



League of Women Voters
of San Joaquin County

2010-2011
Annual Report



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Message from the President

Maybe you have had the experience of beginning to tidy a drawer or cupboard and seeing the activity turn into a major project. Hours later, you wonder why you thought it wouldn't take long. Several times this year, the Board has found itself involved in a project that started small but grew. In this Annual Report, you will see some of the results.

At the annual meeting, members will be asked to vote on some amendments to the LWVSJC bylaws. We set out to correct some typos and bring a few sections into line with our actual practice. Then we learned that we needed to make additional changes to bring our bylaws into conformance with LWVC and LWVUS requirements. You can see the proposed bylaws amendments beginning on page 7 of this report.

Members will also be asked to vote on LWVSJC local policies and positions. The board had turned to these on several occasions to get an idea of our options for local action and advocacy. We were unable to locate a complete copy with all prior revisions clearly incorporated. So a committee volunteered to compile several different versions into a single document. The committee is recommending some minor changes and possible updates. Information about proposed revisions to the local positions is on page 9 of this report, and the positions themselves follow on page 10.

As this report goes to the printer, we do not yet have a nominee for League president for 2011-2012. However, we have put together operational guidelines that should allow the board to function effectively without a president in the short term.

Ours is a remarkable organization, and the more I have learned about it, the greater my respect for the many leaders who have come before me in the 77 years of this League's existence. I have learned so much while serving as your president. Thank you to all who have been patient with my many questions and responsive to my requests for help.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all as we move forward doing the important work of encouraging civic engagement.

- Jane Wagner-Tyack, President

A SPECIAL REQUEST

The board of directors requests your help in purchasing a dedicated laptop for LWVSJC. This will enable us to install Quicken and keep all our financial records on that computer, which can be passed along from one Treasurer to the next. We can also store other League documents, creating a backup to materials stored on the computers of individual officers and members.

Finance chair Dale Stocking has offered to help us locate a laptop at a reasonable price from a firm that also provides good tech support. We are looking at laptops in the \$600 to \$700 range.

Reports on our League Year

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FY 2010-2011

Information as of 5/1/2011

41 - Individual local members
 10 - 1st Household local members
 10 - 2nd Household local members
61 - Total members

The decline in membership from last year's total of 86 is due to the fact that LWVUS no longer counts in our membership roster nationally-recruited members who have not joined locally. Last year's total included 23 nationally recruited members. Membership recruitment and retention continue to be important goals.

FINANCES

This past October, members received 2009-2010 year-end financial reports for LWVSJC and the Ed Fund, as required by the bylaws. The fiscal year for both entities ends June 30. LWVSJC net worth as of 6/30/2010 was \$843.60. Ed Fund net worth as of 6/30/2010 was \$12,408.84.

The budget in the Annual Meeting Kit is based on the 12-month period ending 3/31/11. Proposed Ed Fund grant recommendations are based on the percentages of 501(c)(3) monies that LWVC has determined are allowable in those categories. Using grants from the Ed Fund checking account this way will enable us to end the budget year "in the black."

As always, the Ed Fund grant will come from the Ed Fund checking account, not from the \$10,000 savings CD. We encourage those who itemize their donations at tax time to make donations to the Ed Fund.

National per member payments (PMPs) will increase slightly for FY 2011-12, to \$30. State PMPs are \$23 for individual members. Our individual dues of \$60 thus generate \$7 for our local league. Membership renewals at a higher, "sustaining" level are very much appreciated.

- Pat Thomas, Treasurer

FUNDRAISING

The Asparagus Festival is our major fundraising activity. We earn the money in April of one fiscal year but typically do not receive a check until the beginning of the following fiscal year. For our volunteer efforts in 2009-10, we made \$866.32, which was deposited into the Ed Fund. We hope to earn a bit more for 2010-11, since this year's Festival was very well attended. Thanks to Bea Lingenfelter, assisted by Cate White, who coordinated our volunteers, and to all the League members and friends who participated in the Asparagus Festival for us this year.

