

# **LWVODC 2013-2014 PROGRAM**

## **LWVODC Issues for Emphasis and Local Positions**

These categories of Program are defined as follows:

**I. Issues for Emphasis** are timely governmental issues based on local, state, or national positions selected for education, advocacy and action in the coming year.

**II. II. Local Positions** are positions on local governmental issues to which the LWVODC has given sustained attention and in which it may continue to act.

### **LWVODC Issues for Emphasis** (adopted 2013-2014)

#### **SOCIAL POLICY**

- 1. Local Governance** (including Durham City-County Merger)
- 2. Education** (including Charter Schools and Vouchers to gain greater understanding of the impact of raising the limit on the number of charter schools in NC)
- 3. Health Care**
- 4. Safe Communities**

### **LWVODC Local Positions** (adopted 2011-2012; 2012-2013; 2013-2014)

#### **REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT**

##### **County Budget Process**

- Support for a long-range local government budget process that includes establishment of goals and priorities, for operation expenses and for capital improvements (2006).
- Support for clear communication in the budget process (2006).

##### **Local Government**

- Local governing boards should adopt written ethics codes and local municipalities should adopt the state statute for candidates reporting campaign contributions and expenditures. (1989, 2006, 2010). LWVODC Positions revised July 1, 2011

##### **Growth and Development**

- Support of a sound planning program through which public improvement, policies, and regulations are coordinated for the orderly and attractive development of the community (1964, 2006).
- Support for joint planning as the best process for managing growth cooperatively in our districts (2006).
- Public facilities should be adequate before new development is permitted (1987).

#### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

##### **Greenways**

- Support for greenways systems and open space (1984, 2006, 2010).

#### **SOCIAL POLICY**

##### **Education**

- Support redistricting policy that maintains racial balance, continuity of individual educational experience and supports the quality of integration within the schools and individual classrooms (2006).
- Study this position to gain greater understanding and consider the need to clarify and strengthen it in response to recent lifting of the 100-limit on the number of charter schools in NC and the resulting increase in the number of applications for charter schools(2006).
- Support actions to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of school bus transportation systems (2006).
- Support for adequate funding of the capital needs of local schools (2006).

**Public Recreation**

- Support for public recreation (2006).