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QUESTIONNAIRE ON LAND USE MATERIAL

Please return one copy to state office with your consensus reports, due Nov. 15.

1. An attempt has been made in the Leaders Guide to present material in a less formal manner than is usually the case in League publications. You found this to be ☒ refreshing, ☐ disturbing, ☐ unnecessary, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You thought the material in the Leaders Guide ☐ adequate, ☐ too detailed, ☐ incomplete, Some of the tour areas seemed to be better digested than others
3. What other material would you have liked included in the Leaders Guide?  
More specific information on possible tax incentive programs and their effects
4. You found the bibliography ☒ more than adequate, ☐ adequate, ☐ inadequate.
5. Included in the bibliography were several off-the-beaten-track references (Soleri, Kreiger, Fuller). Did you read any of these? no. You found them ☐ exciting, ☐ interesting, ☐ puzzling, ☐ unnecessary, \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In the space below, list the five non-League references you found most valuable.  
Design With Nature Ian McHarg  
Environment for Tomorrow Office of the Gov. of Texas  
Time Magazine editorial on Land Use/Land Boom" Oct. 1, 1973  
Land Use in the United States, Ref, Shelf, vol. 43 no.2 Grant S. McClellan, ed.
7. Write below any brief comments you would like to make about the Facts & Issues.  
What we felt lacking was the kind of picture of what was possible to attain with good land use planning that gave us something to shoot for. McHarg supplied this for us better than most other sources. Also, more specific information on tax incentive possibilities was needed to adequately consider the consensus question #5.
8. And do the same for the consensus questions.  
There was some confusion in considering limits of natural resources and of the private rights of ownership within the framework of one question, though they can in some instances be related.(4) See above comment on (5).
9. What aspects of land use in Texas would you like to study in greater depth?  
Specific tax incentive programs and their possible effects  
Governmental devices available to Texas citizens for protection of various values.

IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SIGN YOUR NAME, BUT IT WOULD HELP US ANALYZE THESE REPLIES IF YOU WOULD INDICATE YOUR LEAGUE.

League of Women Voters of Richardson



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League of Women Voters of Denton

Number of meetings held 4. Number of members participating 23 <sup>in</sup> consensus meetings

Types of meetings held Each unit had one informative and one  
consensus meeting.

1. What should be the goals of a comprehensive state land use policy? How would you establish priorities in these goals?
2. What advantages and disadvantages are inherent in a comprehensive land use policy for Texas?
3. How would you define the parameters (limits) of municipal, county, regional, state, and national governments in establishing (a) standards, (b) guidelines, and (c) responsibility for enforcement, of state land use controls?
4. Should the availability of natural resources and the traditional rights of ownership affect economic growth and population distribution? Please explain.

(over please)



5. How could the tax system be revised to encourage sound land use decisions?

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Number of meetings held \_\_\_\_\_

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(over please)



*Garland*  
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## Land Use Consensus

1. What should be the goals of a comprehensive state land use policy? How would you establish priorities in these goals?
  - A. To strike a compromise between requirements of man and nature by controlling urban growth and pollution.  
To preserve open spaces and enhance beauty of developed areas.  
To protect environment and investment.  
To discourage development in areas with insufficient resources; encourage growth in areas according to availability of resources.
  - B. Deal with most urgent problems first:  
Immediately undertake emergency measures in crises areas such as the Gulf Coast, inner cities, West Texas, and Big Thicket.  
Plan contingency measures for areas of intermediate concern.  
Legislate conservation of remaining open spaces such as the Big Thicket.  
Increase funding for more detailed land inventory.
2. What advantages and disadvantages are inherent in a comprehensive land use policy for Texas?

### ADVANTAGES

Protection for communities from poor planning of neighboring communities. If all local governments will conform-no one will suffer.

Preservation of natural resources.  
Better distribution of state monies for recreational purposes.

More attractive state for future inhabitants.

Growth restrictions to protect urban areas from over population.  
Public financed mass transit.

### DIS-ADVANTAGES

Regional planning will be required. 57 local units of government in the Dallas Metro-plex. Improper state-wide planning could result in the usurping of local authority.

Encroachment of private land for public use.  
Less individual freedom for use of real property.

Less attractive state for industrial development.

Many people will need to commute to work.  
Potential housing shortage in urban area.



Land use consensus. Continued Question 2

Protection for property buyers.	Denial of development options to developers.
More economically integrated housing.	Less restrictive protection for property values.
Environmental protections enforced on all new developments.	Environmental restrictions can be more expensive for all development.
Recognition of privately owned land as a public resource.	Resists idea of private land as a commodity.

3. How would you define the parameters (limits) of municipality, county, regional, state, and national governments in establishing (a) standards, (b) guidelines, (c) responsibility for enforcement of land use controls?

The Federal government should establish broad general guidelines within which framework the individual states will develop more precise standard guidelines within statutes. The municipality governments will establish exact laws by ordinance/statute. Each governmental body should create enforcement bodies to regulate and enforce such statutes.

4. Should the availability of natural resources and the traditional rights of ownership affect economic growth and population distributions. Please explain.

See Question 1, part A.

Article V. Constitution of the United States of America.

No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

5. How could the tax system be revised to encourage sound land use decisions?

Revise the tax system to stop the encouragement of bad land use policies.

6. What are the intangible values (aesthetic, historic, archeological, other) that should be preserved? What is their relative importance to material value?

ENVIRONMENTAL BALANCE

PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS FOR EYE & EAR

Preservation of National and State Historical Areas

Protection of Virgin Land & Resources

We suggest that consideration be given to the establishment of a commission to receive information



Land Use Consensus. Question 6 continued.

mation on such properties that contain historic or archeological sites and provide accurate suggestions to aid in the preservation of such sites.

Archeological sites are very often destroyed by the very process of thoroughly investigating said sites. Once all work has been done, any development of the properties containing those sites may then be developed as previously planned.

Structures of historical significance can contribute to an appreciation of heritage. A matter of socialological importance that we find of paramount need. These structures can be relocated, and in reality, make the buildings more readily available to those persons who find such structures of priceless value.

Aesthetic values and material values cannot be compared. Aesthetic values should be considered all important. We believe there must be concern for the physical and mental welfare of mankind beyond material gain. "Man cannot live by bread alone" is the first saying that comes to mind when the question of Aesthetic value in material land use planning was faced. Dire results have been the consequences of experiments which have dealt with psychological reaction to physiological discomfort. Each of us must have his breathing room, his own area or territory. When deprived of this essential space, rats have shown direct mental disorders ranging from depression to paranoia and schizophrenia.

Progress in the physical sense of building, changing, and expanding must incorporate aesthetic values as well as environmental balance. Man in harmony with man through adequate physical space must be a priority in this ever shrinking world. Man in harmony with nature is a prerequisite to preserving all life forces.

Environ - that which is concrete and surrounds.  
Mental - of or relating to the mind.  
Balance - to bring into harmony or proportion.



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MONTHLY REPORT OF DEVELOPING COMMUNITY LEAGUE

LWV of Dickinson, Texas Date of Meeting: Nov. 1, 1973

ATTENDANCE: Members 7 Guests        New Members       

Names of new members       

Have names and addresses of these new members been reported to state and national offices?

YES        NOT YET        LIST HEREWITH       

MEMBERSHIP: Current total, including new members reported above:         
Number who have renewed for new League year:        (To be filled in only during period between beginning of fiscal year and time non-renewals are dropped from list.)

FINANCE: Funds on hand: In checking account: \$ 845.88 In Savings Account: \$ 631.36

Finance Drive Goal \$ 850.00; Amount received to date \$ 765.00; Month drive began       

Status of state support: Amount pledged \$ 650.00 Balance \$ 325.00 Or, fully paid       

Status of national PMP payments; Total due \$ 216.00 Paid to date: \$ 100.00

PROGRAM: Topic Trade

Presentation technique employed: Discussion X Lecture and discussion       

Panel and discussion        Outside Speaker        Go See Tour       

Role playing followed by discussion        Other (Please Describe)       

Member participation: Good X Fair        Little Participation       

Was consensus taken?        If yes, attach copy of consensus report.