VOTER SERVICES AND SMART VOTER

Last November's midterm election brought a deluge of candidates running for various national, state, and local offices, as well as a number of ballot measures. This kept all areas of Voter Services busy.

Speakers Bureau: In addition to myself, Dee Matteucci, Bea Lingenfelter, Gladys Ikeda, and Jane Wagner-Tyack all pitched in to present the pros & cons on the propositions at nine different venues.

Candidates Forums: In the south area of the county, I moderated candidates forums for Manteca and Lathrop, which included offices of mayor and city council. Thanks to Cate White and Bea Lingenfelter for helping out as timer and question screener.

Smart Voter: Our team contacted more than 100 candidates running for positions throughout the county, urging them to set up their sites on Smart Voter. Lydia Tinder was especially helpful in getting local measures up on the website, and Mary Lois Thompson helped follow up with candidates who had not responded to the initial contact.

We also handed out copies of the "Easy Voter Guides" and "Smart Voter" bookmarks at every event, as well as providing them to senior centers, churches, senior communities, and local libraries.

Thank you to those team members who helped things go smoothly. The voting public was grateful for their efforts, and so was I.

- Vickie Markarian, Voter Services

ACTION AND ADVOCACY

LWVSJC continues to support single payer health care and SB 810, the California Universal Health Care Act of 2011, being carried in this legislative session by Senator Mark Leno. We continue to argue that especially in tight economic times, the state cannot afford to waste 30% of every health care dollar on a private health insurance bureaucracy designed to minimize the payment of claims instead of maximizing the health of Californians.

Our local league has a long history of involvement in water issues, reflecting the many challenges regarding ground water, surface water, and water management that the county has faced for decades. Currently, LWVSJC president Jane Wagner-Tyack serves on the LWVC Water Task Force, and she assisted with the research and recommendation that led the state league to oppose last year's water bond.

We continue to monitor efforts to privatize both municipal services and natural resources, and we hope to participate in an LWVUS study on privatization in the coming year.

2010-2011 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

November Ballot Issues

Our Kickoff Meeting at Valley Brewing Company in September featured Trudy Schafer, Senior Director of Program for the state League. The subject of the meeting was measures on the November ballot, including measures dealing with clean energy and air pollution standards; tax fairness; and modifications to redistricting.

Water Wars: The Latest Skirmish

In November, the Thompsons hosted a gathering in their home to discuss the water bond that was pulled from the November ballot and rescheduled for the November 2012 election. SJC president Jane Wagner-Tyack, who serves on the LWVC Water Task Force, did a presentation on the contents of the bond and the politics behind it, and she explained the reasoning behind the State League's opposition to the bond.

Program Planning

In January, the Thompsons again opened their home for a very productive program planning meeting accompanied by brunch and mimosas. An impressive number of members turned out to determine areas of program emphasis for the coming year, to discuss ideas for individual meetings, and to volunteer to plan and organize those meetings.

Down the Drain

Now that Stockton residents have expressed their unwillingness to pay for storm water treatment, what next? In March, members gathered at Valley Brewing Company to hear two presentations on the subject. Courtney Vasquez, Stockton's storm water program manager, discussed the storm water program in general as well as environmental regulations. Deedee Antypas, Stockton's municipal services business service manager, discussed how the general fund is affected when fees do not cover costs of storm water treatment.

County General Plan Update Issues

In April, members met at Valley Brewing Company for a discussion of the county general plan update. Shené Bowie, county program manager for Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention, spoke about adding health-specific language in relevant elements of the general plan. Then members had an opportunity to discuss alternatives for San Joaquin County's future development and to complete a community survey on the update.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) of the San Joaquin Council of Governments provides community input on project priorities and other matters pertaining to the Measure K program. Committee members are appointed by the SJCOG Board and represent the geographical, social, cultural, and economic mix of the region. We have been fortunate to have Esther Vasquez represent the League on the CAC for the past four years and regret that she will not be able to continue in that capacity. Thank you Esther; this has represented a commitment of many, many hours.

