



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]
OF RICHARDSON**

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VOTER

Calendar		
March, 2015		
10		First day to apply for ballot by mail for May 9 election
21	9am-noon	CHIP Help Session @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W. Belt Line, R75080
25	5:30-7pm	Northlake Elementary School Health Fair; 10059 Ravensway, D75238
April, 2015		
8	7pm	Local Program Planning Meeting; PM Realty Board Room, Promenade Tower 300 N. Coit Road, R 75080 New date!
14	7pm	Forum (<i>if at least one of the Places is contested</i>) – Richardson City Council Places 1-6 and Mayor Place 7
16		Forum (<i>if at least one of the Places is contested</i>) – Richardson ISD Places 1, 2, & the one-year unexpired term in Place 5
24	7pm	“Global Gendercide and Women’s Empowerment for Sustainable Growth” lecture by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen; Edith O’Donnell Arts & Technology Lecture Hall at UT-Dallas, 800 W. Campbell road, R75080; Tickets: \$30
27-May 5		Early voting for May 9 election
30		Last day to apply for ballot by mail (received) for May 9 election



Ellen Steger, *President*

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S PEN

Your Richardson League of Women Voters is busy with plans for the rest of this fiscal year and the beginning of next. It takes people donating both their time and money to keep this organization providing the services you have come to expect. Soon you will be receiving a letter asking for your support in our Finance Drive.



Unlike League membership dues, which go to support the Texas League and the National League, **100% of donations to LWV-R go to support the Richardson League’s local activities.** See details later in this newsletter for how you can make a donation.

Thanks for your support!

The Richardson League's Local Program Planning Meeting was originally scheduled for March 4. Due to weather concerns, it has been **rescheduled for April 8, 2015**. Change your calendars and plan to attend! The only time and place when topics for new local study can be brought up is at the Local Program Planning Meeting. This is the time for LWV-R members to give its board direction on plans for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.



Don't miss the lecture by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen. He will be speaking on "Global Gendercide and Women's Empowerment for Sustainable Growth" at 7pm, on Friday, April 24, 2015, at the Edith O'Donnell Arts & Technology Lecture Hall on the University of Texas at Dallas campus (800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson 75080). [Click here to purchase tickets \(\\$30\)](#). See inside this VOTER edition for details and links to some of Amartya Sen's interviews and articles.

May 9th is a Joint Election in the State of Texas More information about where to vote will be in the next (April) VOTER. See later in this edition for what races will be on your ballot.

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Local Program Planning Meeting

March 4, 2015, 7pm

April 8, 2015 (Rescheduled)

Conference Room on Level B
300 N. Coit Road in Richardson
(Promenade Tower)

Meetings are held annually by each local League to evaluate the current positions and discuss possible topics for new studies or action. The report from this Local Program Planning Meeting goes to the board and then to the members at Annual Meeting for final decisions. No topic may be considered for a new study unless it has been discussed at this meeting.

Join us as we consider each of the eight positions currently held by LWV-Richardson to determine if the position should be kept, restudied, revised, or dropped. Bring ideas for new topics for LWV-Richardson to study.

See the last pages in this VOTER for the current positions held by LWV-Richardson.





LWV-R Finance Drive is in full swing!

For over 50 years, the League of Women Voters of Richardson (LWV-R) has provided nonpartisan, unbiased information to promote informed civic participation in our community.

Unlike membership dues, which go to support the Texas League and the National League, **100% of donations to LWV-R go to support the Richardson League's local activities.**

Your financial support enables this organization to continue serving our community by providing unbiased information to voters during each election season and educating its members and the public on important policy issues. In addition, because of the generosity of our donors last year, this year LWV-R was able to:

- sponsor *Are YOU Water Wise?*, a public meeting giving facts about the current state of water in north Texas;
- host a forum for candidates of Texas House District 102;
- host a forum for candidates of State Board of Education District 12; and
- host a table at Huffhines Art Trails, distributing over 500 VOTERS GUIDES and answering many questions about the November, 2014, election.

If there is a contested race in the May 9, 2015, election, last year's donations will enable LWV-R to:

- host a forum for candidates of City of Richardson Mayor and/or City Council races;
- host a forum for candidates of Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Places 1, 2, & 5; and
- publish a *VOTERS GUIDE*, with answers to questions in the candidates' own words.

Send your donation today!