Program topic for next month: Local Program

VOTERS SERVICE: Activities since last report Some

Activities planned for next month:       

ACTION to implement program positions:

Since last report we



Program action planned for the future:

PUBLICATIONS:

Names of publications ordered since last report:

Names of publications sent to members since last report:

Funds received from sale of publications since last report: \$

COMMENTS:

Please list here any other pertinent information, comments, suggestions, requests for assistance, etc:

Report submitted by Audrey W. Butler

Position: Acting Secretary



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League of Women Voters of Beaumont

Number of meetings held 2. Number of members participating 35 (about)

Types of meetings held unit - one Thurs am, one Sat am

1. What should be the goals of a comprehensive state land use policy? How would you establish priorities in these goals?

*Coordination of agencies & various levels of govt. Get some nobodies & less somebodies involved. Need a reasonable balance between ecology & technology. The main priority would seem to be to get the 12 groups together & working with the local entities. Local entities should have some power. Periodic reviews should be done. Special interest groups should be invited.*

2. What advantages and disadvantages are inherent in a comprehensive land use policy for Texas?

*What we have now is not working. We need planning & coordination.*

3. How would you define the parameters (limits) of municipal, county, regional, state, and national governments in establishing (a) standards, (b) guidelines, and (c) responsibility for enforcement, of state land use controls?

*Possible structure of a Texas Land Resource Management system. This should have a paid working staff, as opposed to honorary appointments. Top people would possibly have to be appointed, but these people should meet certain qualifications. Should not be political plums.*

4. Should the availability of natural resources and the traditional rights of ownership affect economic growth and population distribution? Please explain.

*Yes. Each item should be brought up & studied separately & all solutions considered. Each should be studied & all consequences weighed.*

(over please)



5. How could the tax system be revised to encourage sound land use decisions?

It should be more equitable. If all land taxed at full value, then farms should be taxed according to full time or part time use, farms cannot be taxed at same rate as all other property. This would cause too many farms to go out of business & sell out to developers thus causing a bigger food problem.

6. What are the intangible values (aesthetic, historic, archeological, other) that should be preserved? What is their relative importance to material value?

There should definitely be an archeologist on the board of the T.L.R.M.S. program. Each problem should be studied for its own merits & the consequences of each & then studied as a part of the total picture.



Land  
use  
consensus  
Report

#### LAND USE CONSENSUS

1. The broad goal of a comprehensive state land use policy should be the Highest and best use of all the land, based on an inventory of its characteristics and suitability for development. Other goals are:

- Development that takes into account the needs of people and seeks to balance economic, social, environmental, cultural, aesthetic, and other factors that influence the quality of life.
- / •Tax revision which encourages best use of land.
- State governmental remedial action when local government and private landowners are unable to meet standards.
- Co-ordination of state agencies having authority for land use.
- Best use of energy, transportation systems, and population distribution.
- Preservation and planning for public lands, such as parks, green belts, and areas of aesthetic, historical, cultural, or archeological value.
- Enforcement power for regulatory agencies.
- Protection for plants and living creatures on the land.

Of first priority is meeting the needs of people. The second most needed essential is property tax revision.

2. Some advantages of a land use policy in Texas are the following:

- Environmental impact studies would be required before development.
- Effects of action would be considered on a state-wide basis, and this would avoid local decisions that might have an undesirable result for other areas of the state.

#### Disadvantages:

- Planning will restrict individual's freedom of choice.
- Substitutes will have to be found for expression of an individual's dignity, freedom, and sense of worth heretofore expressed in development of private property, entrepreneurship, and decentralized decision making.

3. The Governor and the Legislature should have the highest authority. Regional bodies should also be strong and would be preferable as geographical rather than political entities. Broad standards of land use must be set by federal government; the state must set those that are specifically applicable to the state. Guidelines and enforcement should be no less restrictive than the next upper level of authority; for example, state standards should be at least as high as federal, and so on.

Public annual reports from all levels would be desirable for accountability.



4. Natural resources of land should determine its use. Any alterations should consider the effect on other areas as well as the initial location. For example; Excessive depletion of the water table in west Texas; denuding of vegetation, leading to wind and water erosion.

5. Property taxes currently carry too much of the revenue-producing load; additional sources of income should be developed.

- Tax policies that favor leaving land in green belts or for agricultural use are good.

- Cities might be subsidized in buying land around their perimeters in order to control their growth.

- Taxes that favor those who maintain improvements on the land and penalize those who let it deteriorate would improve situations where marginal property is allowed to decay.

- Speculative transactions should be taxed so that the public can share in windfall profits.

6. Intangible values are important and must be preserved. If a conscious effort to do so is not made soon, many irreplaceable areas will be destroyed. In developing an area, environmental factors and effects on the lives of people should be valued in addition to economic considerations. Historic, aesthetic, and cultural values feed the human spirit, contribute to the stability of children, give us a sense of history, and provide our heritage.



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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

*General Directions: Be sure to use LWVEF Pub. No. 134, COMMUNITY GUIDE, Solid Waste Management: The National Issues, in making your preparations to reach agreement on future federal leadership in solid waste management.*

*For full participation in developing the national position, follow these instructions.*

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3. Give reasons for decision, additional explanation of League opinion, etc., in space indicated by COMMENT. Add additional sheets as needed for this purpose.

I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
to industry	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
to governments	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT:



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other"  
and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- ☒ 2 reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- ☒ 4 make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- ☒ 3 increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- ☒ 1 forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ undecided \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- 1 equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
  - a by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
  - b by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 2 equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 3 increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 4 reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge ☐ Y ☐ N ☒ U
- 5 revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 6 increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 7 modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 8 federal stockpiling of recyclable materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 9 altering federal patent policy ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 10 offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- 11 offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- other \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:



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IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: LESS THAN 1/2 OF THE UNITS COMPLETED  
THIS QUESTION

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state tax revenues	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT:

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 564

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 132

Who filled out form? Mrs. H. Wincom  
(Name)

E. Q. Coordinator  
(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President John E. Johnson  
Date 1-18-73 (Mrs. Lee R.)

Send one copy of your report to the national office (one copy to state and one for your local League file) as soon as possible after determining consensus but no later than January 31, 1973.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

DALLAS, TEXAS

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

COMMENTS:

I. A- There should be emphasis on regional or federal authority if localities and states do not do the job. In general the feeling was that the federal, state and local governments should follow the lines of the Clean Air Act of 1970.

B- The suggestion was made that there should be joint funding for any programs either between governmental units or federal aid to industry.

C- Criteria and standards should take into account regional differences.

There should be some control over financial aid such as limiting it to a specific use.

II. A- There should be a real effort to encourage recycling by private industry. There should be a better definition of recycled materials to exclude home waste.

III. B-

1a Some members felt that any reduction in depletion allowances would be impractical.

1b There was strong feeling that any preferential tax treatment or subsidy should be for a limited time or reviewed at frequent intervals and removed as soon as it was no longer necessary.

2. There was some feeling that secondary materials should get favorable rates.



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4. There was much discussion because of the word "or" in this question. Some members would have liked it to have read "and"; others would have preferred to answer both parts separately. There was some objection voiced to all subsidies.

6. All branches of government. Congressmen should be encouraged to use recycled materials.

7. There was strong feeling that we want "truth in labelling", But the way it is presented makes a difference, the word recycled could be substituted for used. Standards should be as strict as for virgin materials.

9. Patents could be leased with all profits used for more R & D. Another suggestion was that all profits over a certain level be given to the government

10, 11. On both these questions most units wanted the preferential treatment to cease as soon as it was no longer needed. One suggestion was subsidies on a sliding scale dropping to 0 as profits rise.

#### IV.

IV. A- Communities should initiate and support recycling programs and not be dependent on the federal government.

B- The local community must bear responsibility; low cost loans are preferable to grants or tax free bonds as an incentive. A minority felt that communities too small to support recycling facilities might need this help.

D- The units answering this question thought that a combination of some or all of these would be good.



