



**League of Women Voters of Pullman**  
**P. O. Box 366, Pullman, WA 99163**  
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The Honorable Glenn Johnson, Mayor, and Members of the Pullman City Council  
Pullman City Hall  
Pullman, WA 99163

Dear Mayor Johnson and Council Members;

The League of Women Voters of Pullman would first like to thank you for this opportunity to participate in Pullman's 2020 Visioning Process. Since its inception in 1920 the League of Women Voters has advocated for "Citizen Participation in government decision making." We would like to commend you for your continued efforts, including the Visioning process, to involve citizens in Pullman government's decision-making processes. Particularly useful has been the effort to communicate via the internet and your web site about the planning process and other city functions. We'd also like to thank you for your continued cooperation and fostering of the non-governmental efforts of residents to improve the quality of life in Pullman, including your help with the Greenway projects and the city trails.

The Pullman League of Women Voters has studied city planning since 1958 and advocated for many of the programs that give Pullman its high quality of life. Among others, these range from supporting a division of policy and administrative functions using a City Council/Mayor/Supervisor form of Government, to advocating for a planning department, to helping establish a recycling program. We envision Pullman in 2020 as a city that supports:

- Continued involvement of the public in planning and other city decisions.
- An update of the comprehensive plan that considers the many areas that are so important to quality of life in a city including
  - All neighborhoods having a wide variety of housing types available to serve all income levels and family circumstances.
  - All neighborhoods being directly connected to shopping, recreation and business areas by a variety of convenient modes of transportation, including at least two street exits from each neighborhood plus bicycle and pedestrian paths connecting to outside services.
  - All neighborhoods having easy and safe access to residences, parks and schools within the neighborhood
  - Compact and vibrant business and shopping cores and recreational areas conveniently reached from housing areas by public and non motorized transportation and walking as well as by private autos.
  - Planning processes that encourage the conservation of land, water and materials.
- Rapid and comprehensive enactment of the zoning regulations necessary to achieving the aims of the comprehensive plan.

Also important to a high quality of life in Pullman is:

- Long range capital improvement planning for city services.
- Long range planning for improving both core city services and those that enhance the quality of life such as public transportation, public meeting places, the senior center, libraries, parks and other recreational services.

The League supports your goal of a “High Quality of Life”. We feel strongly that it is important in the planning process to consider the quality of life of all Pullman residents whether short or long term, with high incomes or low ones. To provide a “High Quality of Life” for Pullman residents it is also important to consider the most effective use of both public and private funds. A compact city with vibrant varied neighborhoods connected to compact service areas by a variety of transportation modes is both cost effective and provides a high quality of life to all its residents.

Sincerely yours,

Alice L. Schroeder  
President, League of Women Voters of Pullman

Alice,

Thanks for your excellent thoughtful presentation to the City Council Tuesday night. We appreciate the League of Women Voters for providing input for our Pullman 2020 visioning process. We commend the League for its leadership in a wide variety of good government initiatives including citizen participation, open government, and planning.

We routed copies of the letter from the League to the Mayor, City Council, and appropriate staff. It was a very thoughtful and well written letter. We share your vision for a Pullman that places high values on inclusion and the quality of life.

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