- Checks written to **LWV-Texas Education Fund-Richardson** are tax-deductible. The League may only use these funds for educational activities.
- Checks written to **LWV-Richardson** are not tax deductible. The League may use these funds for any League activity.
- Mail to:

League of Women Voters of Richardson
300 N. Coit Road, Suite 125
Richardson, TX 75080

Thank you for your support and "Making Democracy Work" in our community.

 **Jaya Lecture Series**

Nobel Laureate

AMARTYA SEN

*“Global Gendercide and
Women’s Empowerment
for Sustainable Growth”*



Friday, April 24, 2015

7 pm, Edith O’Donnell Arts & Technology Lecture Hall

The University of Texas at Dallas, 800 West Campbell Road, Richardson, TX

Tickets: \$30, Free with a UTDallas Comet ID

Amartya Sen is a highly acclaimed economist, writer and philosopher who was awarded the 1998 Nobel Prize for his contributions to welfare economics. Professor Sen was the first person to measure gendercide and has long championed education for girls and the economic empowerment of women – as both a moral right and a tool for development. Regarded as one of the world’s foremost thinkers, Sen was featured on Time Magazine’s list of “World’s 50 Most Influential People Who Matter” and was named the “Third Most Influential Thought Leader of 2014” by Gottlieb Duttweiler Institute. #AmartyaSenDFW

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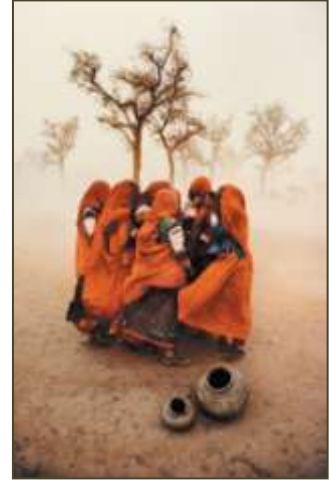
Tickets & information at utdallas.edu/asiacenter/jaya

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Articles by Amartya Sen

[India's Women: The Mixed Truth](#)

This article begins with the infamous gang-rape that occurred a few years ago. He considers the prevalence of rape in India and evaluates recent legal reforms in prosecuting reported rapes and sex trafficking. He chastises the media for neglecting to cross class barriers to investigate sex trafficking. He moves on to a discussion of gendercide, the benefits of educating women, and the conundrum that highly educated women still prefer boys to girls. Sen examines sex ratios at birth in the various states of India, noting that a diagonal line divides the northwestern states with highly unnatural sex ratios from the south eastern states with sex ratios closer to normal.



[More Than 100 Million Women Are Missing](#)

This is Sen's original 1990 article determining that more than 100 million women are missing.

Interviews with Amartya Sen



[Amartya Sen: A More Human Theory of Development](#)

This is an interview with Sen concerning the importance of his work, along with that of several others, in the UN Development Program's annual Human Development Report.

Articles about gendercide

[Gendercide: The war on baby girls](#)

"Killed, aborted or neglected, at least 100m girls have disappeared—and the number is rising" in *The Economist*, March 4, 2010.

[Gendercide: The worldwide war on baby girls](#)

"Technology, declining fertility, and ancient prejudice are combining to unbalance societies" in *The Economist*, March 4, 2010.





Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum

**Tuesday, April 14, 2015
7:00pm**

**Richardson Civic Center
Grand Hall
411 W. Arapaho Road
Richardson, TX 75080**

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by Place.

<u>Place 1</u> Bob Townsend Rick Wilder	<u>Place 2</u> Mark Solomon*	<u>Place 3</u> Scott Dunn*	<u>Place 4</u> Mabel Simpson Claudia E. Tatum
<u>Place 5</u> Paul Voelker*	<u>Place 6</u> Steve Mitchell*	<u>Place 7, Mayor</u> Laura Gibbs Maczka*	

*Unopposed candidates will not participate in the question-and-answer part of the forum, but will be given the opportunity to make a closing statement.

Do you have a question you want the candidates to answer at the forum? Email it to voterservice@lwvrichardson.org
Questions that are emailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the forum.
Questions will be screened according to *League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums*

Visit www.lwvrichardson.org for election information.



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Joint Election in Texas* May 9, 2015



* The deadline to withdraw from the May 9, 2015, election (if the candidate filed on time) and have your name removed from the ballot is 5:00pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. If the withdrawal leaves all races uncontested, the election will be cancelled.