V. B - excessive packaging, especially paper  
nonreturnables; bottles, cans, plastics  
junk autos and appliances  
junk mail

The suggestion made most often was for a massive public education effort to reach all age groups on how they can effectively help to reduce solid waste. Education could also inspire consumers to demand better quality merchandise and longer guarantees. There is a basic responsibility on the part of individuals to salvage and recycle in daily use and support agencies and companies active in recycling.

Other suggestions were:

Ban non-returnable glass containers,

Deposits on metal beverage containers,

Simplified container shapes, sizes and materials.

Federal labelling requirements should call for a clear description of a product's contents.

Tax advertising and packaging industries.

Penalize perpetrators of planned obsolescence.

Require manufacturers to take back a non-repairable appliance with the purchase of a new one.

Disposal taxes added to the price of hard to dispose of items.

Reorganize bulk mail privileges raising rates on advertising mail as distinguished from mailings by legitimate non-profit organizations.



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COMMENT: *Broad uniform guidelines should be provided for all states to follow.*

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COMMENT:

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offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT: *I. Federal financial assistance to localities will be available in emergencies only. (more)*



*II. Tax breaks for industry should be available for research and development.*

II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?

(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc. If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other" and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- [2] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- [4] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- [3] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other *A minority voiced concern that*
- [ ] undecided *agricultural wastes be considered.*

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| altering federal patent policy  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| other   |                                    |                                    |                                    |

COMMENT: *I. Total evaluation & use of federal lands is needed. What exact changes are proposed?*  
*II. Consumers need explanation & contents of all products. Nat'l League be more specific.*



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<u>Y</u>	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offering construction grants	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offering low cost loans	<u>Y</u>	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	<u>Y</u>	N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<u>Y</u>	<u>NI</u>	U
other			

COMMENT: *A small minority favored subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source. Most felt it would be impractical.*

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<u>Y</u>	N	U
local tax revenues	<u>Y</u>	N	U
state tax revenues	<u>Y</u>	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<u>Y</u>	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<u>Y</u>	N	U
investment of private capital	<u>Y</u>	N	U
other	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

*plastic, glass, metals, paper*

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT: *Use of disposal and deterrent taxes. Encouraging recycling. Changing specifications on packaging.* (OVER)



Number of members in local League 82

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 20

Who filled out form? Sue Raasch

(Name) E. P. Chaumier

(Portfolio) Carole R. Shelpak (Mrs. Louis)

Signature of local League President

Date 1/24/73

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LOCAL LEAGUE Lubbock

STATE TEXAS

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: With Federal guidelines and funding. One unit, voted no, 1/6 total participants.

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

---to include enforcement powers. Agencies concerned with solid waste management at the federal level should consolidate and communicate.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

With reference to the above discussion the federal government should emphasize regional planning and cooperation, include universities as industries, allow as much private involvement as possible, form a NASA type administration.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
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- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:

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(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

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| altering federal patent policy  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| other _____   |                                    |                                    |                                    |

COMMENT: \* minority for time limit on tax exemptions  
\*\* stringent regulations with higher fees; make federal lands competitive with private lands  
\*\*\* modify does not mean abolish; interested in contents of imports as well as domestic products.



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---to include enforcement powers. Agencies concerned with solid waste management at

COMMENT: the federal level should consolidate and communicate.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
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issue regulations based on federal standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
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With reference to the above discussion the federal government should emphasize  
COMMENT: regional planning and cooperation, include universities as industries, allow as much private involvement as possible, form a NASA type administration.



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Minority felt cities should have definite responsibility

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other _____			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
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investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other <u>revenue sharing (1 unit)</u>	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT: Minority wanted a combination of local and regional funding.

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: ---with consumer education emphasis on recycling and reuse. One unit suggested that recycling and reuse be built into text books from kindergarten on thru high school. For instance in the first grade reader paint an old wagon rather than buying a new one. \*\*\*

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first  
Plastics and tires

how should the federal government encourage such reduction Reverse planned obsolescence. Until a product can be disposed of in a way that is good for the ecology it should not be

COMMENT: marketed.

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 125

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 36

Who filled out form? Juanita D. Schmidt  
(Name)

Environmental Quality  
(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Quinn J. Cummins

Date 12/3/72

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\*\*\* refinish a desk in wood working class as well as making a new piece of furniture, study the principles involved with separating municipal solid wastes in high school chemistry and physics classes.



JAN 15 1973

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COMMENT: Localities and states should get subsidies and tax benefits

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT:



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

COMMENT:

(Circle one) Y N U

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
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- 4 reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
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- 2 increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- 1 forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- undecided \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: Item receiving top priority doesn't belong in the category

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

COMMENT:

(Circle one) Y N U

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials Y N U
- by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries Y N U
- by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry Y N U
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- offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials Y N U
- other \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:



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IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities?  
(Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: STATES AND LOCALITIES NEED PARTNERSHIP

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	Y	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	Y	N	U
offering construction grants	Y	N	U
offering low cost loans	Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	Y	N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	Y	N	U
other			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities?  
(Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	Y	N	U
local tax revenues	Y	N	U
state tax revenues	Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
investment of private capital	Y	N	U
other	Y	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes?  
(Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first  
non-returnables  
emphasize biodegradables limit extraction on non-renewable resources

how should the federal government encourage such reduction  
education, policy, existing laws

COMMENT:

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 69

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 11

Who filled out form? Lib Davis

(Name) Environmental Quality

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Eileen R. Hyman

Date 1/10/73

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JAN 15 1973

LOCAL LEAGUE Tarrant County  
STATE Texas

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I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: *Solid waste harms the environment of the community where it is generated and deposited. There is a need for federal guidelines with state and local enforcement. Local level should be free to make more stringent regulations.*

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: *The federal government should set a national policy i.e. guidelines; establish grant programs to develop new methods of collection, storage and disposal; tax incentives.*

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	Y	N	U	Y	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	N	U	Y	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	N	U	Y	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	Y	N	U	Y	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	Y	N	U	Y	N	U

COMMENT:



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Also, the federal government should seek ways to stimulate the demand for recyclables; overcome the barriers to recycling i.e. more profitable.

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
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- ☒ 2 reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
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- ☐ other
- ☐ undecided

COMMENT: Overwhelming opinion that the top priority should be to forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources.

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Encourage by tax benefits, loans and bonds, price supports; reduce freight rates.

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                         |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| altering federal patent policy  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| other   |                                    |                         |                                    |

COMMENT:



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IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: *Grants or loans for local or regional development of facilities, should be made by the federal government,*

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
other _____			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: *Yes, by grants or loans for local or regional development of facilities.*

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first  
*nonrenewable materials that won't decompose; non-biodegradable*

how should the federal government encourage such reduction *by helping overcome the barriers to recycling i.e. more profitable to reuse than to*  
COMMENT: *throw away. Citizen education needed. Taxing disposal to encourage profitable reuse.* (OVER)



Number of members in local League 182

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 71

Who filled out form? Georgia Kidwell (Mrs. John C.)

(Name)

Quality of Environment Cbr.

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Betty F. Link

Date 1/13/73

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STATE Texas

# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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3. Give reasons for decision, additional explanation of League opinion, etc., in space indicated by COMMENT. Add additional sheets as needed for this purpose.

I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: We feel that as much control as possible should be left with states & localities - less chance for mismanagement, excessive red tape -

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: In areas mentioned below in I-C

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	<u>N</u>	U	Y	<u>N</u>	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
to industry						
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	<u>U</u>	<u>Y</u>	N	<u>U</u>
by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT:



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: *Feel it necessary for federal government to do something.*

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc. If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other" and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- ☒ 3 reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- ☒ 5 make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- ☒ 4 increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- ☒ 1 forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- ☒ 2 other *more education to individuals on ways & means for recycling*
- ☐ 1 undecided

COMMENT: *Concerning 1st priority - feel government should encourage discovery of more reserves (oil, gas, other energy), but at same time encourage development of alternative energy sources -*

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: *Through education efforts as well as those listed below -*

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
federal stockpiling of recyclable materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
altering federal patent policy	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other <i>Education</i>			

COMMENT: *Against direct subsidies*



*Did not have time for these*

IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	Y	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	Y	N	U
offering construction grants	Y	N	U
offering low cost loans	Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	Y	N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	Y	N	U
other			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	Y	N	U
local tax revenues	Y	N	U
state tax revenues	Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
investment of private capital	Y	N	U
other	Y	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT:

(OVER)



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(Name) Puro

(Portfolio)  
Signature of local League President Marion D. Jones

Date 1-30-73

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3. Give reasons for decision, additional explanation of League opinion, etc., in space indicated by COMMENT. Add additional sheets as needed for this purpose.

