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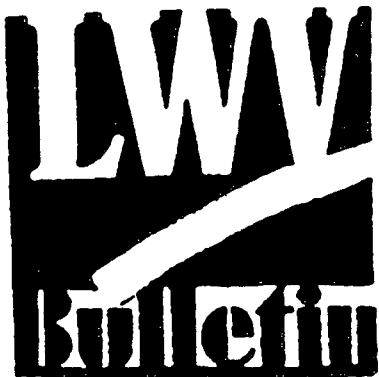
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### **LWV Bulletin, January, 1992**

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# HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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At a public hearing of the Cabell County Solid Waste Authority and the WV Division of Natural Resources on Dec. 19, the Huntington Area LWV commented on the proposed plan for a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for Huntington. The League made the following points:

Mixed Waste Pickup - This practice does not encourage citizens to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Also the markets for recyclables separated from mixed waste are limited because the materials are contaminated.

Incineration - The League recommended a test burn of paper, which has been contaminated in mixed waste, to assure that there are no emissions of dioxins. It was also brought up that the plan does not include costs of disposal of the ash which many scientists believe should be treated as hazardous.

Recycling - Comparative costs should be estimated for various methods of curbside pickup: the cost of building and operating a recycling center necessary for curbside recycling could be less than costs for building and MRF.

Composting - The League supports a composting plan for the City and encourages continued separation of leaves from trash. We hope the City does not contaminate the compost with other kinds of waste.

Financing - The League supports the SWA's request for the City to furnish a breakdown of where the municipal fee is spent. We believe that City residents do not know realistic costs of pickup and disposal of their solid waste, and in order to promote the reduction of solid waste, volume based fees should be considered.

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The League has been working with the Cabell County School System on ideas for managing solid waste. League members HELEN GIBBINS and DIANE FORNARI were pleased to discover that many departments are already working toward goals of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, and that their ideas have been met with enthusiasm. FRAN NORTON has been working with students on recycling programs. If you have any ideas about working with institutions on reducing their solid waste, call Helen at 736-3287.

ELINORE TAYLOR is now president of the Greenbottom Society.

HELEN GIBBINS and BETTY BARRETT are serving on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to City Council.

MARGOT DURBIN participated in the school board's America 2000.

**CORRECTION:** The LWV did NOT co-sponsor the Initiative, Referendum and Recall debate on WPBY between John Raese and Chuck Chambers.

**Update on LWV Health Care Study:** This spring the LWVUS national board adopts a position on Phase 1 of the study of health care delivery and financing. Phase 2 of the study will include: methods of financing; the role of government; and alternative proposals including other nations' systems. This phase must be adopted by the LWVUS national convention in Boston in June. The Aug-Sept issue of the National Voter will contain information on health care policy, along with a tear-off response form for Phase 2 direct-member agreement questions. Consensus meetings on Phase 2 are optional. The national board will adopt a health care position on Phase 2 next January.

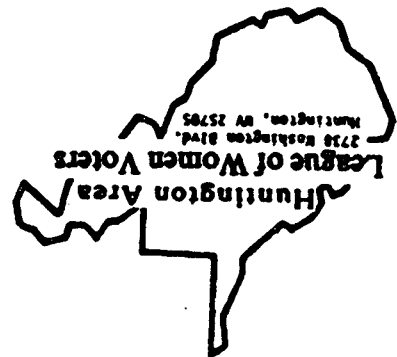
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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization open to all men and women. Annual dues are \$30 individual membership, \$45 for two in one household. To join, contact Lila Thompson, Treasurer, 2738 Washington Blvd.

As a result of the approval of the National Affordable Housing Act in 1990, the City of Huntington has an opportunity to obtain funds for housing improvements. These are sorely needed. Huntington, the only municipality in the state to receive a direct allocation of \$527,000 in HOME funds, must come up with an additional match to reach the minimum of \$750,000. As part of the process to receive the funds, the City and State must each prepare a Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS): a five year plan to develop housing for low and moderate income people. (If it is properly done, this blueprint could make a real difference in our housing stock through the use of not only federal money, but private, for-profit, non-profit and individual resources.)

The CHAS draft is available for review at City Hall, Cabell County Public Library downtown, and the Huntington Housing Authority. Also there will be a public hearing on the CHAS on January 14 at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Citizen participation is required so please plan to attend.

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# Calendar

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| JAN | 13 | Huntington City Council Mtg., 7:30, City Hall                    |
|     | 14 | Public hearing on CHAS, 7 pm, City Hall                          |
|     | 16 | Greater Huntington Park & Recreation Board Mtg., 7:00, City Hall |
|     | 21 | Cabell County Commission, 2:30, Court House                      |
|     | 27 | LWV Board Mtg., 11:30, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church         |
| FEB | 4  | Cabell County Board of Education Mtg., 7:30, Board offices       |
|     | 17 | LWV Mtg.   |

NOTE: There will not be a monthly meeting of the League in January. Instead members are urged to attend public meetings. Meeting places and times are listed above with this goal in mind.

