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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANNUAL MEETING -



I don't know about you, but the increasing hours of daylight and days of sunshine have me making plans for spring and then summer! It also has me trying to get outside as much as I can to soak up the Vitamin D. Welcome Spring!

A spring tradition is our LWV of Anchorage Annual Meeting! Our meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4, 2019**. This year we are meeting at the Alaska Park Foundation Conference Room, at 3201 C Street, Unit 110. Please enter from the East side of the Building. Our meeting will begin at 6pm and go until 8:30pm. **I hope that you can attend; participation of our membership is critical as we set the agenda for the coming year. Come meet fellow members! Find out all of the fun things that our talented and creative Board has planned!**

Officers will be elected for the term 2019 - 2020. A proposed slate of officers is listed in this newsletter. If you are interested in serving on the board, please give me a call at 351-0709. Additionally, we will be discussing a FY 2019-2020 proposed program for emphasis, dues and budget, which are outlined in this newsletter as well. There are proposed changes to two of our positions, those for Boards and Commissions and for Planning and Zoning; they are attachments to this newsletter. Another attachment is proposed changes to the By-Laws. We are in the process of moving to a 501(c)(3) status, so the proposed changes are necessary for that move.

We are excited to welcome Assembly Member Austin Quinn-Davidson to be our Guest Speaker at this year's Annual Meeting! Ms. Quinn-Davidson represents West Anchorage and has since winning a Special Election in August. She has the unique experience of not only running a special election, but also doing so in a strictly Vote By Mail election. It was the second time that the VBM model was used, and she did it while there was a concurrent Statewide, precinct-based primary happening! What an interesting perspective on local elections!

Margaret E. McDonagh

MARK THE DATES!

- ◆ **March 12—Anchorage Municipal Ballots Mailed—watch for the Ballot Review Completed by the LWV of Anchorage around the same time**
- ◆ **April 2—Municipal Ballots due—must be deposited in a Drop Box or turned into an Accessible Voting Center or Postmarked**
- ◆ **April 4, 2019—ANCHORAGE ANNUAL MEETING—6:00 - 8:30 pm**
- ◆ **April 13 & 14—LWVAK Annual Convention in Juneau**



Austin Quinn-Davidson
Featured Speaker

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any person 16 years of age and older, male or female, may become a

PROPOSED PROGRAM – FY 2019-2020

as recommended by the Board of Directors:

ANCHORAGE POSITIONS:

Planning and Zoning:

Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports comprehensive planning and effective implementation of a plan aimed at quality growth and development.

Recommendation: Approve minor revision and retain. The revision appears later in this newsletter.

Community Councils:

Statement of Position:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports the concept and purpose of Community Councils as a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs.

Recommendation: Approve minor revision and retain. The revision appears later in this newsletter.

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.

Recommendation: Approve minor revision and retain. update. position to include term notification and board members continue to serve on the Board until vacated position has been filled in order to provide for a working quorum.

Election of School Board Members: Recommendation: Retain

Statement of Position:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports a seven member school board whose members are elected at-large to serve in designated seats.

Recommendation: Retain

PROGRAM EMPHASIS

LWV's 100th Anniversary

Make public information more accessible.

Promote and support Youth Vote's expanding program emphasis.

LWV of ANCHORAGE GENERAL GUIDELINES

Purpose: General meetings, possibly conducted in collaboration with other groups, would serve to educate the membership and general public on these identified specific areas of concern.

Format & Outcomes: A committee of League members would be responsible for soliciting relevant speakers, establishing General meeting outcomes, and upon conclusion of the General meeting, summarizing and making recommendations to the membership on how the information gained from the General meeting may be used to update or validate existing positions.

Additions to Program: Our Bylaws permit additions to our adopted program should we find it necessary and spell out the procedures for doing so at a General meeting.

Proposed Changes to League of Women Voters of Anchorage Position **PLANNING AND ZONING**

Proposed additions are underlined; proposed deletions are struck through.

Statement of Position:

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports comprehensive planning and effective implementation of a plan aimed at quality growth and development and compatible with the following position statements:

Advance Planning:

Support coordinated advanced planning for transportation systems, schools, and other community facilities within the Municipality.

Recognition of the need for mass transportation facilities.

Support and encourage provision for a system of interconnected greenways, trails, pedestrian amenities and bike lanes for recreation, conservation, alternative transportation, healthy lifestyles, a vibrant economy and a high quality of life.

Planning Implementation and Administration:

Support a Municipal zoning ordinance including a zoning map based on comprehensive planning.

Support a Municipal building code.

Support legislative and administrative measures that would prevent frequent reconsideration of zoning in one area.

Support an official map as a means of reserving rights-of-way for future public use.

Support advanced planning and citizen involvement in the decision-making process with regard to school site acquisition.

Residential Development:

Encourage provision of adequate parks, playgrounds and open spaces, distributed so that people living in all areas of the Municipality will have easy access to such facilities.

Support required dedication as a method of providing parks and open spaces for the Anchorage community.

Support requirements in subdivision regulations for preservation of natural features such as waterfronts, hillsides, trees, and other scenic features.

Outside Sewer Improvement Districts, encourage sufficient separation of residences to prevent well contamination and other hazards.

Support requirements for different levels of improvements based on subdivision density.

Support some minimum level of improvements for all subdivisions.

Encourage acreage or large lot zoning to provide some areas for rural living in the Municipality.

Support limited access to subdivisions from adjoining arterial streets.

~~Support and encourage provision for sidewalks, walkways, and other facilities for pedestrian traffic.~~

~~Support and encourage provision for lanes for bicycles, horses, and snowmobiles in some areas of the municipality.~~

Support provisions in subdivision regulations calling for flood plain controls.

