



League of Women Voters of Howard County
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Re: FY2016 Operating Budget

Chairman Sigaty and members of the County Council:

For Fiscal Year 2016, the League of Women Voters of Howard County asks for support with the proposed budgets for Community Services, Recreation and Parks and Education. Education includes Howard County Public School System, Howard Community College and Howard County Library System. We strongly support these proposed budgets.

We are here this evening to bring special attention to the proposed budget for the Board of Elections. We have one election in this year's budget which is the Presidential Primary in April, 2016. Maryland will continue to offer Early Voting for several days prior to Election Day. We anticipate a high turnout given the office of the President and a Senatorial opening in Maryland. We will be working closely with the Board of Elections staff in alerting potential voters to the new optical scan paper based voting machines.

The Board of Elections request is in the amount of \$3.2 million of General Fund dollars.

We urge your support.

Lillie Gallant, President