

## **League of Women Voters of Palo Alto Issues for 2006-2007**

### **Social Policy**

#### ***Housing*** (revised to conform with antidiscrimination law, 1990, 2002)

Support of policies and actions by the City of Palo Alto toward the goals of: maintaining the quality of both immediate and larger neighborhoods, including the general green and open feeling of all residential neighborhoods; improving the diversity of housing opportunities with emphasis on economic diversity; lessening the jobs-housing imbalance; and insuring that all housing is open to everyone without discrimination based on gender, race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age or marital status.

#### ***Education*** (revised 1993)

Support of community involvement including parents, students, certificated and classified employees, and residents of the district in evaluation, with consequences, of certificated and classified employees and of locally developed educational programs.

Support of a budget-making process in the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) which promotes school board and citizen involvement and understanding.

Support of a PAUSD budget format which serves the needs of its users: the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the public.

#### ***Community Social Services*** (1977, 1987)

Support of planning for human services in Palo Alto using a broad definition of human services and considering services provided by both government and the private sector.

#### ***Community College*** (a joint position with LWV Lost Altos-Mountain View and LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale) 1985, 1986)

Support for the local Community College District:

1. Recognition that standards at state level are necessary for academic and transfer programs.
2. The diversity from community to community within the state requires a measure of local control and local implementation to meet the specific needs of the broad spectrum of the student community.
3. Support for the effort being mounted by the Community College Board of Trustees and the local administration to achieve adequate State funding for the local districts.

Support of a locally controlled public Community College District that meets the diverse need of the District's population.

Support of a Community College District that is supported by public funds controlled by the Board of Trustees.

#### ***Children at Risk*** (1996)

Support of the following Policy Statement (in concurrence with LWVC): The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto is committed to the principles that all children are entitled to safe nurturing care and that caring for children is a societal as well as a family responsibility. The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto supports programs and policies that would effectively coordinate and integrate services that meet basic human needs, prevent or reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals.