

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES: 2011 ANNUAL MEETING KIT

Summary of LWLA Positions: June, 2011

CABLE TELEVISION (1984, 1997) Support for city guarantees and enforcement of provisions for local and citywide public, education and government access channels.

CHILD CARE (1985) Support for a publicly subsidized child care program available to parents at all income levels with fees on a sliding scale.

CITY GOVERNMENT (1964, 1976, 1977, 1980, 1994-1999) Support of measures that would sustain a balance of power between the Mayor and the City Council, strengthen direct lines of authority, and fix responsibility in City administration.

CIVIL SERVICE (1977) Support of measures that will reduce all barriers to the employment or promotion of a person except those based on merit.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT (1997, 2007) Support of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) in its role as an essential part of public education in meeting the needs of the Los Angeles community.

EDUCATION (1966, 1971, 1976, 1977, 1981, 1993-1995, 2007-2011) Support of a public school system where the primary goal should be the improvement of student outcomes including increasing the percentage of student proficiency at each grade level resulting in an increase in the number of high school graduates.

ELECTION PROCEDURES (2008) Advocacy of Instant Runoff Voting for single seat elections. Full Position

HOMELESSNESS (1986-87) Support of the City having a responsibility to provide shelter for the homeless people and to seek long-term solutions to their problems by cooperating with other levels of government and the private sector.

HOUSING (1967, 1980) Support of measures which lead to equality of opportunity for adequate housing.

LIBRARY (1975, 1977, 1981) Support of measures that will ensure adequate financing of the Los Angeles Public Library Department.

LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BENEFITS (2009) Support for continuation of defined benefit plans for fire fighters and police officers. Support for comparable compensation between civilian employees and private sector workers. Support for measures to reduce the cost of all City retirement benefits.

OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND PARKS (1971) Support for the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of open space, with emphasis on adequate financing at all levels of government.

PLANNING (1961, 1967, 1972, 1979, 1989) Support of effective city planning and a land-use policy protecting the quality of life for everyone.

POLICE (1978, 1992, 2007) Support of the Police Commission in its Charter-given role as head of the police Department, and its ability to remove the Chief of Police with concurrence of the Mayor and City Council. The update included support for the LAPD's primary role of law enforcement and crime prevention. We continue to support the role in enforcing immigration laws (Special Order 40), the continuation of the technical advance improvements made in response to the consent decree, and the continued outreach and communications with the public. through community policing and assisting community leaders with interventions, rehabilitation and reentry solutions.

SECESSION (2001) Support of all efforts to improve services and responsiveness to the diverse voices of many communities in the City of Los Angeles. Los Angeles should continue as one city.

TRANSIT (1984, 2001) Support of transportation policies and practices that facilitate: coordination among transportation agencies to assure efficient intra-county movement; public/private partnership to provide DASH-type and/or shuttle systems within city neighborhoods; placement of transit stops in safe, well-lighted locations.

VOTING RIGHTS (1980) Support of election procedures which enable citizens to carry out their rights and duties as voters.

WASTE MANAGEMENT (1972) Support of measures to promote reuse of materials, measures to encourage research and development in waste management, and measures to ensure that completed landfills are used for open space only.

WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT (1991) Support of mandatory use of reclaimed water in major new developments, diversity in sludge management methods, and feasible and reasonable treatment of dry weather flows from some major storm drains.