needs of a diverse population.
 - Support of the use of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund in order to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing in Minneapolis.
- **Planning and Urban Renewal:**
 - Support of effective administration and coordination of planning functions.
 - Support of long-range planning goals and programs.

Administration of Justice and Law Enforcement

- **Police:**
 - Support of fair and adequate law enforcement for all people.
 - Support of measures to ensure equal justice for all persons regardless of race and socio-economic status.
- **Juvenile Courts:** Support of legal assistance and services for children in the justice system.
- **Handguns:** Support of stricter control on handguns.

Education (Updated June 2003)

- Support of adequate financing, effective organization, responsive planning and continued improvement for the Minneapolis Public Schools with the goal of quality, integrated education for all.

Social Policy

- **Equal Opportunity:**
 - Support of policies and procedures to ensure equality of opportunity in Minneapolis (including equal opportunity in housing, education, public accommodations, public services, and employment).
 - Support of efforts to eliminate racism in our community.
- **Welfare/Income Assistance:** LWVMpls uses LWVUS and LWVMN positions when taking action on these issues.

- ***Family Violence/Prevention of Violence:***
 - Support of improved procedures for agencies dealing with family violence.
 - Support of improved services for the victims.
 - Support of violence prevention programs in our community
- ***Child Care/Early Childhood Education:***
 - Support of quality child-care concerned with the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of the child.
 - Support of sufficient public funding for childcare programs.
 - Support of public policies and programs that value and support young children, their families, and those who work with children and families.
- ***Child Support:*** Support of stricter enforcement of court-ordered child support payments.
- ***Adolescent Health:***
 - Support of coordinated and accessible health, education and social services for pregnant and other teens.
 - Support of teenage pregnancy prevention efforts in the Minneapolis Public Schools.
 - Support of adequate and reliable funding for adolescent health care.
- ***Health:*** LWVMpls uses LWVUS and LWVMN positions when taking action on these issues.
- ***Indian Affairs:*** Support of adequate services for American Indians in Minneapolis.

Livability

- Support of public policies and action to maintain and improve the livability of Minneapolis neighborhoods.

Libraries (Updated February 2007)

- Support of adequate financing and sound administrative procedures for libraries and cooperation between library systems on a regional basis.

Parks (Updated May 2006)

- Support of adequate financing, sound administrative and planning procedures for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation System, and procedures to increase Park Board responsiveness to the public.

*The League can take action on public issues based on the relevant position. The League office maintains a library of studies. Please feel free to drop in between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to browse, or you may call the office at 612.333.6319 to arrange a time to come in. In addition, a history of these League studies can be found on our website at www.lwvmpls.org click Program for Action.