

## **League of Women Voter of the Columbia Area Agenda for Action – Public Policy Positions**

### **Transportation**

The LWV of the Columbia Area supports the ordinance to levy and impose a 1% sales and use tax, within Richland County, to finance the costs of county transportation-related projects, including mass transit systems, highways, roads, greenways, bike paths, and sidewalks.

The LWV of Columbia also supports the issuance by Richland County of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$450 million, payable from the 1% sales and use tax, to fund the county transportation-related projects.

***Background/Action:*** This position was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors in September, 2012. The 1% sales tax referendum was passed by the voters of Richland County in November, 2012.

### **Land Use**

Support the establishment of unified government planning to formulate, promote, and implement orderly and responsible land use, growth, and development in Richland County and its municipalities.

### **Local Government**

Support consolidation of Richland County/Municipal government.

Support the strong mayor/city manager form of government.

Support changing the date of municipal elections to correspond with the general election dates in odd numbered years, with special attention to the effect on increased voter participation.

### **Waste Management**

Support government initiatives for variable rate garbage collection systems and other source reduction strategies.

Support local procurement policies requiring preferences for recycled products.

Support governmental responsibility for the collection and safe disposal of household hazardous waste.