

LWVE Positions

Municipal Government (1978)

1. Support for adoption of a model ordinance for all boards, commissions and committees.
2. Support of periodic review of boards and commissions with automatic termination for those that are not specifically reviewed. Support for regular financial reporting, and efforts at annual evaluations by Council.
3. Support for an appointment process which stresses interest, diversity and ability to contribute support for timely and impartial exercise of mayor's powers.
4. Support for council rule that citizen members of special committees are appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of council and that council designate to whom such committees report.

Council-Manager Government (1979, 1985, 1990)

1. Support for the Council-Manager form of government for Evanston.
2. Support for electing aldermen from wards
3. Support for the election of aldermen to allow for the diversity of the community to be represented.
4. Support for a regular, formalized review of the City Manager's performance
5. Support for maximum utilization of resources that can help aldermen manage the council workload.

City Budget (1983)

1. Support City Council's policy of establishing budget controls.
2. Support long-range planning for capital improvements.
3. Support continued efforts by the City to broaden its tax base.

Home Rule (1980)

Support of Home Rule Government for Evanston.

Town/Gown (1984, 1991)

1. Support for increased cooperation between the city and the institutions of higher learning to help resolve the economic problems facing the community.
2. Support for increased collaboration between public schools and institutions of higher learning.
3. Support for improved communication between the City and institutions of higher learning.

LWVIL Positions

Local Government

The League continues to support the enactment of legislation to provide a process for the orderly transfer of power when units of government are dissolved or their structure or boundaries are changed. Lack of such enabling legislation has been a major obstacle to local decisions to change the structure of government.

Home Rule

The League strongly supports provisions in the 1970 Constitution that allow certain local governments to adopt home rule. The League opposes any attempt to restrict this option. Although the LWVIL position supports the home rule provision in the constitution, a local League must complete a local study if members want to take a position on the question of home rule for their own community.