

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THURSTON COUNTY POSITION ON THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

OLYMPIA CITY GOVERNMENT

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The League favors a city government which:

- Is broadly representative economically and geographically.
- Has open discussion of policy issues.
- Is responsive (ability to most directly address problems, issues, and goals).
- Encourages citizen participation.
- Has separation of powers with a qualified administrator.

We believe that a council-manager form of government most effectively meets this criteria. We would recommend that Olympia be governed under the Optional Municipal Code with a change in form of government structure. We think that council members should be elected from a combination of district and at-large positions with one at large position designated as mayor. All of this has happened except the seven council members are all at-large (not by district), including the mayor who is elected.