Also following transportation issues for the League is Raul Sanchez, who monitors the San Joaquin 2011 Regional Transportation Plan and provides us with periodic updates. Thank you, Raul.

IN MEMORIAM

In 2011, two long-time Stockton League members passed away: Fay Goleman and Ursula Meyer.

Both women were not only brilliant but outspoken advocates on behalf of all that is worthy in society. They were driven by the knowledge that continued vigilance perseveres. The list of their achievements is lengthy.

Fay Goleman taught sociology at what is now the University of the Pacific, where a memorial fund is set up in her memory.

Ursula Meyer served many years as the Director of the Stockton/SJC Library System. Memorials can be sent to the Stockton Friends of the Library.

We also note the passing of **Ruth Boggs**, a staunch south county supporter of League values. Her involvement with a group of League members in Manteca led in 1972 to the Stockton League becoming the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County.

- Diane Park



Proposed Bylaws Amendments

| EXISTING | PROPOSED AMENDMENT | EXPLANATION |
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| <p>Under ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 2. CLASSES.</p> <p>This corporation shall have the following two classes of members who together shall be referred to herein as "members": local League members and Associate Local League members. Only local League members shall be members within the meaning of section 5056 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law.</p> <p>Section 3. LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBERS</p> <p>Local League members shall be citizens of the United States and at least eighteen (18) years of age. Membership shall be one of three categories: Active, Sustaining or Household. Active members are expected to participate in the activities of the League of Women Voters. Sustaining members are those who do not participate and shall pay substantially higher dues. Household members are two or more members living at the same address. Each member of a household after the first will receive a reduction in dues.</p> <p>Section 4. ASSOCIATE LOCAL LEAGUE MEMBERS</p> <p>Associate local League members are all other persons enrolled in the League who do not qualify for local membership on the basis of citizenship and/or age.</p> | <p>Section 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members. Only voting members shall be members within the meaning of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law.</p> <p>a. Voting members. Voting members shall be citizens of the United States at least 18 years of age. Life members shall be those voting members who have been members of the LWVUS for 50 years of more.</p> <p>b. Associate members. All other persons who join the League shall be associate members.</p> | <p>LWVC advises that we cannot mandate a category called "active" because anyone who meets the requirements of the LWVUS must be considered a voting member. The approved categories are "voting" and "associate."</p> <p>LWVC advises that categories of membership be defined in separate membership policies rather than in the bylaws. The current membership brochure already conflicts with the bylaws in listing categories of Individual, Household, Sustaining, and Student rather than Active, Sustaining, and Household as listed in the bylaws.</p> <p>(Under ARTICLE VIII - FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION -DUES, LWVC suggests adding "Life members shall be exempt from payment of dues.")</p> |

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| <p>Under ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 1. NUMBER, MANNER OF SELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE</p> <p>The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six elected directors and not more than six appointed directors. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. 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.</p> | <p>The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League and up to six elected directors. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members may appoint such additional directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The number of appointed directors shall not exceed one-third of the total number of officers and directors. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual meeting.</p> | <p>The board recommends deleting the word "shall" where it implies that we must have six elected directors in addition to the five officers and that we must appoint additional directors. The change allows the number of elected directors to be flexible rather than mandatory. LWVC advises that the law requires that the number of appointed directors not exceed one-third of the total number of officers and directors. For example, if we had only three elected directors, we could not have more than four appointed directors, as the number of elected would be $5 + 3 = 8$. Total board size could then not be larger than 12.</p> |
| <p>Section 5. REGULAR MEETINGS</p> <p>(b) The Board shall meet within 90 days after the Annual Meeting to set goals and outline the calendar.</p> | <p>(b) The Board shall meet within 90 days after the Annual Meeting to set goals and determine the calendar.</p> | <p>The board recommends substituting "determine" for "outline" to allow for planning to begin earlier in the year and for the calendar to be finalized by the new board after the Annual Meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Under ARTICLE V - OFFICERS SECTION 5 - TREASURER</p> <p>Add:</p> <p>The treasurer shall be responsible for filing federal, state and local government forms and for payment of taxes and fees, as required by law.</p> | <p>LWVC advises adding this to the treasurer's duties because of what has happened with many local Leagues and other nonprofits (including LWVSJC and the SJC Ed Fund) recently. The treasurer does not have to physically do it but should make sure that it is done according to required deadlines, etc.</p> |