I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: We feel that states should take the lead with Federal government setting standards.

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: Technical assistance should come first - financial second. We should like to see Fed. government use re-cycled materials and call for states and locals to do the same.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	<u>N</u>	U	Y	<u>N</u>	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments <u>states</u>		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT:



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

*Incentives for reducing the volume of wastes could encourage states to insist upon local responsibilities.*

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc. If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other" and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- [2] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- [4] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- [1] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [3] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [u] undecided

COMMENT: *If industry serves rather than hampers efforts - communities will be encouraged to solve their problems.*

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

*and use them - themselves -*

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                         |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| altering federal patent policy  | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| other _____   |                                    |                         |                                    |

COMMENT: *The "undecided" statements were discussed but no consensus was found. Too few "average" citizens think about these questions.*



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *But this may be after the federal government shows the benefits, etc.*

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities <i>this first</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other _____			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *most positively 'yes' here.*

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other _____	Y	N	U

COMMENT: *The first item here is observed in Cordicama now. State tax revenues should hold priority over local, and state revenue as general obligation bonds.*

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *Here again states should take the lead after fed. government sets in centers.*

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first *Technical - Research assistance - undecided between air & water pollution.*  
how should the federal government encourage such reduction *through technical assistance and results of research.*

COMMENT:

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 33

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Who filled out form? Mrs. John Resorte

(Name)

Chairman National Program

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Mrs. Mackey Harrel

Date Jan. 29, 1973

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COMMENT:

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: Federal government to set up standards and states regulate; localities too small to deal with problem.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
States						
issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	U	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	U	Y	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U

COMMENT:

regional basis.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: Yes, but in conjunction with elimination of certain wastes such as throw-away bottles, cans and plastics that won't decompose.

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other"  
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- ☒ [2] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
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- ☐ [ ] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- ☐ [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- ☐ [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ [ ] undecided

COMMENT: Encourage obsolescence fee on solid wastes such as automobiles, and work for re-education on Federal level to prevent wastes.

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [2] revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
federal stockpiling of recyclable materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
Examine <del>altering</del> federal patent policy	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other _____			

COMMENT:



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COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
offering construction grants	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering low cost loans	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
other _____			

COMMENT: We favor Federal support for construction on a regional basis as economically as possible.

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local tax revenues	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
state tax revenues	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other _____	Y	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT:

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 44

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 12

Who filled out form? Fay Hickey  
(Name)

(Portfolio)  
Signature of local League President Anna Stock

Date January 24, 1973

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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: We feel that local and state governments are better able to determine their specific needs and methods within federal guidelines, and to handle the necessary details better because of their proximity to the problem.

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: There are many aspects of good solid waste management which local and state governments are not equipped financially or technically to handle, and we feel the federal government could more effectively and efficiently provide these services.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U

COMMENT: See attached sheet.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: We feel that recycling is an important solution to the serious problems of natural resources depletion and the mounting problem of solid waste disposal and should be encouraged in all possible ways.

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc. If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other" and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- [2] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- [3] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- [4] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT: We believe it especially important that depletion of natural resources be forestalled as well as volume of wastes reduced. We feel that use of both post-industrial and post-consumer wastes should increase dramatically, and we feel the need is greater for post-consumer waste, since little has been done in this area. Both need urgent attention.

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: The demand for secondary materials holds the key to the success of recycling. Although we prefer some methods of increasing demand over others, we basically believe that whatever must be done to make recycling economically feasible should be done.

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
federal stockpiling of recyclable materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
altering federal patent policy	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other _____			

COMMENT: See attached sheet.



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IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: At the moment we feel federal aid is necessary to promote the development of recycling facilities, but we would hope that at least some of the aid would be of an interim nature.

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering low cost loans	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other _____			

COMMENT: See attached sheet.

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: We feel very strongly that private industry should have an increasingly important role in recycling and recycling facilities, and that if recycling can be made profitable private industry will be anxious to do so.

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT: We prefer user fees and investment of private capital, but would not oppose all of the listed ways of getting revenue for recycling facility construction and operation.

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: The pure volume of solid waste is staggering and should be reduced both to prevent depletion of resources and ease the problem of disposing of it.

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

→ plastics, paper, metals, glass  
 what kinds of materials should receive attention first Taxing of non-preferred materials, subsidy of preferred materials, consumer education,  
 → encouraging the use of biodegradable containers.  
 how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT: See attached sheet.

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 44

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Who filled out form? Susan Cortes

(Name)  
Environmental Quality

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Martha W. Shaw

Date January 15, 1973

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## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

#### Attachment 1

##### I. C. COMMENT:

We feel that there should be strong federal guidelines for solid waste disposal, which would have to be complied with by a certain deadline or have federal funds withdrawn. If these guidelines are not sufficient to achieve the desired result, then stronger regulations with mandatory provisions for compliance will be necessary. Federal financial assistance is necessary for disposal that incorporates modern recycling methods. A minority opinion felt that guidelines and financial assistance should apply to both collection and disposal, as the method of collection would have to change if new and improved methods of recycling were to be used for disposal, so that collection and disposal could not really be separated. We feel that financial and technical aid for R & D to both the industry and government, especially industry, is important for stepping up the search for better methods of collection and disposal and putting them in use.

##### III. B. COMMENT:

We feel that all the subsidies of virgin materials: tax exemptions, unequal transportation rates, favorable use of federal land, and subsidies of inorganic materials should be re-examined at once, in an effort to create a more equal market, and to bring policies in line with the best national interests, that is, conserving resources and preserving the environment. Increasing the tax exemptions of the secondary materials industry might be necessary for a short term basis, but we prefer to take away all subsidies, if possible. We also feel that reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers is good, but hesitate to offer subsidies on compost and sewage sludge unless experience proves it absolutely necessary. Our League feels that specifications for products made of reclaimed materials should allow for imagination in using recycled materials. Labelling requirements should inform and protect the consumer, but not mislead him into feeling a recycled product is inferior when this is not the case. An increase in governmental purchase of products made from recycled materials would increase demand, which we feel is vitally necessary. However, we feel federal stockpiling would be ill advised in view of problems it has created when tried in other programs. In respect to altering patent policy, we have mixed feelings. Perhaps a compromise measure of allowing a controlled royalty or short term patent would be acceptable. Tax benefits to companies for installing equipment that allows use of recyclable materials appears a good way of helping companies overcome this sometimes costly necessity. However, offering direct subsidies to companies for increased use of recyclable materials violates our preference for as free a market as possible. If help is necessary we feel a tax benefit for a limited time would be a preferable solution.



## CONSENSUS

### Attachment 2

#### IV. B. COMMENT:

The first three measures appear to be necessary to reach the desired goals. We are undecided on the issues of construction grants, low cost loans, and guaranteed bonds. Some of our members feel that granting these measures for specific purposes would defeat the idea of revenue sharing and allowing a locality to use the money as they see fit. Other members feel that if a locality wants these extra grants, they will have to use it for the purposes we are trying to encourage. The subsidy of separation of post-consumer waste at source was felt to be a local responsibility.

#### V. B. COMMENT:

We feel plastics are important because of their especially damaging effects on the environment, paper because it comprises the bulk of municipal solid waste, metals because of diminishing natural resources, and glass because of the increasing use of non-returnable bottles and the relative ease of reversing that trend. We feel it very important that consumers be educated to understand the dangers of proliferation of consumables that end up all too soon as waste, and producers be encouraged or forced to cease such senseless proliferation.



