

1986 –2009 LOCAL PROGRAM
Current Positions of LWV Santa Monica

1. LAND USE PLANNING

Preface: No development should occur that would exceed the capacity of existing systems for power and water supply, waste water collection and treatment, solid waste disposal and resource recovery, or transportation unless such systems are planned for expansion with adequate financing and pollution controls.

- a. Encouragement of Mixed Use Development in Santa Monica. (That is commercial, residential and recreational uses combined in a planned unit).
- b. Encouragement of an increase in LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING.
- c. Support of zoning to encourage NEIGHBORHOOD - ORIENTED BUSINESS bordering residentially zoned areas.
- d. Support of zoning which would encourage PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION in the central business district.
- e. Support of LIMITED GROWTH in Santa Monica by more stringent zoning regulations, without eliminating the opportunity for low and moderate income housing.
- f. Support of CITY PLANNING based on Environmental Impact Reports.
- g. Support of planning and implementation for PROPER, ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.
- h. Support of BUFFER ZONES.
- i. Support of increased OPEN SPACE for recreation, including increased land for parks and play lots.
- j. Opposition for SPOT ZONING.
- k. Opposition to BUILDING ON THE BEACH FRONT except for limited recreational facilities.

2. SANTA MONICA AIRPORT (Updated March 2005, approved June 2005)

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica urges master planning of the entire airport area. Whether or not a master plan is implemented, the LWV of Santa Monica urges support of the following:

- a. Environmental Measures
 1. Maintain current curfew hours or their expansion after 2015.
 2. Maintain current noise level limit or its reduction after 2015.
 3. Continuation and expansion of staff education programs for pilot cooperation programs such as noise level reduction procedures.
 4. Strict enforcement of safety and environmental rules/regulations subject to periodic review.
 5. Monitor emissions and noise, increase research into their impact and support steps to mitigate those impacts as they become known.
- b. Residual/Non Aviation Land Use Measures
 1. Continuation of programs aimed at public safety and education.
 2. Land use proposals should take into consideration the impacts of traffic, parking, noise, and emissions.
 3. If the airport is closed, we recommend primary consideration be given to the original intent, which is parkland.
- c. Safety and Security Measures
 1. Active pursuit of Safety Zone Implementation and the Aircraft Conformance Program.
 2. Support for increased safety and appropriate security measures.

3. OIL DRILLING Opposition to on or off shore in the Santa Monica Bay area.**4. LIBRARIES**

Encourage continued financial support of the Santa Monica LIBRARY system above the minimum standard set by the American Library Association (ALA): no fewer branches than exist now, choice of books made by professional librarians; selection policy should include the first three articles of the ALA Library Bill of Rights; continued participation by the Santa Monica Public Library in the met-ropolitan cooperative library system. Support of Santa Monica Public Library System for adequate funding and maintenance of full services and collections; and with at least the present number of Main and Branch Libraries.

5. **EDUCATION** Support of policies that promote a high standard of education in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Among these policies are programs to insure optimum levels of INSTRUCTION for all students, with emphasis on basic skills, and provision of SUFFICIENT FUNDS for operation and building needs.

6. **BASIC HUMAN NEEDS** Support of programs at the local level to provide for all persons' equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing.

7. **HOUSING** in Santa Monica.

- a. Rent Control: Support the principle that the landlords and tenants share the cost of administering rent control.
- b. Subsidized Housing; Support use of a bond issue to purchase property for subsidized housing for seniors.

8. **HOMELESS in Santa Monica** The League of Women Voters promotes:

- a. Efforts by the city to expand federal, state and county resources to provide facilities for the mentally ill.
- b. Expanded use of city funds for outreach teams, whose members encourage homeless to seek and use existing services.
- c. Efforts by the city to expand federal, state and county resources to provide transitional housing. Promote efforts by the city to coordinate area wide approaches to solve the transitional housing needs.
- d. The concept of city support for emergency housing.
- e. City funding of social services for the homeless.
- f. Expanded city funding for runaway youth, homeless families and those responsive to short-term type services.
- g. Continued assistance of social service agencies which serve the homeless.

9. **TRAFFIC PLANNING in Santa Monica:**

The League of Women Voters supports:

- a. Synchronization of traffic lights and plans to move traffic more smoothly.
- b. Traffic calming devices which increase safety for both pedestrians and motorists.
- c. Provision for alley entrances to properties wherever possible and the encouragement of enforcement of existing laws for alley exits (i.e. stopping at sidewalks and again at street entries.)
- d. Creating more bicycle paths, pedestrian friendly areas, island crossings, lighted crossings, etc.
- e. New parking structures—either above or below ground—which are in connection or tied to mass transit systems and sustainable development. However, we would discourage the creation of more surface parking lots.
- f. Increased fees for parking and violations to more closely reflect the true public cost. We oppose subsidized public parking for private use.
- g. Encouraging residents to park in their own driveways or garages.
- h. A rich mix of mass transit development, including light rail, buses, shuttles and future consideration of subways.

10. **VOTING SYSTEMS** The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica supports consideration of alternative voting systems for Santa Monica elections with a special emphasis on the Single Transferable Vote or Choice System. Any system adopted should produce fair and accurate community representation reflecting the diversity (racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, gender, etc.) of the community; increase voter participation and maximize effective votes and raise the level of political campaigns and increase the focus on issues, not personalities. The system should be easy for the voter to use and understand, both in terms of understanding how to vote and how their vote would be counted.