

## LWVKC LOCAL PROGRAM

**Local Positions** – The positions from which the LWVKC is currently working include:

**Education:** Support for the concept of educational opportunity in which each child in the county is encouraged to develop to the limits of his or her potential

**Housing:** Support for the: Active enforcement of the county-wide housing code; active enforcement of the county-wide building code; County government actively seeking means to meet the county housing needs through private and public money.

**Planning and Zoning:** Support for the comprehensive plan for Kent County. The plan should provide for growth but maintain the rural character of the county.

**County Government:** Support for a home-rule type of county government that has broad subject matter legislative powers and meets the needs of the citizens of Kent County, and whose members are elected from districts.

### **Local Program on Land Use and Growth Management (Concurrence in 2002):**

**Land Use/Growth Management:** Action to promote the establishment of coordinated land use plans between Kent County and its towns and unincorporated villages. Action to promote the establishment of design and development standards for Kent County and its communities to achieve land use plans that meet the changing goals and needs of its citizens. *The process for establishing design and development standards should be based equally on the following League of Women Voters' principles: Broad-based participation of the public with consideration of the needs of all the citizens; visioning that is ongoing, dynamic, and forward-looking; and consideration of environment and natural resources.*

#### **Support for:**

**Multi-government decision making on land use and growth management issues such as:** coordination of comprehensive plan issues; Critical Area issues; community services and facilities; rural and agricultural conservation; location/annexation; housing; public waterfront access; infrastructure; parks and recreation; residential and commercial development; community appearance and design.

**Design and development standards categories such as:** Density of both structures and population; preservation of natural resources, environment, open space; adequate public facilities and services, including parks and recreation; aesthetics; compatibility of buildings and size plan with surroundings, balance of commercial/industrial and residential structures; transportation requirements and traffic impact; historic preservation.

**Background:** We adopted this concurrence at our annual meeting in 2002. We have used it as a basis for testimony at the County Commission level. **Outlook for Work:** We will continue to monitor agencies and to testify if possible.