

LWV OF TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY

Position on

PIERCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County supports a home rule charter for Pierce County. We endorse the separation of executive and legislative responsibilities as delineated in the charter adopted in 1980.

1. The Executive Branch should have:

- a. Clear lines of authority and administrative accountability.
- b. Responsibility for the preparation of the annual budget, including goals and programs.
- c. Appointed department heads, including the Auditor and Assessor-Treasurer.
- d. An Executive elected by the voters.

2. The Legislative Branch should have:

- a. A single body of sufficient size to represent the citizens of Pierce County.
- b. An exclusively legislative role.
- c. A prohibition against concurrent service on another legislative body.

3. We affirm the following charter provisions:

- a. The rights of initiative, referendum, and recall.
- b. Mandatory redistricting following each federal census.
- c. Amendment, repeal, and periodic citizen review.
- d. Personnel system based on merit and in compliance with charter and ordinances regulating nondiscrimination and affirmative action.
- e. Code of ethics.
- f. Comprehensive planning.

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