Support provisions in subdivision regulations calling for planned unit developments (PUDs).

improved the appearance and environmental quality of mobile home courts.

Community Appearance:

Support measures that reduce or eliminate exposed wires and utility poles.

Encourage and support preservation and planting of trees on private properties in the Municipality.

Support adoption and enforcement of an ordinance establishing basic regulation of signs in the municipality.

Downtown and other commercial developments where shoppers walk from store to store, encourage adequate circulation patterns and pedestrian facilities through the use of malls, covered arcades, small parks and other means.

Discourage excessive and mislocated strip zoning along major highways.

Coordinate provisions of adequate traffic facilities with development of major traffic generators such as shopping centers.

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Position Established 1971; Reworded 1982; Reworded 2001; Reaffirmed each year since at Annual Meeting

# Proposed Changes to League of Women Voters of Anchorage Position **MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Proposed deletion is struck through; there are no proposed additions

## Statement of Position

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## 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.

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

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors FY 2019-2020

President	Margaret McDonagh	2 year term expiring 2021
Vice-President	Cari Zawodny	2 year term expiring 2021
Secretary	Carol Dickason	2 year term expiring 2021
Director	Beth Nordlund	2 year term expiring 2021
Director	Pat Redmond	2 year term expiring 2021
Director	Keri Clark	2 year term expiring 2021

Nominating Committee for FY 2019-2020:

Chair: Shirley Pittz
Member: Cari Zawodny
(3rd Member to be appointed)

Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting ember provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual meeting.

The following Board Members have already been elected to continuing terms:

Treasurer	Tina DeLapp	1 year term expiring 2020
Director	Schawna Thoma	1 year term expiring 2020
Director	Shirley Pittz	1 year term expiring 2020
Director	Diane Mathisen	1 year term expiring 2020

2019-2020 Budget Proposal

	FY 18-19 BUDGET	LAST REPORT	FY TO DATE	PROPOSAL
		1/1-1/31/19	04/1-1/31/19	4/1/19-3/31/20
Beginning Balance @ start of month (checking ac-		\$ 20,109.83		
RECEIPTS				
Dues	\$ 2,730.00		\$ 1,365.00	\$ 3,000.00
Contributions: Members & Friends	\$ 800.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dividend Earnings	\$ 16.00	\$ 0.84	\$ 9.35	\$ 15.00
Miscellaneous (incl. Spirit of Youth)		\$ 120.00	\$ 16,993.13	
MOA Ballot Review	\$ 52,000.00		\$51,102.91	\$ 53,000.00
Youth Vote				
Fund Raising (Corporate/friends/SOY)	\$ 6,000.00			\$ 21,000.00
LWVAK Ed Fund	\$ 7,100.00		\$ 4,049.71	
Grants (restricted)	\$ 19,500.00		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 12,860.00
Grants (unrestricted)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,340.00
Voter Ed Project			\$ 92,500.00	\$ -
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	\$ 89,646.00	\$23,480.67	\$ 179,160.10	\$ 92,215.00
Transfer FROM Money Market TO Checking			\$ 12,065.75	
TOTAL RECEIPTS ADJUSTED FOR TRANSFERS		\$23,480.67	\$ 191,225.85	
EXPENSES				
Board Operating Costs: *				\$ 970.00
Records Storage	\$ 1,074.00		\$ 265.48	
Phone	\$ 160.00	\$ 12.20	\$ 130.37	
P. O.	\$ 210.00		\$ 200.00	
Bank Charges			\$ 38.40	
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 750.00		\$ 500.00	
PayPal Fees	\$ 120.00		\$ 59.57	
BOARDS & COMMITTEES				
Supplies**	\$ 100.00			\$ 150.00
Committee Expenses	\$ 150.00		\$ 50.00	\$ -
MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS				
Anchorage Annual Meeting	\$ 100.00		\$ 38.40	\$ 50.00
LWVAK Convention - 2018 (18-19) 2019 (proposed)	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 361.08	\$ 2,000.00
General Membership Meetings	\$ 600.00		\$ 37.89	\$ 500.00
National Convention - 2018 (18-19) 2019 (proposed)	\$ 3,800.00		\$ 2,264.58	\$ -
VOTER SERVICE				
Miscellaneous Voter Service Expenses	\$ 150.00		\$ 760.00	\$ 150.00
Municipal Ballot Review	\$ 47,000.00		\$ 45,802.31	\$ 47,700.00
FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF LEAGUE				
PMP LWVUS (\$32 x 40 MEMBERS)	\$ 1,344.00		\$ 1,296.00	\$ 1,296.00
PMP LWVAK (\$13 x 40 MEMBERS)	\$ 420.00		\$ 405.00	\$ 526.50
YOUTH VOTE				
Project Coordination	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,500.00
Misc. Operating Expenses	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 282.97	\$ 9,256.16	\$ 16,700.00
Space Rental & Phone	\$ 3,600.00		\$ 2,700.00	\$ 4,000.00
YV TV Production	\$ 5,000.00			
VOTER ED PROJECT			\$ 89,914.72	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 89,578.00	\$ 2,295.17	\$ 174,079.96	\$ 87,542.50
CASH ON HAND (Business Checking Account)		\$ 21,185.50		

*Board Operating Costs includes phone, P.O. Box rental, PayPal fees, Website maintenance, & misc. charges

** Includes Committee Expenses and Supplies

Proposed Dues FY 2019-2010

\$65.00 - Individual Membership

\$97.25 - Household

(\$65 for 1st member, \$32.50 for the 2nd)

\$ 0 - College Student Membership*

\$ 0 - Youth ages 16-18 Membership*

*Based on current LWVAK and LWVUS policy