

LWV-W Local Positions

HOME RULE

1976-continued MONITORING of the budget of Wilmette and the legal implementation of home rule by Wilmette.

HOUSING FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS

1987-SUPPORT for a wide range of housing options to be available to the developmentally disabled and the mentally ill in Wilmette and New Trier Township. The League recognizes there is a strong need for this housing in both Wilmette and New Trier Township. The need for housing for these two special populations exists today and will continue to exist in the future. The League urges Wilmette and New Trier Township to respond to this need. Housing options should include group homes and clustered and scattered-site apartments. As building uses change in Wilmette, consideration should be given to adapting these buildings to house these two special populations. In some parts of the township, where there is more undeveloped land, other creative housing solutions might be sought.

SUPPORT of a zoning designation in Wilmette for all residential areas that will allow four or more unrelated individuals (defined as mentally ill or developmentally disabled) to live together in a group home setting. (Group homes are often divided into two size categories: six to eight persons, and nine to fifteen persons.) To promote normalized family living, group homes should be scattered throughout the community. The zoning designation should facilitate the establishment of housing for these two special populations.

SUPPORT of a continued role for New Trier Township in educating and developing an awareness of the need for housing for special populations throughout the township. The township could serve as a coordinator for local communities as they address the need for housing for special populations. The township should provide funding for agencies that want to develop group homes. In addition, current funding to existing agencies should be directed to housing needs of the group these agencies now serve.

HUMAN RELATIONS

1975-SUPPORT and/or INITIATE efforts within the community to reduce tensions in the human relations area.

LIBRARY

1978-Continued SUPPORT of adequate library services in order to meet the needs of the community.

RECOMMENDATION that the Library Board provide publicity programs to encourage qualified and interested candidates for interim and regular board vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION that the Library Board assess periodically the needs of library users and non-users.

1985-SUPPORT of the property tax as the main source of revenue for the library.

SUPPORT of use of fees, donations, and fundraising activities as appropriate sources of funding.

SUPPORT of use of private funds, and state and federal grants, with early public input when acceptance of such funds would entail substantial expenditures.

SUPPORT of either higher taxes or curtailed services in the event of reduced funding through loss of the multiplier. Either alternative, or a combination of both, might be acceptable if the public is involved in any decision to cut services or raise taxes.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

SUPPORT:

- a. Evaluation of time allocation between adult and youth users of the special facilities.
- b. Equal availability of programs for boys and girls.
- c. Continued cooperation of the Park District with other agencies for after-school child care.
- d. Encouragement of and response to public input by the Park Board regarding selection of offerings, program availability, and long-term planning.
- e. Consideration by the Park Board of recommendations of their Community Relations Committee.
- f. Investigation of the availability of federal and state grants.
- g. Submission to the voter for approval of major expenditures requiring long-term financing.
- h. A balance between service to citizens and good business operation.
- i. Evaluation of possible increases in non-resident fees in relation to:
 1. Residents' demand for programs.
 2. Competitive program fees.
 3. Fair share of program overhead.
 4. Level of non-resident participation.

PLANNING AND ZONING

1979-(formerly under "Wilmette Population Patterns") SUPPORT of measures to achieve the following:

- a. Increased transportation opportunities.
- b. Continued monitoring of population changes, including voluntary surveys.
- c. More interaction among governmental bodies in their planning processes.

SUPPORT for consideration of the following criteria for reuse of public buildings: specific need, benefit to whole community, compatibility with neighborhood, appropriateness of site for proposed use, legal restrictions, return to tax rolls, and service-oriented purpose.

1980-SUPPORT for periodic review of the Comprehensive Plan to insure the incorporation of census data and demographic trends.

SUPPORT for increased opportunities for housing for senior citizens and low- and moderate-income families.

SUPPORT for enforcement of the Village Zoning Ordinance on all property in Wilmette, regardless of ownership by another governing entity. The League urges intergovernmental cooperation in zoning matters.

SUPPORT for a new provision in the Zoning Ordinance dealing with the reuse of schools and other public buildings.

SUPPORT for a review of commercial parking space provisions in the Zoning Ordinance.

SUPPORT of measures to improve the business districts in order to increase sales tax revenues.

1984-SUPPORT of a Comprehensive Plan that encompasses all governmental districts. Information concerning the plans and goals of each district should be available in a central place, such as the Wilmette Public Library.

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SUPPORT for alternative uses of larger, older homes, including, but not necessarily restricted to, group homes for the elderly and the physically disabled. The size and location of such homes should depend on the specific proposal rather than arbitrary criteria. Proposals should be subject to special use hearings before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

SUPPORT for a planned unit development section the Wilmette zoning code.

SUPPORT for expansion of the Plan Commission to include voting members from all local taxing districts. This recommendation applies only to the Plan Commission, and not to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The standing committee structures of each elected board should include an intergovernmental committee. The village-wide Intergovernmental Committee, composed of these representatives, should meet as a whole at least twice a year.

SUPPORT for the addition of a new classification for public lands in the Zoning Ordinance. Within the zone, consideration of the general public good should be central, but each governmental district should have flexibility concerning the use of its property. Through the public lands zone, the procedure by which public lands are sold should be clarified.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #39 BOARD SELECTION PROCESS

1992-SUPPORT of independent candidacy for all individuals who seek election to the District #39 School Board.

- a. Information about candidates should be made available to the entire voting public.
- b. There should be a vehicle to provide in-depth interviewing of candidates regarding the major issues.
- c. This process must be open to the public.
- d. The District #39 School Board Caucus is no longer a viable means of selecting school board candidates.

SCHOOLS

1974-SUPPORT of measures by District 39 board and administration to achieve the following:

- a. Continued communication between school and community.
- b. Strengthening of the curriculum development and evaluation process.
- c. Expansion of articulation with the high school district.

Continued SUPPORT of a highly qualified superintendent who is responsive and visible to citizens and staff.

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SELECTION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS

1972-CANDIDATES for the Village Board of Trustees should not run under national party labels.

1974-SUPPORT of a nonpartisan campaign organization for Wilmette.

SUPPORT for a nonpartisan method for nominating candidates for local office that would include a choice at the polls.

SUPPORT of the establishment of mandatory provisions for the filling of vacancies on elected boards where such provisions do not now exist.

SUPPORT of present mandatory provisions for filling vacancies on appointed boards and commissions.

SUPPORT of the adoption of measures to insure wider publicity and citizen input, stated maximum time limitation, and establishment of an ad hoc board committee to aid in the process of filling vacancies.

WILMETTE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

1977-SUPPORT of a Board of Health which assumes leadership in coordinating and publicizing all health services to Wilmette residents through public and private agencies.

WILMETTE YOUTH COMMISSION

1976-SUPPORT of the Wilmette Youth Commission with special emphasis on youth advocacy and provision of a forum for all youth serving agencies, both public and private.