



## **SUMMARY OF LOCAL POSITIONS 2010**

### **League of Women Voters of Winnebago County**

#### **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION**

Support planning, educational and law enforcement programs to expand safe, interconnected bicycle and pedestrian transportation throughout the area.

#### **BILLBOARDS**

Oppose construction of new billboards.  
Phase out existing billboards

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Support comprehensive planning at all levels of government. Encourage public and private sustainability practices to assure today's resources continue to meet needs of tomorrow's communities. Promote adherence to the Natural Step process

#### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Support a smaller Winnebago County Board, six to nine county board committees focused on policy and legislation, and a County Executive with coordinative and administrative powers.

#### **CRIME PREVENTION**

Support crime prevention programs targeted at all citizens in the county through adult and youth involvement in educational, volunteer, school and diversion programs. Promote cooperation among law enforcement agencies. Address the area's increased diversity.

#### **EDUCATION**

Promote quality education to prepare productive citizens well-adapted to live in today's global society. Hold community, parents, students, teachers and administrators to high levels of expectations and accountability. Set high standards for addressing building size, class size and goals for each educational level. Support development of a 10 year plan to address

district needs: buildings, boundaries, staffing, etc. Employ proven methodology and community participation in planning. Support adequate funding, planning and programming to meet individual student needs. Waive material and course fees for those unable to afford them. Support at-large election of school board members. Promote active parent and community involvement in all schools. Support wheelchair accessibility for all facilities. Promote sustainable practices throughout the system

#### **EFFECTIVE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT**

Promote more effective citizen participation in local government by disseminating government-related information through multi media, enforcing the open meeting law, encouraging attendance at local governmental meetings and ensuring early publication of the full ballot and budgetary information

#### **FOX RIVER CORRIDOR**

Support actions to protect and improve the Winnebago Pool lakes and the Fox River Corridor.

#### **FOX RIVER PCB CLEAN-UP**

*(Held jointly with River Leagues: Green Bay, Appleton, Neenah-Menasha, Oshkosh)*  
Support joint public/ private efforts to clean up PCBs in the Fox River based on a long-term plan and paid for by responsible parties plus all available state and federal grants. Support disposal of contaminated sediments in segregated engineered landfills close to the Fox River until new disposal technologies such as vitrification are proven environmentally sound, practical, and cost effective. Molecule destruction is preferred over encapsulation. Support restitution funds to mitigate environmental damages.

## **HOUSING**

Promote affordable and fair housing for all segments of the population with a mixture of housing types and appropriate regulations. Support stable neighborhoods, compact development, historic preservation and a minimum housing code. Support recommendations of local comprehensive plans.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

Support a regional planning agency. Promote cooperation among local and area wide units of government in a broad range of functions/services, using appropriate and equitable types of agreements.

## **NEENAH-MENASHA CHILD CARE**

Encourage child care resources to address the complexity of the two-county urban area. Support a central resource center and programs to meet needs of parents, schools, employers and caregivers.

## **OSHKOSH CITY GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION**

Support a council/ manager form of government and at-large election of Oshkosh city council members. Promote priority use of CDBG funds to meet goals of the Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan, leverage additional funds, and benefit low and moderate income and elderly persons to the maximum allowed. Promote an active role by local government in community revitalization.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Promote adequate funding, acquisition and maintenance of parks, marine facilities and hiking and biking trails. Preserve natural features of new and existing parks. Promote environmentally sound maintenance practices. Support use of a Parks Advisory Board. Promote comprehensive and cooperative areawide park planning.

## **PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

Support shared, equitable funding by municipalities and county, administered to encourage greater usage.

## **PUBLIC TRANSIT.**

Support a variety of local service options and intercity service to ensure transit meets area needs. Support adequate funding and planning. Promote hours, fares, and convenience to help transit compete with the automobile. Promote energy efficient vehicles and facilities.

## **RECYCLING**

Support policies to promote recycling education, reduce the amount of land fill waste, encourage state financial participation and provide for hazardous waste disposal programs

## **SOCIAL POLICY, COMMUNITY LIVING**

Promote programs and policies to combat discrimination, provide for basic human needs, develop citizenship skills and recognize the special needs of refugees, immigrant groups, and other minorities. . Support the concept of community based residential facilities