

**POSITIONS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DADE COUNTY**

2009-2010

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Support of local government which is efficient and economical, with competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility and adequate financing:

THE CHARTER

Support of a county charter that conforms to League positions.

Proposed charter amendments should be placed on the ballot either by a resolution adopted by the County Commission or by petition. The Florida Legislature should not be given the authority to place proposed Charter amendments on the Miami-Dade County ballot.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Support of a representative Commission which is elected by the people in nonpartisan elections

Support of staggered terms for County Commissioners

Support of removal of specific figure for salaries from the charter, with salaries set as recommended by state scale

The County Commission should have the power to organize itself. The Chairperson should be selected by the County Commission. Committees of the Commission should be established by the Commission, and committee members selected by the Commission.

THE BUDGET

Support of formal mechanisms for citizen input into the Dade County budget prior to printing of the proposed budget document

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Support of a uniform base for signatures on initiative, referendum and recall petition.

Support of a higher percentage of signatures on recall petitions than on initiative and referendum petitions.

Support of procedures for recall requiring:

- A. A statement of grounds on the petition;
- B. A statement of grounds and a rebuttal on the ballot

Opposition to recall during the first year and the last six months of a commissioner's term

LIBRARIES

Support of a county-wide library system

TRANSPORTATION

Support of mass transportation which acts as a tool to improve the quality of urban life by protecting the environment and providing access to housing, including:

Support of a balanced, unified transportation system

LAND USE

Support of Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan based on equitable, realistic, comprehensive and flexible criteria including:

Support of a planning process that ensures governmental coordination, citizen input, and up-dating and enforcement

Support of planning in which population growth and distribution are constrained by the ability of the ecosystem to support that growth while at the same time maintaining a quality of life beneficial to the total community

Support of planning policies which encourage and give priority to redevelopment and/or upgrading of existing areas and neighborhoods

Support of Urban Development Boundary line in effect on June 14, 2005