



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

TESTIMONY TO THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

RE: Ordinance O-1-17

POSITION: Support

DATE: February 6, 2017

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The League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County strongly supports the Non-discrimination of Foreign Born Residents Ordinance, O-1-17.

The League's position on immigration calls for all persons to receive fair treatment under the law. While equal treatment is implicit in current statutes, it has not been universally practiced. Ordinance O-1-17 establishes a clear code of conduct for public servants, and acknowledges the basic human rights of foreign born residents. Its adoption would promote public trust in the government and in its enforcement of laws.

Enacting Ordinance O-1-17 is the right thing to do, at the right time. With it, Annapolis will set an example of reasoned, balanced, humanitarian leadership to the state, nation and world.

On behalf of League of Women Voters members across the country, we urge the City of Annapolis to enact Ordinance O-1-17.