

TRANSPORTATION

Adopted: 1972, Amended: 1976 Reviewed: 2007

Suggestions from committee in 2001:

- Review LWVCS position and relevant LWV Bay Area and LWV California positions to determine whether anything in the local position could be dropped.
- Review 1976 amendment of local position to determine whether any provisions deleted due to the then existing LWV Bay Area position should be reinstated.
- Ask the current countywide Transportation Committee to review our position to give us an opinion on whether some or all of this position should be adopted at the county League level. Find out which other local Leagues in the county have positions on transportation.
- Revise language and format to be consistent with other local League positions.

– POSITION IN BRIEF–

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.

– FULL POSITION –

The Cupertino-Sunnyvale League of Women Voters continues to support the need for transportation planning as an integral part of the overall plan for the area. Broad citizen participation should be encouraged to aid in the formulation of goals and plans to meet this objective. A Bay Area-wide public transit system should include Santa Clara County.

Members agree that county-wide coordination is absolutely necessary in solving transportation problems and that ownership and operation of transportation facilities should be under a public county transportation authority.

Airport Expansion or Relocation should be evaluated with regards to the following criteria:

- a. Air quality as defined by the California State Air Pollution Standards.
- b. Regulation of noise levels as established by the State Department of Aeronautics.
- c. Compatible land use in surrounding areas.
- d. Realistic estimates for population growth in the area.
- e. A professional study evaluating costs in relation to benefits.