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State office  
Mrs. Thomas Brasher  
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*If you have (or get) any  
information on this  
or similar bills, could  
you make sure we  
know about it?*

*D. H. S.*

*Copy to Frances Marshall, San Marcos*

*League of Women Voters of Baytown*

BOX 177

BAYTOWN, TEXAS 77520  
January 5, 1973



WOULD YOUR LEAGUE LIKE TO JOIN US IN A "TIME FOR ACTION?"

OUR CONCERN (resulting from a local program item) is that a reasonable amount of land should be preserved for parks and open space. Other Leagues may have a similar concern resulting from studies of parks and recreation, land use, or environmental quality. If your League has a support position relating to this concern, WE HOPE YOU'LL TAKE ACTION!

BACKGROUND: As a result of our study of parks and recreation, our League feels strongly that the most logical and fairest way to ensure adequate parks and open space in future years is for developers to be required to set aside a certain percentage of land as it is being developed. Some lawyers feel that local ordinances with this requirement cannot be passed until there is proper enabling legislation at the state level.

During the last session of the legislature, the Baytown LWV requested and received permission from the state LWV board to work for the passage of enabling legislation which would clearly give local governmental bodies the right to require that developers set aside land for parks and open space. Such a bill was introduced but died in committee.

CURRENT STATUS: We have again requested and received permission from the state LWV board to work for the passage of this enabling legislation during the 1973 session of the legislature. Representative Joe Allen has stated that he plans to re-introduce the bill in essentially the same form as it was presented during the last session.

OUR LEAGUE'S PLAN OF ACTION INCLUDES:

- contacting our local legislators and urging them to support this legislation.
- asking LWV members to write individually to legislators.
- contacting other local organizations to request that they also contact legislators.
- being prepared to speak in favor of the legislation if we're asked.

IF YOUR LEAGUE IS INTERESTED,

Please contact me -- Mrs. John W. Harding  
4806 St. Andrews  
Baytown, Texas 77520

I will try to keep you informed as to when (if) the bill is introduced and what is finally included in the bill.

COPY OF MEMO TO MRS. JOHN W. HARDING, Baytown LHV

Jan. 10, 1973

Will let you know immediately if anything comes to our attention. Be sure to ask Joe Allen to alert you when he plans to introduce the bill and especially if it comes up for a hearing. We will keep you alerted, too, if we hear anything. Thanks for keeping us tuned in and let us know if we can help you in any way.....

Chris Brasher

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