

League of Women Voters of Palo Alto Issues for 2006-2007 City Government

Charter

Support the principles of the charter of the City of Palo Alto in effect July 1968, and the Council-Manager form of government as embodied therein, with specific endorsements and exceptions as outlined in the objective of this position.

Planning & Transportation Commission (title revision 2002)

Support of an open and fair selection process for members of the Planning and Transportation Commission.

Architectural Review Board (1971, revised 1996)

Support of an architectural review board to provide effective city-wide architectural review.

City Finance (1988)

Support of a financial structure for city government which recognizes public service as its prime objective; is equitable to those who pay; is prudently managed and reasonably flexible in application.

Support of maintenance of city services and programs at the highest level possible under budget constraints. Support of the concept of raising reliable revenues as efficiently as necessary to meet these needs.

Support of a budget formation process which promotes efficient staff operations, extensive legislative review, and citizen participation and involvement.

Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (1986, revised 1994)

Support of a process which keeps the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan, including its Land Use map, up to date and reflective of the desires of the community.

Cooperative Working Relationships (1981, revised 1994)

Support of cooperation between the City of Palo Alto and other jurisdictions, agencies and contractors to provide services and programs for the citizens of the area, when such cooperative arrangements meet one or more of certain specific criteria.

Support of the following as city policy: When a service is needed which the City of Palo Alto cannot provide by itself, the City's role is to see that the needs of its residents are met by working in cooperation with other jurisdictions, agencies or contractors including nonprofit groups or private individuals.

Palo Alto Emergency Management Plan (1998)

Support of the City of Palo Alto Emergency Management Plan for utilization in all disasters.