If you live in the Richardson ISD:

Places 1 and 2 are on the 2015 ballot. However, there is not a contested race in either place, so the regular election has been cancelled. Your Richardson ISD Board of Trustee members for 2015-2018 are:

- Place 1: Jean Bono
- Place 2: Incumbent Kim Caston

A special election was called to fill the unexpired one-year term in Place 5. The deadline to file for Place 5 is Monday, May 9, at 5:00pm, at which time it will be determined if the special election will be cancelled.

If you live in the Plano ISD:

Places 4, 5, and 7 are on the 2015 ballot. Places 4 and 7 are currently contested, so the election is currently scheduled. LWV-Collin County will sponsor a forum on Saturday, April 11, at Parr Library, 6200 Windhaven Parkway, Plano 75093. More details in the April VOTER.

If you live in the City of Richardson (Dallas or Collin Counties):

Richardson City Council Places 1-6, as well as Place 7 (Mayor) are on the 2015 ballot. Places 1 and 4 are currently contested, so the election is currently scheduled. LWV-Richardson will hold a forum on Tuesday, April 14, 7pm, in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center. (see flyer elsewhere in this VOTER)

If you live in Dallas County:

The two At-Large positions on the Dallas County School Board are on the 2015 ballot. However, there is not a contested race in either place, so the election has been cancelled.

If you live in Collin County:

Collin County Community College District Places 7, 8, and 9 are on the 2015 ballot. Places 7 and 8 are currently contested, so the election is currently scheduled. LWV-Collin County will sponsor a forum on Saturday, April 11, at Parr Library, 6200 Windhaven Parkway, Plano 75093. More details in the April VOTER.



Lobby Days

By Susan Majors

I enjoyed attending the League of Women Voters of Texas Lobby Days in Austin on February 23 and 24. The event provided an opportunity for local groups from all parts of the state to meet with those who represent them to discuss the League's priorities for the 84th Legislative Session. Lobby Days is also a chance to get together with friends, especially some I only see about once a year. It is wonderful to be able to spend time with the very special people who are committed to the League.

On our first day we gathered in the John H. Reagan Building on the grounds of the Capitol. As in previous years, I gained much interesting and valuable information from educational presentations intended to prepare us to fan out for personal visits to individual offices. This year well selected speakers filled us in on our issues for emphasis - voting rights, public education, water resources, and women's health. I especially appreciated being able to hear Chad Dunn, one of the attorneys who has taken a lead in challenges to Texas' strict voter identification law in Federal Courts and who handles litigation on other voting rights issues.

On our second day we briefly came together again for a review of our key points of discussion, followed by helpful tips on lobbying from a legislative staffer. I was able to drop in at the offices of Representative Angie Chen Button and Representative Linda Koop. Later I joined LWV-Collin Country for a visit with the staff of Representative Jeff Leach. We also had a very pleasant and productive meeting with Senator Van Taylor and his Chief of Staff, Lonnie Dietz.

Unfortunately, icy weather kept many from the Metroplex from traveling to Austin for a very worthwhile and rewarding event.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/Medicaid for Children

Martha Dorris

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Your action is needed

CHIP has been a critical source of health coverage for children and in low and middle income working families since its bipartisan beginning in 1997. However, unless Congress takes action, there will be no new funding for this program after Sept. 2015. This would result in millions of children losing coverage or paying more for less comprehensive coverage. The program has improved health outcomes and access to care for children, reduced school absenteeism and improved children's readiness to learn. Please urge your elected representatives to act now to extend funding.

Texas is planning its budget. There does not seem to be a desire from the leadership to spend more for this insurance program, so a lack of funding at the federal level will drastically impact what will be provided from the state. In the last LWV-TX legislative newsletter, Grace Chimene who is following Child Health Care states that the League wants to ensure that the state budget cuts do not undermine children's access to health care. Therefore, please also urge your state representatives and senators to continue to provide money for CHIP.

HB 839 (Naishtat) has been filed which we can support. It allows each child under 19 leaving a state facility to have presumptive eligibility to access and apply for a health care plan (CHIP or Medicaid) and identifies the benefits and services that child will need.

Recent local activities

Meanwhile, we have been busy on the local level with the following activities:

Feb. 19: White Rock Elementary School Health Fair. Jane Daboub and I (both LWV-R members) visited with many families, most of whom already had insurance coverage for their children. However, several took information and application forms to families who may need insurance and one woman took a lot of information to her daughter who has a family therapy clinic. One of the teachers at North Lake College in Irving took information to the nurse who plans health fairs for the community college district. At least 10 families received information.