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| <p>Under ARTICLE X - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</p> <p>Section 4. ELECTION</p> <p>The election shall be conducted by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote of those local League members present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.</p> | <p>Section 4. ELECTION</p> <p>The election shall be conducted by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting. The election shall be by ballot, except that if there is but one nominee for each office, it shall be by voice vote, in which a majority vote of those members present, qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. All elections for directors must be by ballot if a member so demands before the voting begins. If the election is by written ballot, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes of those persons voting are elected.</p> | <p>LWVC suggests substituting this for our current section 4. This allows a voice vote, which our current language legally does not. The second sentence is a requirement of law. The third sentence allows election by a plurality if we have several people running. Otherwise, several written ballots might be required before we get a majority vote</p> |

Proposed Local Positions Update

This year a committee reviewed all the available information on the most recent proposed revisions to the Local Positions, compiled those revisions, and proposed some refinements to the original policies that do not change the original intent.

Following are the LWVSJC Local Positions with the revisions that the committee is proposing. Strikethroughs indicate proposed deletions. Italics indicate updates.

At the Annual Meeting, members will be asked to vote on one of three actions:

1. Approve the proposed changes without further revision.
2. Refer a policy for further refinement. (Note that this will require volunteers to work on actual refinements.)
3. Recommend a policy for a new study. (This action will require a commitment by several individuals to take charge of the local study.)

Actions taken on the Local Positions at the 2011 Annual Meeting will be reflected in an update that will be posted on the LWVSJC Members Only website as a PDF available for download and printing.

Thank you to the revision committee – Cate White, Bea Lingenfelter, and Gloria Ikeda – and also to Sabrina Birmingham, a Delta College political science student who volunteered to retype the Local Positions for review and then to produce a finished version.

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Local Positions

Category I—Government

Category II—Natural Resources

Category III—Social Policy

I. GOVERNMENT

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION adopted 1976 revised 1977, 1979, 2001

Position in Brief: Support measures which will increase citizen information and participation in governments through boards and commissions. Appointees to legally constituted boards and commissions should be as broadly representative of the total community as possible—including men, women, minorities, all income groups, a wide variety of occupational groups and a variety of special interest groups. Appointing bodies should take positive action in seeking out individuals to represent groups not ~~now~~ currently represented.

Objectives:

1. Boards, commissions and committees should be given clearly stated assignments and deadlines.
2. The appointing body should have a commitment to the purpose of the appointed group and ensure that the group's efforts receive thorough consideration.
3. The professional staff should be resourceful, neutral, patient with lay persons, and comply with the letter and spirit of the law relative to citizen participation.
4. There should be orientation programs for members of all boards, commissions and committees.
5. Terms should be limited to two terms or eight years.
6. Vacancies should be announced to the public through ~~a news release to the media.~~ *a variety of media including electronic.*
7. Civic/community/interest groups should be asked by the appointing body to submit names.
8. Individuals should be allowed to recommend nominees including themselves.
9. Interested individuals should be required to submit an appropriate resume.
10. A time schedule should be set to implement the above procedures.

National Position: The LWVUS believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens at all levels of government. The League further believes that governmental bodies must protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

State Position: None

OFF PREMISE ADVERTISING adopted 1974, reviewed 2001

Position in Brief: Support of governmental sign studies and subsequent ordinances for the control of off-premise signs, as follows: density, location, size of display area, size of structure (height, width, distance from ground), and ratio of structure size to parcel size.

