

**LWV OF TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY
POSITION ON
PIERCE COUNTY BUDGET**

Pierce County provides both regional services countywide and municipal services for its unincorporated areas. Washington counties have fewer funding options than cities do. Pierce County is prevented from providing what the Tacoma-Pierce County League of Women Voters (LWVT-PC) considers a sufficient level of service in several categories because of lack of revenue to support those services. Therefore, LWVT-PC supports the following:

- Expansion of funding opportunities for county government.
- Full use of existing funding opportunities for eligible county services.
- Expansion of County services in the following categories:
 - Human Services, including Mental Health and Chemical Dependency
 - Housing and Services for the Homeless
 - Violence Prevention and Jail Alternative programs
 - Assigned Counsel for indigent defendants.