

League of Women Voters of Anchorage

Position: MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports broad participation by all segments of the community on Municipal boards and commissions, effective interaction between related boards and commissions, and the periodic review of the effectiveness of all boards and commissions.

Amplification

In order to achieve the above, League supports Municipal action and changes that would:

1. Increase public awareness of vacancies on boards and commissions.
2. Maintain procedural guidelines for citizen application to a board or commission.
3. Limit the number of consecutive terms of service on boards and commissions.
4. Fill vacancies on boards and commissions within a specified period of time.
5. Review and re-define all boards and commissions having overlapping jurisdiction with the possible goal of combining them to better serve the public.
6. A sunset ordinance should be retained and evaluative criteria should be drawn up prior to considering the elimination of a board or commission.
7. Assure that board and commission meeting minutes are maintained in a public place.

Position Established 1980; Reviewed 1983, Reworded 1994; Reaffirmed each year since at Annual Meeting.