Feb. 19: Big Springs Elementary School Health Fair. Ellen Steger from LWV-R and Sylvia Bernal from the Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) reported that they had talked to at least 10 people with one of the families having no insurance and several getting information about the renewal process for CHIP/Medicaid for Children. One lady took a bunch of flyers with her. Each child received a sticker (at least 150 distributed) for having stopped by the table. There really was no time for completing applications on site.

Feb. 21: St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) application help session. Three families completed application forms with the assistance of Brenda Santacruz from the CCGD. On hand to assist were Mary Lou Hoffman (LWV-R), Harriet Schmoll (St. B) and Martha Dorris (LWV-

R). Scott and Ginette Wooldridge, two St. B. members, received training and joined our volunteers. One other family was given an application form for SNAP and Medicaid for Children and referred to Claudia Prieto (CCGD) for an appointment for assistance.

Your help is needed...

If your schedule permits and you are interested in helping or observing, we have the following opportunities scheduled:



March 21: St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church application help session. 9 am to noon. 1220 West Belt Line Road, Richardson 75080

March 25: Northlake Elementary School Health Fair, 5:30 to 7 pm, 10059 Ravensway, Dallas, 74238

March 25: Liberty Jr. High School Health Fair, 6 to 8 pm, 10330 Lawler Road, Dallas 75234. Diana Lace has graciously volunteered to be there.

April 9: Dover Elementary School Health Fair, 6 to 7:30 pm, 700 Dover Drive, Richardson 75080.

Thank you for your continued support for CHIP. The time and effort you spend toward this advocacy is always appreciated by the families who are doing their best to provide for their children.

Famous Firsts in February by American Women

Oveta Culp was born January 19, 1905, in Killeen, Texas.

In 1931, she married William P. Hobby, former Governor of Texas and the publisher of the *Houston Post*. Eventually, she became Executive Vice President, then President and ultimately publisher, of the *Houston Post*.

She died August 16, 1995, in Houston, TX.



- Olveta Culp Hobby was the first woman in the Army to receive the Distinguished Service Medal for her efforts in World War II.
 - During World War II, she headed the War Department's Women's Interest Section, then became Director of the newly-created Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later the Women's Army Corps), which filled gaps left by a shortage of men.
 - ✓ The members of the WAC were the first women other than nurses to be in Army uniform.
- On April 11, 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower named Oveta Culp Hobby as the first (and, thereby, the first female) Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
 - As head of HEW, she made the decision to approve the polio vaccine invented by Jonas Salk.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF RICHARDSON POSITIONS

I. CITY CHARTER; The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes that the Charter should provide a flexible and consistent framework to enable the city to function effectively and respond to the needs of its citizens. We support:

A. Electing City Council Members and Mayor

1. Election of the Mayor by City Council.
2. Seven Council Members all elected at large; those members in elected Places 1, 2, 3, and 4 must reside in the correspondingly numbered districts.
3. District boundaries that are drawn to ensure equal representation on the Council. These boundaries should be reviewed by a Commission after every census (every ten years). The Commission should be made up of citizens appointed by the Council and representatives of all areas of the city;
4. Staggered terms of office for Council Members.
5. Compensation set by the Council by ordinance at least six months before an election.

B. Miscellaneous

1. Adequate and timely input from citizens into the budget-making process: the proposed budget should be published a sufficient time before a public hearing is held, and sufficient time should be allowed after the public hearing before adoption by the City Council.
2. Publication and adequate opportunity for public input on all ordinances before adoption by the City Council.
3. A review of the Charter at least every ten years by a charter commission of citizens.

II. ELECTION LAWS AND PROCEDURES; We support:

- A.** Consolidation of elections where possible;
- B.** Itemized bond elections.

III. LAND USE AND URBAN DESIGN; We support:

Policies and practices designed to achieve the optimum use of land in our city. We believe that good land use planning and zoning takes into account such factors as: integrity of neighborhoods, management of traffic, requirements for municipal services, environmental quality, open and green space, protection of flood plains, preservation of historic sites and rare or fragile ecosystems, potential for redevelopment, the need for a variety of types of housing, tax base, and the relationship of proposed development to the needs of the city as a whole.

