

LWVOR Local Program (July 2008 to June 2009)

Education: Continue to study and monitor the future funding of Tennessee schools. Identify the proposed changes in the funding formula and how it impacts Oak Ridge schools. Take action where appropriate.

Study the progress of the state funded Pre-K classes in Oak Ridge and across Tennessee with the possibility of local consensus.

Housing: Study, and publicize when appropriate, the following aspects of housing in Oak Ridge:

- a. the effect of the failure of credit in the mortgage finance business;
- b. steps that are being taken to maintain the quality of housing in the older neighborhoods;
- c. the national, state and local regulations governing accessibiity and visitability in new and remodeled housing; the local enforcement of the regulations;
- d. the effect of differing tax rates in Oak Ridge and surrounding areas on the decision of potential new residents on where to locate; and
- e. the design and location of new subsidized housing.

Child Advocacy - Healthy Start: Study, and publicize where appropriate, issues affecting children including:

- a. identifying agencies providing services to children, including the local Juvenile Court and the proposed Child Advocacy Center as well as gaps in services;
- b. tracking legislation pertaining to children's issues;
- c. promoting Healthy Start and its need for adequate, continuous funding.

City Government: Study the fiscal policy of the City of Oak Ridge with the possibility of consensus.

Voting Technology: Continue to study the rapidly changing field of voting technology and advocate for technology that incorporates a voter-verified paper audit trail.

Work with the LWVOR Voter Service Committee to help register voters, familiarize people with voting machines, and find younger poll workers.

Revision of Publications: Review our current local publications (This is Oak Ridge, Citizens' Guide to Anderson County) to determine their accuracy, and identify other information publicly available that would duplicate the information. Recommend whether or not either or both publications should be updated and, if so, a proposed timetable.