

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARLINGTON BASIC LOCAL PROGRAM

CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

- A. Support for the acquisition and retention of land and water for conservation and recreation. (1966-67)
- B. Support for the preservation, maintenance and beautification of existing open space and parks. (1972-73)
- C. Support for an ongoing policy for planned improvements and development of recreation facilities and programs. (1972-73)

EDUCATION

- A. Support of the Massachusetts Department of Education's Massachusetts Goals as the educational goals of the Arlington school system; for increased citizen awareness of these goals and all school committee policies; and for the development of mechanisms and procedures to increase citizen involvement in educational decisions. (1977-78, 1984)
- B. Support for continued evaluation and development of the school curriculum. (1977-78)
- C. Support for policies which encourage planning for evaluation and improvement of course offerings and educational options. (1977-78)
- D. Support for the continued evaluation of school staffing. (1977-78)
- E. Support for increased citizen involvement in school budget decisions. (1977-78)
- F. Support for comprehensive policies which encourage planning, evaluation and improvement of K-12.
- G. Support for consolidation, redistricting or joint occupancy of schools only in order to maintain the quality and variety of programs. Should any of these options become necessary, we would strongly recommend: 1) early notification of parents; and 2) prompt decisions about any alternative use of a school building. (1977-78, 1985)
- H. Support for a comprehensive, up to date, library program in the schools as an integral part of the Town's educational system. (1982-83)
- I. Support for a grade configuration that meets the educational and development needs of each age group. (1983-85, 2019)

HUMAN RESOURCES

- A. Support for the management of health and social services conveniently available to all residents at moderate cost. (1971-72)
- B. Support for the management of a health and social service council, broadly representing consumers as well as health and human service providers, to serve as a coordinating, planning and evaluation body. (1971-1972)
- C. Support for programs to alleviate problems relating to youth in Arlington. (1975-76)
- D. Support of efforts to obtain subsidized housing and new construction through the use of governmental rent subsidies in the existing housing stock and through the recycling of surplus public buildings into housing. (1980, 2003)

TOWN LIBRARY SYSTEM

- A. Support for the right of every person to have access to an excellent certified public library. (2003-2004)
- B. Support of measures strengthening the quality of the town's library system and maintaining certification by the Board of Library Commissioners. (2003-2004)
- C. Support for adequate funding of the library system so resources can be balanced among acquiring and maintaining materials, access (hours open) and staff to help patrons. High priorities are also building accessibility, maintenance and safety. (2003-2004)
- D. Support for including community needs in acquiring materials and complying with the "minimum open hours" state requirement. (2003-2004)
- E. Full support for a strong central library. Support for the value of branch libraries. (2003-2004)

TOWN GOVERNMENT

- A. Support of the Town Manager form of government. (1952, 1969, 1976, 2000)
- B. Support of a representative Town Meeting, with informed Town Meeting Members whose voting records can be determined by interested persons. (1967-68, 1976)
- C. Support of community-wide participation on appointed town committees, and establishment of a policy for organization of, procedures for, and monitoring of said committees. (1972)

D. Support of the following changes to strengthen the structure of Arlington's government:

1) That a Department of Finance consisting of the Treasurer, Accountant, Professional Assessor and a Board of Assessment Review should be established and be appointed and/or removed by the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. (1976-77)

2) That the Town Clerk should be appointed and/or removed by the Town Manager with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. (1976-77)

TOWN PLANNING

A. Support the principle of overall planning with concern for the aesthetic values and zoning procedures. (1965-66, 1975)

B. Support of the concept of revitalization of Arlington's business districts. (1975, 1980, 2013)

C. Support for zoning by-laws concerning family day care which agree with the regulations of the Massachusetts Office for Children. (1984-85)

CABLE TV AND RELATED MEDIA

A. Support for the widest possible local cable TV and related media access as a means to disseminate and share information and opinions about Arlington Town government, local civic and cultural events, and other topics of interest to the public. (2003)

B. Support for cable TV and related media arrangements that benefit the entire town – residents, businesses, organizations and town government. (2004)

C. Support for a non-profit corporation that would be contracted by the Board of Selectmen to respond to the needs of the Arlington community for public, educational and government access. (2004)

LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

A. Support for documenting policies and procedures, including state regulations, to define a formal process for tenant concerns to be communicated, addressed, and resolved. (2019)

B. Support for adherence to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. (2019)

C. Support for regular professional training in interacting with people with challenges, including but not limited to hearing, sight, language, cultural, financial, religious and

physical and mental abilities. Communication should be responsive, prompt and courteous. (2019)

- D. Support for tenant handbooks being explicitly clear regarding whom to call in emergencies: police, fire, or building maintenance. The handbooks should be reviewed/revised every few years as necessary and dated for easy reference. (2019)
- E. Support for an adequate number of social workers to meet the needs of the tenants. (2019)
- F. Support for regulations outlining the procedure for the election of tenant representation on the AHA's board to be codified by the state. (2019)