A. Land Use Policy

1. A system for making decisions on local land use planning and zoning that includes:
 - a. Opportunities for public input at all stages.
 - b. A well-informed city council that considers the needs of the city as a whole in setting policy.
 - c. A city plan commission with a broad base of citizen representation. Members of the commission should be provided with, and encouraged to take advantage of, opportunities for training.

- d. A highly qualified professional planning staff that is well acquainted with the local situation. The staff should have adequate funding and facilities.
2. A balance between commercial and residential development that ensures both a high quality of life and a reasonable tax base.
3. Flexibility and innovation in planning, zoning, and building codes.
4. Housing that will accommodate a population with age, economic, and cultural diversity.
5. Permanent zoning for all land in Richardson that currently has a temporary zoning designation.
6. Land use policies that ensure the maintenance of flood plain integrity.
7. Use of the concept of planned development district to encourage innovative uses of land that will preserve usable open spaces and landscape features.
8. Communication on land use issues with neighboring municipalities and inter-jurisdictional organizations, and cooperation in areas of mutual concern.
9. We support a comprehensive long-range land use plan for Richardson that:
 - a. is based upon a thorough evaluation of current and projected land use in developed and vacant parts of Richardson and the contiguous areas of neighboring cities.
 - b. addresses the needs of the community as a whole.
 - c. considers the effect of planning decisions on the integrity of neighborhoods and the viability of local businesses.
 - d. takes into account the potential for redevelopment in the city as well as new development in vacant areas.
 - e. incorporates innovative and effective methods for management of traffic in developed areas of the city, and makes adequate provision for projected traffic in areas that will be developed in the future.
 - f. provides sufficient park land, open space, and green space to serve the current and anticipated population size and lifestyle of the community. The area devoted to parks and open space should reflect local needs and desires and not be limited by minimum guidance standards. This section of the comprehensive plan should be based upon reevaluation of parks and open spaces in the developed areas of the city as well as estimation of future needs in undeveloped areas.
 - g. includes elements of urban design that will produce an attractive and livable city.
 - h. includes provisions for periodic review and revision.
 - i. provides convenient and well-defined opportunities for public participation in the review process.
 - j. is used as a policy guide for decisions on land use planning and zoning in the future.
 - k. encourages the use of techniques and materials to protect the environment.

B. Parks

1. A system of parks and open spaces designed to serve a diversity of needs and interests within the community. These should include:
 - a. A variety of parks ranging from vest pocket size to greenbelts.
 - b. Utilization of flood plains for natural parks and open spaces.
 - c. Identification and preservation of historic sites and unique ecosystems.

- d. Identification and preservation of areas suitable for bird and wildlife sanctuaries.
 - e. Provision for passive as well as active use areas in parks.
 - f. A balance between space for free play and for organized sports.
 - g. Efforts to make neighborhood parks adjacent to schools more inviting to the public.
 - h. Utilization of plants to conserve natural resources.
2. Establishment of a historic park at the site of the Routh Cemetery.
 3. Preservation of a large naturalistic area in the Beck Branch/Rowlett Creek corridor of Breckinridge Park. This area should be large enough to remain ecologically viable while supporting projected use.
 4. Use of a variety of methods to acquire open space and park land, such as:
 - a. Encouraging private donation of desirable park sites.
 - b. Encouraging private contributions to park funds.
 - c. Using money from bond elections, general funds, and other county, state, and federal sources for acquisition and maintenance of parks and open spaces.
 5. Quality municipal recreation center facilities with adequate space to serve recreation and leisure needs in the City of Richardson. Funding sources should include, but not be limited to:
 - a. City bond referendum to fund construction, renovation, and/or land acquisition;
 - b. Partnership with other entities to develop shared facilities;
 - c. Private or corporate donations.

C. Transportation

1. Greater involvement of all sectors of the community in local and regional transportation planning, with continuous reevaluation and flexible, long-range plans;
2. Consideration of social, environmental, aesthetic, and human values;
3. A total transportation system, including various forms of public transit.
4. Participation of Richardson in the Dallas Area Rapid Transit;
5. Funding of DART by General Use and Sales Tax (up to 1%) and/or other sources.

D. Solid Waste

1. Reduction of the volume of material going into the landfill;
2. Recycling of solid wastes;
3. Encouragement of the use of recycled materials.