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COMMENT:

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
1. issue federal criteria and standards	a. <u>Y</u>	N	U	b. <u>Y</u>	N	U
2. issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	N	U	Y	N	U
3. offer federal financial assistance to localities	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
4. intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
5. by offering financial aid for R&D	Y	N	U	Y	N	U
6. by offering technical aid for R&D	Y	N	U	Y	N	U

COMMENT: Strong minority in favor of federal encouragement rather than federal regulation. Financial assistance preferred in form of low interest loans. Application of existing knowledge seen as bigger step to solution of problem than more R&D.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
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- [ 3 ] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
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- [ 2 ] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [ 1 ] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT: 1st choice strong. Some sentiment for putting # 3 ahead of # 2

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | (Y) | N   | U   |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | (Y) | N   | U   |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | Y   | N   | (U) |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | (Y) | N   | U   |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | (Y) | N   | U   |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | Y   | N   | (U) |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | (Y) | N   | U   |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | (Y) | N   | U   |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | Y   | N   | (U) |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | Y   | (N) | U   |
| altering federal patent policy  | Y   | N   | (U) |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | (Y) | N   | U   |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | Y   | (N) | U   |
| other _____   |     |     |     |

COMMENT: Though secondary materials should receive comparable tax treatment to extractive industries, it was felt exemptions might not be the best choice for this. Indecision arose because it might be the most feasible. Item 11 specifications should be performance oriented item 8: yes, only if prices are competitive



Public education campaign needed on satisfactory nature of recycled products  
 And in item 5; rather than arbitrarily increased fees, companies should be required to pay  
 full costs of restoration, reforestation, etc. on fed. lands.

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IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Municipally owned facilities only

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

1. increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
2. increasing its technical assistance capabilities	Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
3. offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
4. offering construction grants	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
5. offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
6. guaranteeing bonds	Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
7. subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

other federal timetable for compliance with standards, with fed. do step in & do them, then send bill, if timetable not met.

COMMENT: Again, R&D not seen as important as applying existing knowledge (based on reports of sanitary engineer whose wife is league member). Need seen for further economic study of relative cost of source separating plants vs. lg area plants.

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

1. user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
2. local tax revenues	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
3. state tax revenues	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
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5. state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
6. investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
7. other _____	Y	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: was felt strength of packaging lobby, would be such that more effective action could be taken more quickly by local legislation.

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first? Paper, packaging & "junk" mail  
 Irreplaceable products, such as tin, metals

how should the federal government encourage such reduction? "junk" mail should pay own way & lose its subsidy; producing companies must take responsibility for disposal or red.  
 COMMENT: of product - public education campaign, such as "use both sides of paper."

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Number of members in local League 78

Number present at consensus-reaching meetings 20

Who filled out form? Donna Gugler

(Name) (Solid Waste)

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Mrs Richard B. Swint

Date Jan 31, 1973

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COMMENT:

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	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
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offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U

COMMENT:



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

COMMENT: *As soon as possible.*

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
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- ☐ reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- ☐ make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- ☐ increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- ☐ forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ undecided

COMMENT: *Undecided as to priority.  
All are important*

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

COMMENT:

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

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| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                                 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
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| other _____  |                                    |                         |                                    |

COMMENT: *Need honest labelling & consumer education.*



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offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other			

COMMENT: *Help on Regional basis preferred.*

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first *major metal appliances*  
*cars, paper, PVC, sewage*

how should the federal government encourage such reduction *regulation of planned obsolescence; design, modular construction, standardization*

COMMENT: *of parts*

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 95

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 18

Who filled out form? Mrs. Wesley B. Smith

(Name) President

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Mrs. Wesley B. Smith

Date 12-28-73

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JAN 30 1973

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE U.S.  
1730 M Street, N.W.  
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LOCAL LEAGUE Pasadena  
STATE Texas

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
to industry	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
to governments	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
by offering financial aid for R&D	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
by offering technical aid for R&D	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>

COMMENT:



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other"  
and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- [2] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- [3] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- [4] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                         |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| altering federal patent policy  | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| other _____   |                                    |                         |                                    |

COMMENT:



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other	Y	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first *paper*

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

*outlaw colored paper*  
COMMENT: *By tax policies that encourage second use* (OVER)



Number of members in local League 50

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 13

Who filled out form? Bobbie Kruse  
(Name)

Signature of local League President Ruth Jones  
(Portfolio)

Date Jan. 18, 1973

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*for vote*

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*Henry Butler*

JAN 30 1973

*Return at call one! my gift have question*

LOCAL LEAGUE EL PASO  
STATE TEXAS

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

*no*

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*Start*

I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

*All units*

\* B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

*All units*

\* C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
to industry	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT: *Minority in 1 unit wanted local gov'ts only see X*



1C(cont) one unit wanted to give incentive  
to industry to do their own research.

- \* II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

*all units*

- \* B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other"  
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- [4] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites  
[2] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs  
[2] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes  
[1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources  
[ ] other  
[ ] undecided

*all units same*

COMMENT:

- \* III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *secondary materials should get preferential treatment but product should be of comparable quality. that is satisfactory for use.*

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |   |   |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| altering federal patent policy - 3 out of 4 units - 1 undecided                                   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | N | U |
| other   |                                    |   |   |

COMMENT: *Labelling should be explicit, but use words like*



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

*all units*

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other			

COMMENT: *Strong consensus for adjusting Federal Revenue Sharing Guidelines to include establishment of recycling facilities.*

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U

COMMENT: *3 out of 4 units for - 1 undecided.*

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

*all units*

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT:

*(see over)*  
*focus established recycling centers, education, use all available means.* (OVER)



Number of members in local League 150

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 32

Who filled out form? Mrs. L.H. "Sunny" Butler  
(Name)

EQ Chairman  
(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Mary Beth Bunt (ok'd)

Date 4/29/73

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VB

We were not clear as to meaning of at their source as worded in the question. If source is manufacturer then plastics (hardest to recycle) comes first. If at their source means at the municipal collection level, then easiest to recycle comes first - i.e. glass, paper, metals, wood, rubber, plastics.



League of Women Voters of El Paso  
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3/17/72  
JAN 30 1973

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

The League of Women Voters of El Paso supports recycling as a concept as amplified in the following statement of position:

We support the concept of El Paso acting as a regional recycling center for this area of the Southwest insofar as is possible.

We support the upgrading of equipment and procedures of solid waste management with recycling as the ultimate goal.

Primary values to be considered are the conservation of natural resources and improving the quality of life, stressing individual commitment to the reduction of solid waste.

The role of local government is to initiate action, using supplemental aid from state and federal government.

In more specific terms the League supports:

Efforts to provide better consumer information concerning recycling;

Efforts to establish markets for recycled materials;

Encouraging recycling industries for El Paso where feasible;

Emphasizing the human factor more in sanitation planning and collection;

Policies that insure that sanitation funds will be used for sanitation - better pay, better working conditions, equipment;

Legislation supporting better solid waste management practices and recycling;

Environmental education in the schools.

*We reached  
local consensus  
last year in  
March  
JLB*



JAN 31 1973

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Washington, D.C. 20036

LOCAL LEAGUE San Marcos  
STATE Texas

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: Generation of solid waste is a universal local process. Major responsibility for its management should also be local with gov. assistance in R&D, rules & regulations which would influence manufacturing, agriculture and government oriented wastes.

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: The problem is country-wide & would respond to central direction & regulation - local governments are not powerful enough or wide enough to be effective in policy setting and practices

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U

COMMENT: Local assistance where need indicated - but local gov.'s role emphasized



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: The incentives to recycle + to use recycled materials can come only from a powerful central authority.

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other"  
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- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: The federal gov. alone has tools to make manufacture + use of secondary materials attractive to manufacturers + miners, + the transportation industries.

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
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| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
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| other _____   |                                    |                                    |                                    |

COMMENT:



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Revenue sharing funds could well be used in this area.

