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LOCAL POSITIONS 2004-2005

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles has studied issues of open space, recreation, and parks and reached this position through consensus.

OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND PARKS (1971)

1. Support for the acquisition, preservation and maintenance of open space, with emphasis on adequate financing at all levels of government which will enable and encourage such a program.

Support taxes to acquire park land and open space.

Emphasize parks and playgrounds, including greenbelts, buffer zones and green spots.

Oppose sale or trade of parklands; if it occurs, support exchange for its equivalent in the same area; and oppose modification of existing parks unless such modification enhances recreation and park use.

Retain City-owned land for public purposes.

Promote the preservation and maintenance of out-of-city camps which provide an inexpensive camping experience for city dwellers.

Take action that will preserve the coastline for the enjoyment of the public; support measures to provide public access to all beaches; and support building restrictions which keep the waterfront view from being obstructed.

Encourage acquisition of new land for museum and library construction instead of using present park land.

2. Support for open lines of communication enabling further cooperation between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the citizens, leading to the following objectives:

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- Cooperation between Recreation and Parks Department and public school playgrounds;
 - Flexibility in regulations governing park usage;
 - Cooperation of community groups in determining the recreational needs of a neighborhood;
 - Posting of official notification in a park when major changes for that park are to be placed on the Commission Agenda including use of all other forms of public notice; and
 - Basing the proposals of new facilities on these criteria relating to the neighborhood – age distribution, population density, median family income, and juvenile delinquency rates.
3. Support of efficient administration of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

The General Manager should administer the Department.

The Commission should control land use, acquisition and disposition.

The Commission should serve as an appeals board.