Objectives:

1. To attract and direct persons to various activities and enterprises, in order to provide for the maximum public convenience and safety.
2. To provide a reasonable system of control for signs ~~integrated within and a~~ *as* part of the comprehensive zoning plan and under the jurisdiction of the appropriate planning commissions.
3. To enhance the economic base of the community and each area thereof through the regulation of such things as size, location, design and illumination of signs.
4. To reduce possible traffic and safety hazards through good signing.
5. To encourage a desirable urban character which has a minimum of overhead clutter
6. To relate sign area and height to viewing distances and optical characteristics of the eye.
7. ~~Prohibit the proliferation of roadside agricultural stand advertising. Place strict limits on the size and number of off-site signs for these stands.~~

National Position: None

State Position: None

II. NATURAL RESOURCES

AGRICULTURE LAND PRESERVATION adopted in 1982, reviewed in 2001

Position in Brief: Support of measures to preserve agricultural land in San Joaquin County.

Objectives:

1. A comprehensive plan to preserve agricultural land should be developed *and implemented via the County's General Plan and Development Code. Possible implementation measures include ranking the most valuable or threatened agricultural resource. (from July/2004 doc)*
2. The following should be used to identify the land to be preserved:
 - a. Establishment of a consistent definition for "prime" agriculture land;
 - b. Determination of the availability, quality and cost of getting water to the land;
 - c. Irrigated soils through Class III;
 - d. Potential agricultural economic value of the land;
 - e. Local input.

3. Agricultural land should be preserved in parcels as large as possible and smaller parcels should be reunified when feasible
- ~~4. Infill and higher density should be encouraged. A comprehensive inventory of available land in the county should be done and growth should be directed to the poorer quality lands for needed housing and industry. (Note: recommend moving #4 to Planning/Land Use position. See Land use #3.)~~
4. Broad state guidelines and policies should be established to identify agricultural lands and their preservation. Implementation and enforcement of land use policies should take place on the local level.
5. *LAFCO should play a greater or more responsible role in the determination of where and when it is timely for agricultural lands to be developed. They should evaluate and weigh the necessity for agricultural land conversion in both sphere of influence as well as annexation requests. They should also consider and evaluate the need and importance of existing or future community greenbelts or community separators in determining annexation proposals.*
6. ~~Add a policy re greenbelts or community separators: "Protect existing agricultural buffer areas between urban centers." (See Land use #5.)~~

National Agricultural Policy: The LWVUS believes that federal agriculture policies should promote adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers and support economically viable farms, environmentally sound farm practices and increased reliance on the free market to determine prices.

State agricultural Policy (*Position in Brief*): adopted in 1983 – Support policies that recognize agricultural land as a limited resource which must be preserved for the economic and physical well-being of California and the nation. Appropriate agricultural land should be identified and its long-term protection should be based on regulatory and incentive programs which include comprehensive planning, zoning measures and other preservation techniques. State policy which affects agriculture should ensure the conservation of soil and water resources through incentives coupled with penalties for noncompliance.

Agriculture Land Preservation:

- Appropriate land should be identified and held for agriculture
- The identification of agricultural land should be based on criteria which include an available water supply, the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics, and soil factors, and the threat of urbanization
- Techniques for preserving agricultural land should include tax relief, tax incentives, and “less-than-free” purchase of development interest in farmland.

PLANNING/LAND USE adopted 1967, revised 1972, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1980, reviewed 2001

Position in Brief: Support of general plans for the orderly development and use of land in San Joaquin County and its incorporated areas. The main goals of the General Plans should be to improve the physical and economic environment of the community as a setting for human activities; to make it more functional, efficient, beautiful, healthful and interesting. Planning and ordinances for land use should promote the interest of the community at large rather than the interests of individuals or special groups. Opportunity for citizen participation in the consideration of land use problems and in the evaluation or proposed solutions must be provided at all levels of the decision-making process.