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
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offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
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guaranteeing bonds	<input type="radio"/> Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other _____			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
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state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
other _____	<input type="radio"/> Y	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first non-returnable containers, pre-packaging materials

how should the federal government encourage such reduction Decentive regulations on manufacturing making costs high - Public education campaigns on overall costs of convenience packaging (ie. collection + disposal costs - reduction of resources of virgin materials, pollution).

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 68

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 11

Who filled out form? Committee as a whole  
(Name)

Environment Task Force  
(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Francis C. Marshall

Date Jan. 29, 1973

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LOCAL LEAGUE San Antonio Area  
STATE Texas

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Federal gov't should establish guidelines. Implimentation left up to states and localities.

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? Intensive (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: R & D would be areas where federal gov't could continue to help. Through extensive use of computer technology and information sharing, duplication of studies could be eliminated. Put to use the technology we've already developed in "showcase" projects.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	minimum			for collection			for disposal		
* issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal									
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U

COMMENT: Opinion was strongly expressed that federal gov't should supply minimum guidelines. Special problem areas in Texas are retirement-recreation areas where open dumping is the practice-also small poor communities in South Texas.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other"  
and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- [2] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- [4] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- [3] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other ~~eliminate over-packaging-encourage alternative packaging, encourage public~~ to choose less packaging.
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT: Several individuals including publications chairman complained of plastic packaging of League materials. One unit strongly suggested an education program through all levels of schooling - with funds supplied by federal government.

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge ☒ Y ☐ N ☒ U
- revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☒ U
- increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- federal stockpiling of recyclable materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- altering federal patent policy - not obvious how this could be altered ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U
- offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials ☒ Y ☒ N ☐ U
- other Our League as a whole thought that subsidies could be granted with a time limit - say for five years to encourage the program at the beginning, then dropped later. We do not want similar problems to develop as with farm subsidies and oil and gas subsidies. A side issue - safeguards for workers in plants producing inorganic fertilizers. One group termed this a graduated incentive subsidy program with time limit.



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Major decisions & responsibilities remaining with localities

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants - <u>limited instances</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other			

COMMENT: 3) In Texas seems so much duplication of effort in the various Council of Governments as planning agencies. Large-region planning and cooperation a good idea-what is feasible to recycle for a large-region, then action.

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state tax revenues - <u>not probable at this time</u>	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state revenue or general obligation bonds - <u>region-wide bonds</u>	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: As with autos for example, recycling possibilities should be considered in initial manufacture of product. Ideally, concept of Planned obsolescence should itself become obsolete.

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first - paper, special metals, naturally virgin materials in short supply

how should the federal government encourage such reduction - change federal policy that encourage use of virgin materials, e.g., leasing rights on federal lands, eliminate or

COMMENT: reduce subsidies, change railroad rates.

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 208

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 30

Who filled out form? Ms. Sandra L. Friedman

(Name)

Gung Ho Environmental Chairman

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE Texas

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COMMENT: It is up to the federal government to see that the major responsibility is assumed by the states and localities.

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Federal standards should be established.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
issue regulations based on federal standards *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

\*Several people ~~commented~~ thought the state should be able to issue more strict regulations and standards.



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(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
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- [5] other Increase use of post-consumer wastes
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
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| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| altering federal patent policy  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| other   |                                    |                                    |                                    |

COMMENT: We did not fully understand the purpose of stockpiling, except in the case of scarce materials. Several people emphasized change from ~~inorganic~~ fertilizers. Several people wanted to more than equalize tax treatment and transportation rates

*see top of next page*



shift the emphasis to secondary materials. The no answer on subsidies was by a small majority. There was mention of time limit on subsidies

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COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

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offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
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subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other			

COMMENT:

One group would accept short term subsidies.

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
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state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other <u>regional revenue</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

undecided

COMMENT: The two ~~no~~ answers represent equally divided strong opinions, not indecision.

Other suggestions were user fees limited to industrial and commercial only and federal money for construction but regional for operation.

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first  
excess packaging, paper, non-degradables including plastics.

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT:

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 717

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 154

Who filled out form? Bobbie Kirsten

(Name)

Environmental Quality

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President \_\_\_\_\_

Date Jan 30, 1973

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**V. B. cont.**

education and incentives (including public service announcements)  
ban junk mail  
packaging regulations to reduce volume & use of non degradables  
re-examine planned obsolescence  
separation of waste at the source  
ban non reusable glass beverage containers  
require dealers to accept and segregate empty cans  
require separate pick-up of papers specifically for recycling  
limit use and production of non bio-degradables  
recycle scarce materials and all re-usable materials  
study exact cost of recycling



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COMMENT:

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
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issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	Y	N	<u>U</u>
by offering technical aid for R&D	Y	N	<u>U</u>	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT: \*by way of tax benefits, not direct aid



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- ☒ 3 reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- ☐ make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- ☒ 2 increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- ☒ 1 forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- ☒ 4 other population control
- ☐ undecided

COMMENT:

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(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

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| other   |                                    |                                    |                                    |

COMMENT:



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N

Number of members in local League 56

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 16

Who filled out form? Phyllis Sigmon  
(Name)

(Portfolio)  
Signature of local League President Marianne Enhart

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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U - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support:

U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y

new fees levied according to amount of waste generated  
local tax revenues  
state tax revenues  
local revenue or general obligation bonds  
state revenue or general obligation bonds  
investment of private capital  
other

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N

3 - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

how should the federal government encourage such reduction?  
set packaging design requirements



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other			

COMMENT:

*one unit did not finish consensus. Notations past this point represent thinking of one unit (8 members)*

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

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other	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT: *We assume user fee would be city (not individual fee)*

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *by consumer education*

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first *paper*

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT: *by packaging design requirements*

(OVER)



LOCAL LEAGUE Richardson  
STATE Texas

## CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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COMMENT: We feel that it should be regional for economic reasons, and for knowing the type of land to be used. There should be a certain amount of local control in conjunction with the regional control.

COMMENT: The Federal government should step in where necessary with planning, monetary aid, ideas, laws, etc.

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U

COMMENT: It was felt that the federal criteria and standards, and regulations were the most important; the others should come in only where necessary.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) (Y) N U

COMMENT: These should be in criteria and standards.

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other"  
and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- [3] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- [5] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- [2] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes \* see below
- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [4] other research into use of by-products of recycling
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT: #1 was the overriding concern of the majority of the members.

#2 should be and post consumer wastes.

#2 was felt to be tied closely with #1.

#3 because it was felt that this is not the best use of land, although necessary

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) (Y) N U

COMMENT: Re-writing their own specifications for materials would be a start.  
This is necessary, otherwise the purpose of recycling would be defeated.

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials   | Y   | (N) | U   |
| a. by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries  | (Y) | N   | U   |
| b. by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                       | Y   | (N) | U   |
| 2. equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                 | (Y) | N   | U   |
| 3. increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                               | Y   | N   | (U) |
| 4. reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge     | Y   | (N) | U   |
| 5. revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                           | (Y) | N   | U   |
| 6. increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials             | (Y) | N   | U   |
| 7. modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                  | (Y) | N   | U   |
| 8. federal stockpiling of recyclable materials  | Y   | (N) | U   |
| 9. altering federal patent policy   | Y   | N   | (U) |
| 10. offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | (Y) | N   | U   |
| 11. offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | Y   | (N) | U   |
| other _____   |     |     |     |

COMMENT:

see attached sheet



Solid Waste Consensus Questions III B

- 1.b. Help increase ~~their~~ markets, instead of tax breaks
- 4. reduce subsidies; better education so that consumer would use whichever is best for any given area.
- 7. "truth in labeling"
- 9. marked "u" because we need further information on how this applies.
- 10. yes, with limitation (years) on tax benefits.

We were very much against subsidies (those now in effect, as well as any that may be given in the future) except where absolutely necessary.



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: Where necessary

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

1. increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
2. increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
3. offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
4. offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
5. offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
6. guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
7. subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
other _____			

COMMENT: #3 avoiding duplication in any given region.  
#6 only in the case of great need.

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: Within their guidelines.

