

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF LWVGC POSITION STATEMENTS

I. Combine two positions on parks with those on public recreation

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CURRENT POSITION STATEMENTS	PROPOSED REWRITE:
<p>Public Recreation* LWVGC supports: Public recreation programs based on needs of the community served and providing recreation to all ages and abilities. Continued evaluation of programming, facilities, and financing. Financial support from both municipalities and school districts, with transparency in their relationship Maintaining a balance of recreational facilities and publicly-owned open spaces.</p> <p>Cuyahoga Valley National Park (1979) LWVGC supports the continued development of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and its restoration and preservation as an open green area.</p>	<p>PUBLIC RECREATION AND LAND USE</p> <p>LWVGC (1979, supports: <i>Coordinated public recreation programs involving federal, state, county, municipalities and school districts</i> that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- provide recreation to all ages and abilities; --<i>focus</i> on needs of the community served; --maintain a balance of recreational facilities and publicly-owned open spaces; --INVOLVE CITIZENS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS --develop and preserve the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve; -- SHOW EVIDENCE OF transparency and continual evaluation of programming, facilities and financing

Rationale: League’s past efforts to establish the Cuyahoga Valley Recreational Area as a national park and to set aside “Dike 14” as a nature preserve have resulted in better organizational and funding arrangements for both. The merger of local Leagues into a single League for Cuyahoga County has pulled together former chapter interests in municipal and school district matters. The commonalities and differences of the numerous agencies and public boards related to parks and recreational facilities can give LWVGC heightened opportunity to advocate for maximum coordination while working to preserve green space and to provide all citizens with quality recreational opportunities. This proposed rewrite describes principles that the League can apply to any (or all) governmental jurisdictions at any time that recreation and land use policies and practices are in discussion.

II. COMBINE PLANNING POSITION WITH LAND USE AND OUTMIGRATION

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~~Strikethroughs~~ show places where alternate words are proposed

CURRENT STATEMENTS	PROPOSED REWRITE
<p>Planning* LWVGC supports: Community planning programs for municipalities, with specific emphasis on land use, development and revitalization of aging areas.</p> <p>Adoption of comprehensive long-range planning programs that promote the common good, with periodic updates</p> <p>Citizen participation in the planning process</p> <p>Acquisition, development, and maintenance of green space and park-like areas within municipalities</p> <p>Transportation policy on outmigration (1997-1999) LWVGC supports comprehensive planning by local, county, regional, state, and federal governments and agencies in order to achieve policies on transportation, tax structures, and allocations that will encourage a sustainable balance between urban areas, farmland, and open spaces.</p> <p>Transportation (1972, 1999) LWVGC supports mass transit as a public service, publicly controlled with operating costs subsidized, to meet the transit needs of all residents of Cuyahoga County, including the special transit needs of senior citizens and handicapped persons.</p>	<p>PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>LWVGC supports: comprehensive [collaborative] planning by local, county, regional, state, and federal governments and agencies in order to achieve policies on transportation, tax structures, and allocations that promote the common good and will encourage a sustainable balance between among urban areas, farmland, and open spaces.</p> <p>--Community planning programs for municipalities, that specifically emphasize with specific emphasis on land use[????], development and revitalization of aging areas, and mass transit as a public service.</p> <p>--Adoption of comprehensive long-range planning programs that promote the common good, with periodic updates</p> <p>--Citizen participation in the planning process</p> <p>--Acquisition, development, and maintenance of green space and park-like areas within municipalities</p> <p>--publicly controlled transit [FACILITIES] with operating costs subsidized, to meet the transit needs of all residents of Cuyahoga County, including the special transit needs of senior citizens and handicapped persons.</p>

Rationale: League's interest in optimal, balanced land use is imbedded in the existing positions on Planning and on Transportation. This rewrite simply combines the several statements into a list of desired attributes of governmental planning.

III. COMBINE NATURAL RESOURCES-LAKE ERIE & CAFO POSITION

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Current Position	PROPOSED REWRITE:
<p>Natural resources / Environment – Lake Erie (1966, 1999) LWVGC supports: Restoration and preservation of Lake Erie and its tributaries; A coordinated water quality program; A precautionary moratorium on all new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's) that produce untreated animal waste; Improved and similar wastewater transportation, delivery, and treatment systems on each CAFO site within the Lake Erie Watershed.</p>	<p>NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT – Lake Erie LWVGC supports the restoration and preservation of Lake Erie and its tributaries <i>as presented in the the positions of the LWV Lake Erie Basin Committee (an multi-state collaboration) regarding:</i> --water resources and water quality (1967); --phosphate detergent ban (1969); --drilling for gas and/or oil in Lake Erie (1969); --interbasin transfer of water (1985, 1986); --power plants and radioactive waste (1990); --concentrated animal feeding operations (2007, 2011)</p>

Rationale: LWVGC and its predecessors have long participated in the Lake Erie-focused work of the Lake Erie Basin Committee (LEBC), an interleague group organized by Leagues in states bordering Lake Erie. The LEBC Program, adopted by consensus at an annual meeting in the odd-numbered years, serves as the basis for recommending action to LEBC Leagues. The 2014 statement recommended here is the current description provided by LWVO. Together with the extensive LWVO positions on water and the environmental positions of LWVUS, there appears to be ample authority for LWVGC activities on the subjects of water and the environment. This wording for LWVGC materials acknowledges the LEBC guidance for action. It must be noted that, as of this writing, the formal structure of the LEBC is in a state of flux. Its principles and programs can and should be upheld by LWVGC until such time as it is disbanded or reshaped.