

# League of Women Voters of Snohomish

## POSITIONS in Brief

*For the League of Women Voters, positions are adopted at the national, state, and local levels. Positions are developed by study and then adopted by consensus.*

*These are the Positions in Brief adopted by the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County.*

- **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Support of citizen participation in local government by advocating that county and local government branches provide adequate notice of proposed actions, hold open meetings, and make public records readily accessible.

- **CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Support of regional planning that reflects conservation of natural resources and which includes citizen participation in planning, zoning, land use, and water management; county and city compliance with the Growth Management Act; and park acquisition and development.

- **ELECTION LAWS AND PROCEDURES**

Seeking enforcement of registration laws and election procedures.

- **HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING**

Support of local efforts to alleviate the housing shortage, including cooperative efforts between private and nonprofit agencies and the housing authorities, to provide low-income housing.

- **JUVENILE SERVICES**

Support of measures to maintain effective services by Snohomish County Juvenile Services.

- MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Strong support of measures for adequate funding of prevention and treatment services for persons of all ages and circumstance, including increase in state and federal funding formulas under Medicaid and Medicare, increase in state appropriations for community mental health services and reduction in state and regional administrative overhead, and enactment of full mental health insurance parity legislation at state and federal levels.

- PORT DISTRICTS

Encouragement of port districts to emphasize environmental values, to coordinate planning, and be accountable to the public.

- SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Support for the solid waste management priorities of Snohomish County in descending order: waste reduction, recycling, and landfill.

- TRANSPORTATION

Support for a long-term transportation service plan that increases ridership, ensures smooth transfers between modes of transit, provides a quick response to service needs, and is compatible with comprehensive regional planning for transportation that reflects conservation of natural resources.