

LWVP – Positions 2021-2023 Biennium - Revised May 6, 2021

1. **Whitman County Health Services:** promotes the physical and mental health of all residents of the county.
2. **Environmental Quality:**
 - a. Land Use: conservation and development of land. coordinated planning and implementation of solid waste management
 - b. Management: city-wide curbside recycling and composting,
3. **Whitman County Transportation:** system of transportation which will adequately serve all segments of the population.
4. **City and Regional Planning:** Support: 1) planning, subdivisions and zoning, adequate parks, recreational space and school grounds. 2) changes of development policy and rules for contractors and private land owners to allow earlier and more public involvement. 3) growth within defined areas for commerce and light industry.
5. **Local Government Budget and Finance:** Support (1) tax measures necessary to maintain an adequate level of revenue for Pullman City Government, (2) long-range financial planning for the City of Pullman
6. **Schools:** Support a school program adequately financed by the State Basic Education Act. Support of special levies for specific purposes unhampered by a levy lid. Support:
 - a. quality instructional programming and low student teacher ratio.
 - b. Energy efficiency (fuel & transportation)
 - c. In any major redistribution of students, maintaining neighborhood clusters should be considered.
7. **City Government:** Support of the principle of separation of administrative and policy-making functions.
8. **Library Services -Pullman and Whitman County** Support:
 - a. equitable salaries for library employees in comparison with other city employees and similar libraries.
 - b. maintaining current funding and locating additional sources of funding
 - c. cooperative/collaborative partnerships with other libraries while maintaining local autonomy.
 - d. providing a place that is open, safe, welcoming to all, with a broad array of educational materials/services.
 - e. library's ability and discretion to offer materials/services responsive to and potentially unique to the various communities it serves, geographic and social.
9. **Addressing Poverty in Whitman County:**
 - a. **Resource Accessibility and Data Gathering:**

Support a system which collects, updates and distributes information on services available for those in poverty in Whitman County, including such data as age, inability to work due to physical and/or mental disability, general location in the county, etc.
 - b. **Legal issues:**
 - (1) Support connecting those in poverty who need affordable legal assistance with legal services.
 - (2) Support the removal of interest charges on delayed court payments for fines or fees.
 - c. **Food Security:** Support for improved food security for those in or near poverty in traditional and innovative ways.
 - d. **Housing:** create more transitional and permanent housing opportunities for low-income residents. encourage building more housing that is affordable, socially integrated, architecturally innovative and geographically distributed in towns and throughout the county. support incentives for landlords to accept subsidized tenants.
 - e. **Transportation:** Support the development of a variety of county-wide transportation systems for Whitman County. include both on-demand and regular, dependable transportation to employment opportunities and to services.
 - f. **Child Care:** Support access to affordable childcare in Whitman County, with special consideration for rural and small communities.
 - g. **Elder Care:** Support basic services for the elderly, without consideration of their economic status, to avoid impoverishment in Whitman County.
 - h. **Education and job training:** Support improvement of education, including county-wide efforts to increase high school graduation rates. support efforts to encourage more students to take post-secondary training -- vocational, academic, professional and artistic. support a Community College presence in Whitman County.
 - i. **Health Care:** Support access to and availability of affordable health care in Whitman County. To include, but not be limited to, medical, behavioral health, and dental care, especially for residents living in poverty or having inadequate health insurance.