

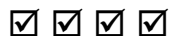
STATEMENT OF POSITION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska supports good land use planning; the formulation, implementation, and enforcement of comprehensive plans (including regional plans) for the use of all lands in the State of Alaska; the ensuring of coordination and cooperation among state, federal, municipal, and private land owners; and placement of responsibility for making and enforcing land use decisions on the lowest level of government immediately concerned with the land in question.

AMPLIFICATION

The League of Women Voters of Alaska believes the essential elements of comprehensive land planning should:

- Include citizen participation, education, communication, and on-going evaluation;
- Provide the public with alternatives and with possible consequences of their choices;
- Compile and catalog resources inventories to aid in land use decisions and to be available to all citizens when preparing impact statements, appeals, and testimonies;
- Identify and plan for areas of critical concern to the State and for areas where land use decisions have statewide impact;
- Research and establish innovative resource management systems and cooperative uses of the land;
- Evaluate social, environmental, and economic impact prior to any major public or private development or disposal;
- Formulate land policy to ensure optimum use of the land after considering environmental, social, and economic interests as well as all available information concerning each area.



Adopted 1975; Revised 1979, 1985; Reaffirmed each year since at LWVAK Convention.