

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

County Government (2004, 1983, 1978, 1976, 1964, 1958)

In the interest of providing economical and efficient county government that is responsive to the people, the League of Women Voters of Portland supports home rule for Multnomah County.

The League of Women Voters of Portland also supports:

- Separation of administrative and legislative functions;
- Salaries of elected officials based on recommendations by outside professional consultants with final approval by the Board of County Commissioners;
- A paid lobbyist (intergovernmental liaison) to represent Multnomah County's interests;
- Election of Multnomah County Commissioners and Auditor;
- Appointment of Sheriff, Assessor and Director of Elections;
- Election of County Commissioners from single-member districts;
- Freedom for an elected official to run for another office without having to resign from his/her current office;
- Filling of vacancies on the board of County Commissioners by appointment, with appointees free to run for election;
- No limit on the number of terms elected officials may serve;
- Clearance of initiative petitions by their sponsors with an officer similar to legislative counsel to ensure correct wording and legal application.

Multnomah County Library System (2004, 1986)

The League of Women Voters of Portland supports a public library system that upholds the principles of intellectual freedom and the public's right to know. We support the library as a basic community service with an assured, stable and adequate source of funding that will allow:

- Provision of library resources in keeping with new ideas and technological advances with an easy to use retrieval system;
- Continual acquisition of materials including books, other multimedia items and software in a variety of formats and languages to serve the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of all library patrons;
- Continued remote access of library resources through the Internet and other state-of-the-art technology;
- Offering reference materials (print and electronic), and the support to utilize these resources, to meet the needs of science and business patrons as well as the general public;
- Access by all persons to public library services spread throughout the county with adequate hours of service;

- Maintaining the Multnomah County Library Internet website as well as other forms of outreach to places where people live, work, and play, taking into account the multilingual nature of our communities;
- Promoting visibility in the community through The Friends of the Library, The Library Foundation and other groups of volunteers.