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

1. user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other _____	Y	N	U

COMMENT: #1 Could be a "yes" answer if the costs to implement and maintain this were low.

Funding should be a combination of one or more of the above - the combination should fit the circumstances.

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) Y ☒ N U

COMMENT: We failed to see how the federal government could do this.

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT:

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 44

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting A Board committee filled this out, and has been approved by the full Board

Who filled our form? Catherine Patrick

(Name)

President

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President \_\_\_\_\_

Date January 28, 1973

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We have had a number of meetings on Solid Waste at the local level and came to consensus over a year ago. A number of members threatened mutiny if we had any more meetings on Solid Waste, so ... we have used the consensus notes, questions and feedback from our original meetings to fill this out.



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STATE TEXAS

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COMMENT: standards should be set nationally and controlled locally.

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT: Fed. gov't. should take care of own trash and make use of recycled materials.

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT: FAVORED ENCOURAGING PRIVATE RESEARCH with gov't. funding.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
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- [5] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
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- [3] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [4] other AGRICULTURAL
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

*2+3 were felt to be of almost equal importance.*

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                   | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| 1 federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| altering federal patent policy  | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| 2 offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| 3 offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| other _____   |                                    |                                    |                                    |

COMMENT: *1 - not clear.  
2 - favor initial encouragement by tax incentives with the earlier ones getting bigger write-offs.  
3 - most felt subsidies are out of hand.*



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

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increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
other			

COMMENT: 1 - unclear, but don't like subsidies.

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	Y	N	U
state tax revenues	Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
investment of private capital	Y	N	U
other	Y	N	U

COMMENT: much discussion: user fees would encourage illegal dumping, taxes are already high, + bonds would probably not pass. Some kind of co-op was discussed with a sharing of profits.

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: consumer Education suggested.

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first 1 - paper  
2 - plastics  
3 - metals

how should the federal government encourage such reduction Tax incentives, R&D on plastics, use recycled paper, + cut quantity of paper used

COMMENT: within and outside of fed. gov't. (OVER)



Number of members in local League 297

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 68

Who filled out form? MARJORIE SPARKS  
(Name)

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Sally L. Bruce

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENT: **Management should remain with state and local governments under federal guide lines.**

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: **Since ecology does not recognize state boundaries, controversial decisions are more likely to be accepted when made at a distance.**

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
to industry						
to governments						
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT: **there was concern that offering federal assistance to localities could mean less local feeling of responsibility. Citizens must learn that this is not "their" problem, but (our) problem.**



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

~~Emphasize private investment and management.~~  
All efforts related to encouragement of recycling should be supported.

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc.  
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- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

Our consumer oriented society must be educated to use less of our natural resources. This could be done by advertisements, through the news media and by expanding funds for Public T.V. to be used to inform and educate in this area.

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

The federal government could set an example.

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                         |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| 1 by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
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| 8 increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| 7 modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials               | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| 10 federal stockpiling of recyclable materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| 11 altering federal patent policy   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| other _____   |                                    |                         |                                    |

COMMENT: Make No 8 mandatory. No. 4 set standards but do not label secondary material. No. 10 only temporarily. No. 11 want to allow for more use of secondary materials.



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

**Emphasize private investments and management.**

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

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guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other			

COMMENT:

**Home that produces the waste should take responsibility for separation.**

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

**We favor private enterprise where possible**

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
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state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
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state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other	<input type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

**We are especially concerned about multiple packaging.**

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

**nonrenewable materials.**

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

**Use Public T.V. for recommendation and follow through with education and information, taxes, penalties and research and technical assistance.** (OVER)



Number of members in local League \_\_\_\_\_

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Who filled out form? 16

(Name)

Alma Hall

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Alma Hall

Date

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COMMENT:

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) (Y) N U

COMMENT:

*see below*  
*Set Performance Standards*

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>(Y)</u>	N	U	<u>(Y)</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	<u>(N)</u>	U	Y	<u>(N)</u>	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	<u>(N)</u>	U	<u>(Y)</u>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	Y	N	<u>(U)</u>	Y	N	<u>(U)</u>
by offering technical aid for R&D	Y	<u>(N)</u>	U	Y	<u>(N)</u>	U

COMMENT:



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II. A -- Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) (Y) N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc. If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other" and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

- [2] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
- [4] make it possible for a community to recover part of its waste disposal costs
- [3] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [7] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [5] other increase use of Post-consumer waste
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) (Y) N U

COMMENT: Users tax on new resources. Use Collected Taxes for solid waste development

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | (Y) | N   | U   |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | Y   | (N) | U   |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | (Y) | N   | U   |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | (Y) | N   | U   |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | (Y) | N   | U   |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | (Y) | N   | U   |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | (Y) | N   | U   |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | (Y) | N   | U   |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | (Y) | N   | U   |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | Y   | N   | (U) |
| altering federal patent policy  | Y   | N   | U   |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | (Y) | N   | U   |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | Y   | (N) | U   |
| other _____   |     |     |     |

COMMENT:



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IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) Y ☒ N U

COMMENT: Private industry should be encouraged to do this

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government - - -

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other _____			

COMMENT: We had so many comments on this we decided not to answer it all

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support Construction-Yes; Operation-No.

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local tax revenues	Y	N	U
state tax revenues	Y	N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other _____	Y	N	U

COMMENT: Funds for construction, not for operation

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first -

1. Paper, 2. metals, 3. Glass

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT: user tax, Tax on pick up

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 52

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 8

Who filled out form? Mrs Keith Nelson  
(Name)

E. P. Chairman  
(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President M. B. Barnes, Glen

Date 1-10-73

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LOCAL LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_

# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## CONSENSUS QUESTIONS ON FUTURE FEDERAL ROLE IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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3. Give reasons for decision, additional explanation of League opinion, etc., in space indicated by COMMENT. Add additional sheets as needed for this purpose.

- 4 I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: Role should include control over industrial waste  
Authorized money should be spent  
Minority opposed to the basic premise that federal govt would or should assume most of the responsibility.

- B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

- C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U

COMMENT:



- 5 II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *Government also should enforce programs*

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
(Place a number to the left of each, using 1 for highest priority, 2 for next, etc. If your League prefers a goal not listed, put the appropriate number before "other" and tell what the members had in mind. If no decision was reached, check "undecided".)

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- [2] increase use of post-industrial wastes, not post-consumer wastes
- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:

- ① III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y N U
- by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries ☒ Y N U
- by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry ☒ Y N U
- equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y N U
- increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials ☒ Y N U
- reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge ☒ Y N ☒ U
- revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y N U
- increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y N U
- modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials Y N ☒ U
- federal stockpiling of recyclable materials Y ☒ N U
- \*altering federal patent policy Y ☒ N ☒ U
- offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials ☒ Y N U
- offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials Y ☒ N U
- other \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:



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② IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ N U

COMMENT: *States and counties probably will not do this unless they are given aid.*

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

1 increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
2 increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
3 offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
4 offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
5 offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
6 guaranteeing bonds	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	U
7 subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	U
other			

COMMENT: *2+3 - Method should be devised to make sure that no funds are received unless plans are actually implemented.*

*7 - Small group voicing a 'yes' opinion.*

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ N U

COMMENT: *Especially in rural areas.*

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

1 user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
2 local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
3 state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
4 local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
5 state revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
6 investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	N	U
other	Y	N	U

COMMENT: *4 - Make sure these are available to small investors*

*5 - U due to conflicting opinions*

*A minority (1 unit) felt unable to answer at all because the members could not agree on the meaning of the question.*

3 V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ N U

COMMENT: *Minority - "N"*

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first *Alcohol cans, non-returnable bottles, plastics (especially their use in over packaging goods)*

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT: *- Make the public aware of the problem and how it can help.*  
*over*

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 100

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 17

Who filled out form? DEBORAH BRAVENEC

(Name)

EQ CHAIRMAN

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Audrey Phillips

Date 1/22/73

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- ✓ B - Use federal loans (on non-returnable bottles, for example)
- Enforce current laws
  - R+D to produce more products of a recyclable or reclaimable nature
  - Tax benefits for those who use recyclable or reclaimable materials in packaging.