Objectives

1. Environmental impact reports should be required (~~Delete as National covers this~~)
2. The resources of the Stockton Channel areas should be protected *while encouraging the redevelopment and reutilization of vacant properties along the waterfront.*
3. Land use policies should be developed which restrict urban sprawl ~~and which encourage annexation efforts in urban areas.~~ Any *new* urban development should be adjacent to existing urban developments
4. *Infill and higher density should be encouraged. A comprehensive inventory of available land in the county should be done and growth should be directed to the poorer quality lands for needed housing and industry.*
 - a. *Support redevelopment of older downtown and urban centers. Facilitate reuse of abandoned or vacant properties.*
 - b. *Prohibit residential development in areas of natural hazards (e.g. floodplains) or areas with significant resource values (e.g. vernal pools). Work with FEMA and conservation organizations to buy out these properties.*
 - c. *Minimize conflicts and insure more effective coordination of regional planning opportunities by strengthening and formalizing working relationships between cities and county utilizing San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) and the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO).*
5. Policies should be developed to acquire, preserve and/or create greenbelts, natural wild-life areas, *agricultural buffer zones*, and other open spaces *between urban areas*. Regional park development and flexibility in park planning *should be promoted.*
 - a. Biking and walking paths should be provided for the purposes of recreation and as a means of transportation.
 - b. *Restore urban waterways by creating accessible and attractive greenbelts with pedestrian/bike paths that not only beautify the community, but create alternative means of transportation or access within the community.*

National Positions: Promote policies that manage land as a finite resource and that incorporate principles of stewardship.

Natural Resources:

-Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources

-Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability. Pollution of these resources should be controlled in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystems and to protect public health.

Resource Management (Position in Brief): Promote resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.

Environmental Protection and Pollution Control (Position in Brief): Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment.

Public Participation (Position in Brief): Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources.

State Position: adopted in 1975 – Support state land use planning that recognizes land as a resource as well as a commodity. The state should establish guidelines and standards for land areas of more than local concern. Decisions for these areas should be made at the lowest level of government feasible, but should be subject to state review. Citizens must have a meaningful participation in land use planning and regulation.

SOLID WASTE adopted 1973, revised 1974, 1979, 1980, 2001

Position in Brief: Support the development of a Solid Waste Disposal Plan *including utilization of multiple environmentally safe_uses for recycled materials.* The responsibility for implementation of this plan should be under the management of only one department of county government.

Objectives:

1. A county-wide collection system should be mandated.
2. Disposal method should include a combination of composting, salvaging, recycling and landfill.
3. Long-range plans should include goals for the final use of landfill sites.
4. *Long-range plans should include safe use and/or disposal of electronic waste*

National Position: None

State Position: None

TRANSPORTATION adopted 2006

Position in Brief: Support a transportation system ~~to move~~ *for* people and goods which includes a variety of transportation modes, with emphasis on long term solutions, and coordination among local, regional, and federal transportation officials, ~~and one which places~~ putting transportation *infrastructure* in place ~~before~~ *in conjunction with* population growth.

Objectives:

1. Transportation and land use planning should be integrated to promote reduced vehicle miles traveled through a jobs/housing balance and a requirement that land use development facilitate use of transit and other alternatives to single occupant vehicles.
 - a. Planning for transportation should promote alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel such as high occupancy vehicle lanes, expanded public transit, car/van pools and bicycle lanes.
 - b. Planning for the cumulative impact of growth should be included in a transportation plan.
 - c. The reduction of congestion and the repair of city streets should be included in transportation planning.
 - d. Regional (multi-county) cooperation in transportation planning should be included in a transportation plan.
 - e. Coordinated land use planning within cities and regionally should be included in a transportation plan.
 - f. Incentives to encourage good transportation planning should be included in a transportation plan.
2. Transportation funding should come from a mix of sources, including development fees, *and* local, state and federal governments.
 - a. Local funds should be available to assure matching of available state and federal dollars.
 - b. A transportation plan should include funding for a variety of transportation methods.
 - c. ~~New development~~ *Developers* should be required to mitigate the impact of new developments on the transportation infrastructure.

