



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TARRANT COUNTY

LOCAL PROGRAM 2009-2010

1. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- A. SUPPORT the regulation of gas drilling in the Tarrant County League area to mitigate environmental and safety risks. 1-07
- B. SUPPORT the creation of Landscape and Tree Ordinances in all Tarrant County communities to promote the livability of the community through preservation of trees and green space. 2-05, 3-06
- C. SUPPORT action to fulfill the recreational needs of the community through acquisition and development of sufficient park land to meet or exceed the national minimum standards. 1-04
- D. SUPPORT a governmentally subsidized transportation system. 5-97
- E. STUDY the impact of the Trinity River Vision Project on Tarrant County residents.

FOCUS: Consensus on whether or not the TRV is supportable balancing the environmental impact and costs involved with the promised economic and aesthetic improvements to the area.

2. ETHICS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

UPDATE and SUPPORT the enactment of an ethics code by each local governmental entity in the Tarrant County League area. 5-90

FOCUS: Enforcement of existing codes.

3. COUNTY ISSUES

- A. SUPPORT measures to improve Tarrant County government. 5-72
- B. SUPPORT a County-wide ambulance service. 4-84
- C. SUPPORT 3-digit non-emergency telephone system in Tarrant County. 12-00
- D. SUPPORT optically scanned paper ballot and/or electronic ballot systems which include rigorous security measures to ensure that the machines and associated software are not compromised, and include an individual audit capacity for purposes of recounts and authentication of elections. 5-04
- E. SUPPORT access to library services for all residents in Tarrant County. 5-88

4. SOCIAL POLICY

- A. SUPPORT continuation, improvement, and expansion of health services for the medically indigent in Tarrant County, including undocumented immigrants, in order to overcome barriers to accessibility. 5-01, 4-06
- B. SUPPORT access to housing for people with low income in Tarrant County. 5-89
- C. SUPPORT continuation, improvement, and expansion of services to children and youth that address various identified problems. 3-05
- D. SUPPORT aggressive planning and working with other concerned groups to coordinate mental health services. 5-78

- E. SUPPORT community-based services to women that encourage self-sufficiency and address social problems, and efforts to provide funding from private and public sources for women's services in Tarrant County. 5-97
- F. SUPPORT adequate free legal services for the indigent in Tarrant County. 3-07

5. **EDUCATION**

- A. SUPPORT for a coordinated and integrated family life curriculum in kindergarten through twelfth grade in school districts in Tarrant County. 11-96
- B. SUPPORT a quality public education system which develops the greatest potential in each individual. 5-88
- C. SUPPORT for programs which allow pregnant students to continue their education and for educational efforts to reduce teen pregnancy, including a comprehensive program of sex education at all levels. 11-96
- D. SUPPORT for increased funding for school libraries. 5-88

Numbers indicate year and month in which position was adopted.

Non-recommended Studies:

Study of local regulation of installing solar panels.

Scope: Local municipalities' regulations regarding installation of solar panels in the Tarrant County League area.

Focus: Contact municipalities in the Tarrant County League area to ascertain what regulations they have regarding the installation of solar panels.

Study of public/private contracts.

SCOPE: Contracts between City or County bodies concerning things like Transportation, Ambulance service, Waste pickup/handling, Zoo policies.

FOCUS: Advantages and disadvantages of public/private contracts for services, providing a position for local advocacy.