IV. CHILD CARE IN RICHARDSON; The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes that safe, reliable, affordable, quality child care should be available for every child in Richardson. We support:

A. Improvements in child care

1. Improve access to quality child care for all families;
2. Aid low- to moderate-income parents in paying for such care;
3. Provide for sliding fee scales to help facilitate the socioeconomic mix of children within child care facilities;

4. Strengthen child care standards and improve their implementation;
 5. Strengthen family day care as well as center care;
 6. Support parental involvement in child care;
 7. Support the development of training programs to ensure qualified staff in child care programs;
 8. Encourage coordination among the various state and local agencies that affect young children and their families;
 9. Provide sufficient funds to serve more children, assure quality, and improve the level of compensation for child care workers.
- B.** Utilization of federal and state tax funds to achieve higher quality child care and to subsidize child care for lower-income families.
- C.** Utilization of PISD and RISD physical facilities for activities related to child care, such as:
1. On-site care of school-age children before and after school;
 2. Developmentally appropriate educational programs for three- to five-year-old children;
 3. Adult education classes for parents and child care workers.

V. PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN RICHARDSON: The League of Women Voters of Richardson believes that the City of Richardson and school districts serving Richardson residents should be involved in addressing local needs for health care services. We believe that mandated public health care services should be provided equitably, effectively, and efficiently. We support:

A. The City of Richardson

1. Providing those environmental and consumer health services necessary to maintain a safe and healthy community.
2. Providing resources to identify public health care services needed in the community and to seek support for programs that address these needs (e.g., apply for public or private grant support).
3. Working with others (e.g., volunteer groups, local school districts, medical centers, and state and county agencies) to identify needs for health care services and information in the community, and to promote public awareness of services that are available.
4. Participating in programs that address unmet needs in the community for immunization programs, preventive care, primary care, and transportation for eligible Richardson residents to and from facilities that provide public health care.
5. Actively working to ensure that public and private health care services, including a Dallas County Hospital District Community Outreach Primary Care (COPC) clinic, are available to Richardson residents at convenient locations in or near the city.

B. Local School Districts Serving Richardson

1. Working with others (e.g., parents, volunteer groups, medical centers, city staff and elected officials, and state and county agencies) to identify needs for medical services and information in the student population, and to maintain a referral system for those who do not have access to necessary services.
2. Supporting the location within the community of public and private facilities that address the health care needs of students and their families.

VI. TELEVISION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: The League of Women Voters of Richardson supports video recording the Richardson City Council meetings and making them readily available to the public by television or other electronic means.

LWV-R Positions
continued

VII. RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT: We support:

1. The development within RISD of elective programming, such as Magnet Schools and Centers of Interest, for the purpose of providing a variety of opportunities and choice for parents and children in the public school system;
2. The consideration of ethnic and racial balance in selection of students for Magnet Schools and other elective programs as one of the possible ways to comply with federal, state and local laws and policies regarding desegregation and applicable federal court desegregation decrees;
3. The availability of full-time kindergarten for children who are economically disadvantaged or have limited English proficiency, as well as for all other children who wish to be included;
4. The development and implementation of special language and foreign language programs available to all elementary and secondary students who choose to participate, in addition to required language programs for limited English speaking students;
5. The participation of RISD in parental education programs that provide non-English speakers and others the skills parents need to help their children succeed in school;
6. The expansion of technical and vocational programs designed to meet the needs of non-college bound students;
7. The use of the following sources of funding to develop and support these programs: redistribution of available local funds; increased property taxes if allowable by state law; state (TEA) funds; federal funds; grants from public and private sources; public/private partnerships and other sources such as gifts if available.

VIII. RISD AND SCHOOLS IN PISD THAT SERVE RICHARDSON STUDENTS: We support:

1. Effective school guidance and counseling programs. Essential elements of an effective guidance counseling program include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Services for students of all ages and stages of development.
 - b. A comprehensive program designed to address the academic, personal, social, and career development of all students.
 - c. The availability of informational materials for non-English speaking students and parents, wherever practical.

Resources to help guidance counselors address student needs and increase the time available for student/counselor interaction.

2. School health service programs with sufficient staff and facilities to provide health education and address health problems that influence the ability of students to learn. The school health service should provide:
 - a. Nurse: student ratios that take into account the health status of the student population and the recommendations of the National Association of School Nurses.
 - b. Support staff to assist nurses with clerical tasks and routine screening procedures.