National Position: Land use

State Position: Transportation adopted 1991

WATER adopted 1974 revised 1976

Position in Brief: Support the concept of a single publicly owned water agency for the Stockton Metropolitan Area that can plan, develop and operate our water resources to the best interest of all citizens. This would include 1) support of efforts to acquire and distribute a supplemental surface

water supply to this area, and 2) support of ~~management~~ *managed* control of groundwater pumping ~~from the underground water basin~~. Support of measures to preserve water quality in the Delta.

National Position: Support measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water.

State Position: adopted in 1959, updated in 1961, 1967, 1971, and 1979: Support measures which promote the management and development of water resources in ways that are beneficial to the environment with emphasis on conservation and high standards of water quality that are appropriate for the intended use.

III. SOCIAL POLICY

HOUSING adopted 1969, revised 1971, 1974, 1979

Position in Brief: Support of both public and private programs to provide sufficient and adequate housing to meet the needs of the entire community. Support efforts to integrate neighborhoods and provide equal access *to basic services*.

Objectives:

- ~~1. The federal government should provide funds to guarantee all citizens a decent, safe and sanitary home in a suitable environment at prices they can afford.~~
1. *Local government should take advantage of available federal and state housing programs and enforce local building codes.*
2. *Public Affordable housing should be dispersed throughout the community.*
3. *Industry should share responsibility for providing and improving housing in the community and should provide leadership in developing innovative techniques in order to lower the cost of housing.*
- ~~4. Organized labor should be receptive to cost reducing innovations.~~
- ~~5. Private citizens, realtors, neighborhood associations and local governments should actively participate in the upgrading of existing housing and neighborhoods.~~
4. *A citizen's fair housing committee should be formed to promote the enforcing of the fair housing laws by: (a) disseminating information to minority persons advising them of the housing situation, and (b) making available housing accessible to minorities.*
5. *Target downtown areas as appropriate for the construction of safe and affordable housing by building residential housing over ground floor commercial/retail units, renovating old office buildings, and upgrading existing apartment buildings.*

National Position: Support equal access to education, housing and employment.

State Position: Support equal opportunity in housing, support measures to increase supply of safe, decent, adequate housing, support for action at all government levels for provision for affordable housing for all Californians.

PROBATION adopted in 1966, revised in 1986, 1970, 1974, 1979 reviewed 2001

Position in Brief: Support efforts to redirect juveniles in conflict with the law toward useful positions in our society. Support programs and facilities in which the major emphasis is treatment rather than simple detention.

Objectives

1. The San Joaquin County Probation Department should be adequately financed.
2. Programs and projects in the Probation Department should be brought up to standards recommended by State and Federal authorities and lay experts in the field of Probation.
3. The county should have a major responsibility to develop and coordinate public and private programs which would prevent youngsters from entering the Juvenile Justice System
4. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission should work closely with school systems to develop programs for ~~early detection of delinquent tendencies~~ *children exhibiting at risk behavior*.
5. Group homes and day care centers should be used as alternatives to simple detention.
6. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission should extend its duties to include acting as a liaison between the Juvenile Justice system and the general public
7. The community and the Probation Administration should be receptive to change and innovation in relation to facilities, personnel programs and methods of financing.

National Position: None

State Position: Juvenile Justice/Dependency

PUBLIC HEALTH adopted 1980 (update and revise study planned in 2002, but not done)

Position in Brief: Support measures to protect the public health of the citizens of San Joaquin County. The main goal of public health services should be to ensure a healthy environment for the community. Emphasis should be on those services which are not provided by any (other) entity within the community. Personal and environmental public health services are considered to be equally important and neither should be neglected.

Objectives:

1. Public health services should be administered as a separate department with a single focus
2. The Local Health District should continue to provide public health services to the citizens of San Joaquin County as long as it is a viable entity.
3. All available sources of revenue for funding public health services should be pursued (e.g. Federal and State program grants)
4. Fees for public health services are appropriate when they do not create barriers, economic or otherwise, to obtaining services.
5. Direct personal public health services should be provided to those who may not be able to otherwise obtain them (e.g. the poor, elderly).
6. Direction and the policy for the provision of public health services should be set at the local level.

State Position: Mental Health Care

National Position: Health Care

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