Everyone's a Player— Updating the League's Position on Housing and Transportation

Saturday, March 14 | 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. | North University City Library, 8820 Judicial Drive
Tuesday, March 24 | 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. | Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Pkwy

It's been a while since we have gone through the process to update or form a position. It is the backbone of the League's work and depends on all the members participating. Now that we are 100 years old, some of our positions were formed many decades ago, so periodically, we decide at a Program Planning meeting that enough has changed that we should update our position.

The Public Policy Committee has been gathering information, learning from speakers, and discussing concepts related to our position on housing and transportation for the last two years. Part of the update process was to decide what parts of the old positions we should keep. Now, the committee has written several questions for members to discuss and come to consensus on. Consensus is defined as substantial member agreement, preferably reached through group discussion. It is the sense of the group rather than a majority opinion.

This study update will be presented for consensus at two meetings: Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the North University City Library on Judicial and Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library. Please plan to attend and participate in one of these meetings. The committee will then combine the two sessions and draft an updated position which the board will vote on to recommend to the members for approval at the Annual Meeting in June. Since transportation involves the whole county, members of the LWV of North County San Diego will join us in this process. League is a grassroots organization and we depend on our members to help form positions just like our democracy depends on everyone to vote.
Consensus Questions

1. Should underutilized publicly-owned land be developed more intensely to help meet housing and transportation needs?
2. Should the way development impact fees are calculated be changed to encourage higher density development near transit?
3. Should the in-lieu fee be calculated so that it incentivizes actual construction of affordable units?
4. Should mixed income housing communities be encouraged?
5. Do you support enforcing adequate tenant protection?
6. Should the San Diego region have a transportation system which meets the following standards?
   - Safety
   - Adequate Funding
   - Convenient and available transit service
   - Favorable environmental qualities
7. Should transportation be planned in relation to land use plans?
8. Should transportation planning and decision-making be the responsibility of a regional planning organization, structured to be responsive and responsible to the public?
9. Should there be sufficient infrastructure and alternative transportation modes to meet climate action plan mode split goals?
10. Should transit connect major employment centers with residential communities?
11. Should there be a comprehensive, affordable transportation system available to all San Diegans?
12. Should public transit be prioritized over highways and road improvements?
13. Should transportation Demand Management be encouraged? (ride sharing, car pools, staged work hours, working from home, etc.)
14. Should public transit schedules and routes be planned to support and maximize ridership or should it minimize costs?
15. Should there be publicly supported connections between transit stops and first and last mile destinations?
16. Should major streets be planned to accommodate all users including automobiles, transit, bicycling and walking?
17. Should our housing and transportation position updates support greenhouse gas reduction as outlined in the climate action plan?
18. Should we promote better coordination of land use with transportation?
19. Should mixed use zoning near transit be encouraged in order to facilitate convenience and reduce trips?