

League of Women Voters Roseville, Maplewood, and Falcon Heights Local Issues Positions

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GOVERNMENT

1. Support opportunities for citizen participation in city government and open appointment for advisory committees (1988)
2. Support City Manager form of government for Maplewood and Roseville (Plan B). Evaluate provisions of any proposed Roseville Charter in relation to Plan B. (1986, 1987, 2002)

SOCIAL POLICY

1. Support emergency medical services in Roseville with user fees. (1978, 1981, 2003)
2. Support volunteer fire fighters with attractive wages and benefits, but not cross training as paramedics; oppose fees for fire department services. (2003)
3. Support transportation options that serve the needs of the area. (1983)
4. Support safe non- motorized pathways with costs assessed area-wide. (1983)
5. Support equal opportunity for all students in public schools with use of unbiased textbooks and computer materials free of stereotypes.(1984,'85,'86,'87,'88,2000)
6. Support electing School Board members-at-large for District 621, 622, 623. (1985, updated 1988)

NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Support organized refuse collection, curbside collection of recyclables. (1985)
2. Support individual composting and government support for community composting. (1982)

LOCAL STUDY ITEMS

GOVERNMENT

A. Review Roseville city ordinances; housing and maintenance enforcement procedures; and compare with cities in our area. (2000, 2001)- Study in process

SOCIAL POLICY

B. Review educational materials in public schools for additional possible biases: ex: ethnic, cultural. (approved at annual meeting-2004) - Proposed

ADDENDICES WITH COMPLETE CONSENSUS STATEMENTS FOR LOCAL PROGRAM-Updated 5/05

GOVERNMENT

1. Citizen participation – support additional opportunities for citizen participation in city government and early public participation in the decision- making process. Support changes in council procedures to facilitate public understanding, support open appointment process for advisory committee. (1988)
2. Support City Manager form of government for Maplewood and Roseville (Plan B). Evaluate provisions of a proposed Roseville Charter in relation to Plan B. (1986, 1987, and 2002)

SOCIAL POLICY

1. Continue supporting the provision of emergency medical services in Roseville with user fees for services provided. (1978, 1981, 2003)
2. Support the following items which relate to the Roseville Fire Department:
 - A. Increased wages for volunteer firefighters for staffing and fire calls (staffing would be \$10 plus per hour and fire calls would be \$11 per hour).
 - B. Reduced vesting period from ten years to somewhere between five and seven years.
 - C. Other recommendations for recruiting volunteer firefighters and keeping more volunteer firefighters are as follows:
 - encourage city employees to become volunteer firefighters
 - design a brochure explaining the duties and benefits of becoming a Roseville firefighter to be used for recruiting. Marketing and publicity could include distributing the brochure to new homeowners through realtors.
 - generally more marketing and publicity of the job and benefits.
 - D. If all else fails, the LWV supports hiring full- time firefighters for daytime shifts.
 - E. The LWV supports the current t arrangement of the police department as the first responder for fire calls and emergency medical services.
 - F. The LWV does not support the proposed combination fire department with volunteer firefighters and full-time firefighters cross-trained as paramedics. (This plan would provide two stations staffed 24/7. The city would purchase two SUV's that would be equipped with paramedic supplies, but would not be able to transport. The police would remain as first responder. Also would include closing Fire Station 1.)
 - G. The LWV does not support either option requested by the city for increased services through the current emergency medical services (that is, add an ambulance 24/7 at a cost of \$462,000 and add a first responder 24/7 which would not transport at a cost of \$278,000)
 - -The LWV does not support a fee for service for the fire department
 - -The LWV does not support the hiring of a fire prevention specialist.

The preceding Consensus Statement is based on the materials in the LWV published report, *Roseville Fire Department 2003 and Beyond*, November 2003. The publication was validated by the city manager, fire chief and finance director.

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3. Support the following mix of transportation to best serve the needs of the area: walking, bike, private car; demand-responsive service by van and car; a subscription service; car and van pooling or ride sharing; and transit service by bus. (1983)

4. Support policies, procedures, and programs, which promote safety and reduce hazards to non- motorized traffic. Support non- motorized pathways, either on or off road, along high volume and high-speed thoroughfares likely to generate non- motorized traffic where no other access is possible. Pathway costs should be assessed on an area-wide basis. (1983)

5. The LWV of Roseville, Maplewood, and Falcon Heights supports action to insure that:

A. School Districts choose unbiased new textbooks and temper the effects of sex bias in textbooks currently in use. (1984)

B. Freedom from sex bias be an evaluation criterion used by software designers and purchasers. (1985, updated 1988)

C. All students have equal encouragement and opportunity to use computers and develop computer literacy skills. (1986)

D. School personnel be sensitized to the need to develop and foster student attitudes that are not sex biased or stereotyped, to ensure that students reach their full potential. (1984-1986)

6. Support electing School Board members-at-large for District 621, 622, 623. (1985, updated 1988, amended at Annual Meeting 2005)

NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Support the establishment of organized refuse collection to be supervised by the municipality and source separation of recyclables, with the city contracting with haulers for curbside collection. Cities are encouraged to support source separation of recyclables by variable charges for refuse collection. (1985)

2. Support action to remove yard waste, newspaper, glass, metal and other recyclables from the waste stream going to landfills; and government support of yard waste composting by encouraging individual composting and providing and maintaining sites for community composting. (1982)

This document reflects the changes to Local Program that occurred at the 5/05 Annual Mtg.

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