



## PROGRAM FOR 2006-2007

- 1. Nassau County Legislature:** To monitor the County Legislature, its regular sessions and the committee meetings, by regular attendance of the Corps of League Representatives, to insure that League program issues and goals are met, particularly as follows:
  - (a) To assure that legislative districts conform to League apportionment principles and that minority representation is in compliance with the Voting Rights Act.
  - (b) Advocacy for the LWV of Nassau County Budget Position adopted by concurrence on October 1999.
  - (c) To advance the cause of an effective County Ethics Board.
  - (d) To increase legislator accountability in the campaigns for the County Legislature, addressing the issues of public campaign finance and fair campaign practices.
  - (e) To advocate for County Legislature implementation of a system whereby professional lobbyists at all levels of local government be registered with full disclosure.
- 2. Nassau County Board of Elections:**
  - (a) To work in cooperation with the Nassau County Board of Elections and The League of Women Voters of New York State to secure full compliance with the National Voter Registration Act and Help America Vote Act.
  - (b) To direct an emphasis toward the implementation of a computerized system of campaign income and expenditure reporting by all candidates at all levels of local government.
  - (c) To assure an improved system of trained election personnel.
  - (d) To assure adequate funding to achieve a fair and proper election process.
  - (e) To implement a State wide voter registry.
- 3. Natural Resources:** To promote action on State and National League environmental policy positions as they apply to Nassau County, with emphasis on:
  - (a) To achieve active League participation in planning, decision-making and implementation of environmental quality and land use issues.
  - (b) To enhance community education and action on measures that protect groundwater.
- 4. Transportation:** To support the concept of mass transit as a public service with operating costs subsidized as they are for all public services and shared by all levels of government.
- 5. Equal Employment Opportunity for Women:** To support equal employment conditions including freedom from sexual harassment and equal pay for comparable work.
- 6. Social Policy:** To support state and national positions, including welfare reform, child care, health care reform, domestic violence prevention, and reproductive rights, as they apply to Nassau County.
- 7. Outreach:** To promote a more inclusive and diverse membership, particularly among minority and younger populations, and to better serve civics education needs through an intensive outreach program.
- 8. Affordable Housing:** To meet the current and future housing needs of residents, regardless of economic circumstances, with diversity of affordable housing opportunities and types ownership, rentals, single and multiple dwellings.

The LWV of Nassau County encourages the County to coordinate with Towns, Villages and School Districts when making decisions relative to infrastructure, taxes, incentives for economic development, public transportation and location of facilities.

Collaborative community-based planning for long-term land use is essential. The League supports county initiatives that would encourage affordable homes through acquisition of previously developed sites for the purpose of redevelopment, and the sale or transfer of county-owned tax defaulted properties to Towns and Villages for the purpose of affordable housing.