



League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset

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The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

OUR LOCAL 18-19 PROGRAM AND POLICY POSITIONS

The League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset works in accordance with the program and policy positions of both the U.S. and NYS League of Women Voters. Below are program and policy positions we place special emphasis on in our local league.

POLICY POSITIONS

Land Use

We endorse Land Use policies and initiatives that encourage healthful living patterns of development that are environmentally sensitive, socially responsible and economically sustainable.

Natural Resources

We support an environment beneficial to life through the protection of air quality, energy and water resources. We support responsible management of solid waste through mandatory recycling and regional cooperation.

Election Law

- On the national and state level, we support campaign finance reform, implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and effective ethics legislation.
- On the state level, we support improved measures to provide representation for legislative districts in case of vacancy and for an independent board to implement redistricting.

Health Care

We support a universal comprehensive single-payer health care system that provides access to a basic level of quality care and one that controls health care costs.

Social Policy/Equal Rights

We support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA.

Judicial/Balancing Justice

We support the merger of state courts and the merit selection of judges. We oppose the death penalty.

Youth Issues

We support efforts to enhance the quality of life for the youth of our communities.

Education

We believe informed citizens are better able to participate and make wise choices in school and library affairs and elections.

Gun Control

We support measures to regulate and limit the accessibility of handguns and high capacity firearms to civilians.

LOCAL PROGRAM

Natural Resources/Land Use

We continue to monitor local zoning patterns and solid waste management programs, as well as efforts to upgrade and protect our natural resources. We will attend hearings affecting these issues. We focus on property development and the enforcement of land use legislation as well as LWVNYS efforts regarding hydro-fracking. We encourage measures to protect groundwater, surface water, and drinking water.

Election Law

We promote efforts to maximize citizen participation in elections at all levels through voter registration drives, candidate forums and distribution of voter information. We advocate for open, honest, and fair elections and reporting of election results. We support redistricting processes and standards that promote fair and effective representation and are not determined by partisan gerrymandering.

Student Activities

- We select and sponsor local students to participate in the annual LWVNYS Students Inside Albany conference
- We give LWV Participation in Government awards to students whose volunteer activities have benefited the community.

Health Care

The League continues to lobby for the NY Health Act.

Governance

We monitor the governance of the Town of North Hempstead and Nassau County and advocate for transparency. We host the Town of North Hempstead State of the Town Address.

Social Policy/Women's Issues

The League continues to lobby for legislation that guarantees all women equal status and economic rights.

Gun Control

The League lobbies for legislation that bans the sale of high capacity firearms to civilians.