

II. If your League has a fair housing item on its state or local program, what conclusions has it reached about the advisability and effectiveness of present fair housing legislation at the national, state and/or local level?

The Illinois state consensus of 1967 advocated state and local fair housing legislation. In May 1968 our local consensus reaffirmed the need for local fair housing legislation.

What kinds of legislation do you support?

Comprehensive legislation incorporating provisions for effective enforcement.

What kinds of legislation do you oppose?

Do you think additional and/or different legislation is needed?

Yes, the State of Illinois should enact effective fair housing legislation. Existing local legislation should be revised so as to include enforcement procedures. Legislation should be specific as to prohibited practices and procedures to be followed when making complaints. Provision should be made for funding in sufficient amounts to cover expenses of investigating complaints and bringing cases to court when conciliation fails. The suggestion was made that home owners be required by law to accept any bona fide offer which meets the asking price.

III. Do you see any problems in the implementation of fair housing laws?

Yes

Describe:

Adequate enforcement is difficult, at least in our local situation. We need a commission which can initiate complaints as well as adequate staff to investigate complaints. Evidence is difficult to obtain in many of these cases, especially when enforcing bodies cannot subpoena witnesses. There often seems to be a lack of "follow-through" on complaints.

IV. If your League has already made a survey of housing,

A. What are your major findings?

B. How do you interpret the climate of opinion in your community with respect to residential desegregation?

No survey has been taken as yet.