

LWV - Decatur III

Adopted

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 1980-81

County and Township Governments

Support for elimination of townships in Macon County with their functions transferred to general purpose governments, such as the county or municipalities.

Support for Home Rule status for the county with establishment of an elected county executive. (If necessary, we would support appointment of an administrator by the County Board until an executive can be elected.)

Support for elimination of elected offices at the county level which do not set policy, such as Auditor, Recorder of Deeds, and Coroner.

Decatur's Environmental Quality

Support for improved surface drainage of the City of Decatur, as proposed by the Surface Drainage Task Force and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Improved Storm Drainage in 1975.

Study of the quality of water in Decatur (new program item).

Decatur Public Schools

Position resulting from 1976-77 study (needs and goals of District #61 educationally, to include areas of responsibility of the school board and administration): The school district needs to make a continuing effort to determine the desires of the public concerning its schools. The Board of Education should present a "state of the schools" message at the end of each school year, and also describe plans for the next school year. The school district should continue to place a high priority on meeting the needs of individuals. The school district should increase its efforts to implement its goal of communications with the public.

Position resulting from 1977-78 study (of the financial resources and condition of District #61): When it is determined that projected revenues will not be sufficient to maintain and/or improve programs, the Board of Education of Decatur Public Schools should ask the voters to increase one or more of the tax rates making up the "operating tax rate" (OTR) for state funding.

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An increase in the tax rate would be justified to maintain and/or improve programs if:

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Decatur's "operating tax rate" was less than needed to get maximum state funds.

City Government

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Support for local efforts to provide intervention services for victims of family violence.
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PROPOSED BUDGET 1980-81

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Budget 1979-80</u>	<u>Proposed 1980-81</u>
<u>A. Operating Costs</u>		
1. General Supplies	\$40.00	\$20.00
2. Postage	45.00	40.00
3. Telephone & Telegraph	5.00	5.00
4. Bank Charge	5.00	5.00
<u>B. Board and Administrative Committees</u>		
1. President	25.00	25.00
2. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance (Annual Drive)	30.00	40.00
b. Membership	35.00	10.00
c. Yearbook	75.00	45.00
d. Unit Organization	50.00	60.00
e. Publicity	5.00	5.00
<u>C. Delegates, Travel & Affiliations</u>		
1. State Convention		300.00
2. National Convention	400.00	300.00
3. Workshops (Regional Meetings)	75.00	50.00
4. Affiliations & Coalitions	20.00	25.00

DECATUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PROPOSED BUDGET, CONT.
EXPENDITURES

Budget
1979-80

MAY, 1980
 Budget
1980-81

D. <u>Financial Support for LWV</u>		
1. State (\$11.00/member)	\$792.00	\$671.00
*2. National (\$10.00/member)	720.00	610.00
E. <u>Bulletin</u>		
1. Supplies	400.00	400.00
2. Postage	100.00	100.00
F. <u>Educational Activities</u>		
1. Publications	150.00	150.00
2. Program Committees	25.00	10.00
3. Voters Service		
a. Voter Guides	25.00	10.00
b. Candidates Meetings	25.00	25.00
c. Voting Reference & Directory	125.00	.00
G. <u>Position Support</u>		
1. Publications	10.00	10.00
2. Action	10.00	10.00
	<u>3192.00</u>	<u>2626.00</u>

INCOME

A. Dues (72 @ \$20) (65 @ \$20)	1440.00	1300.00
B. Contributions - Members	300.00	300.00
C. Contributions - Non-Members	600.00	400.00
D. From Reserves (Cash on Hand)	462.00	326.00
E. Profit-making ventures	.00	50.00
F. Voter Advertisements	400.00	250.00
	<u>3202.00</u>	<u>2626.00</u>

*If the LWVUS per-member-payment (PMP) is increased by action at the national convention, these figures may need to be amended.

1980 PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance forwarded 4/79	\$23.41
Deposits from LWV of Decatur	100.00
Deposits from sales	23.25
	<u>\$146.66</u>
Less checks and service charges	-140.13
	<u>\$ 6.53</u>
Cash on hand	8.58
Credit at LWVUS	8.62
<u>EXPENSES FOR 1980</u>	
Materials for Board	80.00
Materials ordered for sale	35.89
Membership kits	6.00
Program	15.54
Bank charges	2.70
	<u>\$140.13</u>