

LOCAL LEAGUE Positions in Brief 2007

Initially, LWVC-S inherited the positions of the Santa-Clara / San Jose League, from which our Local League was formed. Studies in the 1970's and 1980's provided a local foundation upon which League could take action. The Land Use and Planning position was amended at the 2001 Annual meeting. All of the positions were reviewed and updated for typos as well as making sure they were still current.

Land Use & Planning

Support a comprehensive, long-range general plan, with a defined personnel structure for planning and implementation. The personnel structure should be composed of a well-qualified planning staff with specified authority, a planning commission composed of people of diverse occupations and interests, and ad hoc citizen advisory committees.

Support implementation of the general plan's land use through effective zoning. The general plan and zoning ordinances should reflect current input by citizens and the city council through open hearings. They should be strictly adhered to and periodically reviewed.

Support architectural control, planned unit development, underground utilities in new construction, and control of signs and billboards.

Support the concept of a countywide planning agency and a countywide zoning language.

Urban Renewal

Support of urban renewal in its three aspects - conservation, rehabilitation, and redevelopment, which shall include conformity to an adopted general plan, adherence to effective and current codes and ordinances, adequate broad citizen participation, and efficient and economic administration by qualified personnel.

Housing

Support programs and policies to provide equal access to housing without discrimination and adequate housing for low and moderate income families.

Education

Support goals and objectives in public education that provide the opportunity for the student to acquire basic skills, develop academic competency, and develop attitudes of good citizenship with its rights and responsibilities.

Support justifiable proposals for funding those districts whose boards actively endeavor to achieve quality education, alleviate racial imbalance, maintain responsiveness, and develop administrative effectiveness and community participation.

Foothill-DeAnza Community College District

Support statewide standards for academic and transfer programs with local control to meet the specific needs of the local student community. Support adequate funding for the district.

Transportation

Support transportation planning with citizen participation. Support inclusion of Santa Clara County in Bay Area public transit systems. Supports evaluation of airport expansion or relocation with regards to air quality, noise regulation, compatible land use, population growth, and costs/benefits.

West Valley Traffic Corridor (Route 85)

Support HOV lanes and other measures to discourage single-occupant vehicles on Route 85 and to encourage use of public transit.