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COMMENT:

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT:

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	<u>N</u>	U	Y	<u>N</u>	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	<u>N</u>	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
intensify R&D for new, improved, less expensive methods of collection and disposal						
	to industry			to governments		
by offering financial aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT:

*Aid for R&D is where the federal government can do the most good.*



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
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- [3] reduce volume of wastes for which a community must find disposal sites
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- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [ ] other \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

(Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- |   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry                                      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials                                | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials                          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials                 | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| federal stockpiling of recyclable materials   | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N | <input checked="" type="radio"/> U |
| altering federal patent policy  | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Y | <input type="radio"/> N            | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials            | <input type="radio"/> Y            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> N | <input type="radio"/> U            |
| other _____   |                                    |                                    |                                    |

COMMENT:



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
guaranteeing bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
other _____			

COMMENT:

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y ☐ N ☐ U

COMMENT:

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state tax revenues	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U
other _____	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	<input type="radio"/> U

COMMENT:

*yes to local revenue bonds not to general obligation bonds. Yes to state revenue bonds not to general obligation bonds.*

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☐ Y ☐ N ☒ U

COMMENT:

*Would prefer as little Federal interference as possible but we feel local gov. can't or won't do anything until Federal standards are set.*

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT:

(OVER)



Number of members in local League 27

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 6

Who filled out form? Sylvia A. Reid

(Name) Vice President

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President Mrs. Lester Farmer

Date January 18, 1973

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I. A - Should the major responsibility for solid waste management remain with the states and localities? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: for the present

B - Should the role of the federal government in solid waste management be expanded? (Circle one) Y N U

COMMENT: Especially in research

C - If the federal role is expanded, should the federal government have the authority to (Circle conclusion for each specific discussed; see general directions)

	for collection			for disposal		
issue federal criteria and standards	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U
issue regulations based on federal standards	Y	<u>N</u>	U	Y	<u>N</u>	U
offer federal financial assistance to localities	Y	N	<u>U</u>	Y	N	<u>U</u>
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by offering technical aid for R&D	<u>Y</u>	N	U	<u>Y</u>	N	U

COMMENT: we felt that not enough research has been done to issue federal regulations except to regulate interstate affairs. Some felt financial aid to localities was already available from other fed. sources.



II. A - Should the federal government establish national policies and programs to encourage recycling of post-industrial and post-consumer wastes?

COMMENT: *absolutely* (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

B - If the federal government were to establish such policies and programs, what priority would your League place on each of the following goals?  
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- [1] forestall depletion of nonrenewable resources
- [4] other *increase use of post-consumer wastes*
- [ ] undecided

COMMENT:

III. A - Should the federal government try to increase demand for secondary materials?

COMMENT: *absolutely* (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

B - If the federal government were to work to increase such demand, would your League support

- equalizing tax treatment of virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y N U
- by reducing tax exemptions of extractive industries ☒ Y N U
- by increasing tax exemptions of secondary materials industry ☒ Y N U
- equalizing transportation rates for virgin and secondary materials ☒ Y N U
- increasing fees for use of federal lands to produce virgin materials ☒ Y N U
- reducing subsidies on inorganic fertilizers or offering subsidies on compost and sewage sludge ☒ Y N U
- revising federal specifications for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y N U
- increasing federal government purchase orders for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y N U
- modifying federal labelling requirements for products made of reclaimed materials ☒ Y N U
- federal stockpiling of recyclable materials ☒ Y N U
- altering federal patent policy ☒ Y N U
- offering tax benefits to companies that install equipment that allows use of recyclable materials ☒ Y N U
- offering direct subsidies to companies that increase their use of recyclable materials ☒ Y N U
- other \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT:



IV. A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to give such help to state, local and regional agencies, would your League support the federal government

increasing its financial aid for R&D on recycling	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
increasing its technical assistance capabilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
offering planning grants to regional and state agencies	Y	N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> U
offering construction grants	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
offering low cost loans	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
guaranteeing bonds	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
subsidizing separation of post-consumer waste at source	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
other			

COMMENT: *we were undecided on offering planning grants since some members said this was offered under C.O.G. We felt that separating post consumer waste at the source was a local problem.*

C - Should the federal government encourage increased emphasis on nonfederal building and operating recycling facilities? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *we felt that private enterprise should be encouraged*

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your League support

user fees, levied according to amount of waste generated	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
local tax revenues	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
state tax revenues	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
local revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
state revenue or general obligation bonds	Y	<input checked="" type="radio"/> N	U
investment of private capital	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y	N	U
other	Y	N	U

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid wastes? (Circle one) ☒ Y N U

COMMENT: *Especially through research & development*

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal wastes at their source,

what kinds of materials should receive attention first *PVC plastic, non-biodegradable*

how should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT: *By taxing non-returnable containers & by discouraging manufacturing obsolescence in products* (OVER)



... A - Should the federal government help states and localities develop recycling facilities? (Circle one) Y N

COMMENT:

Number of members in local League 45

Number present at consensus-reaching meeting 16

Who filled out form? Deanne Dubin

(Name)

E Q chairman

(Portfolio)

Signature of local League President \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send one copy of your report to the national office (one copy to state and one for your local League file) as soon as possible after determining consensus but no later than January 31, 1973.

D - Among nonfederal sources of funding construction and operation of recycling facilities would your league support

U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y
U	N	Y

COMMENT:

V. A - Should the federal government take measures to reduce the generation of municipal solid waste? (Circle one) Y N

COMMENT:

B - If the federal government were to emphasize reduction in volume of municipal waste as its policy

What kinds of materials should receive attention first

How should the federal government encourage such reduction

COMMENT: (OVER)



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# memorandum

The League of Women Voters of the United States

February 28, 1973

TO: Local and State League Presidents  
(To be passed on to EQ or Solid Waste Chairmen)

FROM: Ruth Clusen, Chairman, Environmental Quality Committee

RE: Comments on Consensus

In a memo accompanying the consensus questions on solid waste management, I asked you to respond, telling us how the format worked, what you thought about this type of questions and to make any suggestions you wished -- and you did! In the best tradition of the League, you have written letters to me, to the national committee, and included your opinions on the consensus reports. I had hoped to be able to respond to each one of you with a personal letter. In fact, I started to do just that and have already written a number of letters. But now I find that this would be time-consuming, costly, and is perhaps unnecessary. I hope those of you who have not heard from me will consider this memo as a personal letter and will pass on the information to the members whose opinions you were reflecting in your comments on the consensus process.

As you may imagine the reaction to the format and the questions is mixed; some Leagues liked it; some saw both advantages and disadvantages; many disliked it. I want to assure you that every one of these letters and comments is being read by a number of people -- especially me. Not only are we reading them, we are taking them to heart and will pay close attention to them in future decisions on consensus. When the national board decided to try this experiment we knew there were hazards involved, but it was really the only way to find out if it would work and if we could make the process faster and at the same time find out more about member thinking on the specifics of a general position.

At this time the returns are being both tabulated and analyzed from every possible point of view. Everything you said on your reports is being carefully read and tabulated in our effort to reach a truly valid position. We have had returns from over 1,000 Leagues which is an excellent percentage. Because we are combining both methods -- the counting by punch cards of your "Yes, No, Undecided" plus tabulation by computer and the analysis of all your comments by an experienced League leader -- I hope you will feel sure that no shadings of opinion are being lost because of the process.

It is obvious that in many cases you found the questions difficult, lengthy, and technical. My apologies for making you work so hard -- but at this writing, it looks as if your efforts were worth it. We will have considerable agreement.



One of the hard facts of League life now seems to be that as the issues with which government deals become more complex, so must League program items. As we strive to be a more effective organization, we are constantly confronted with the need to be more specific in the things we say about our positions. I, for one, as a program chairman, do not like to have to guess at what members think about some rather important questions, when I have to represent you in making statements. While we may not have found the ideal way to get this information from members this time, I assure you that we are learning a great deal from this experiment.

This memo is really intended to be my way of saying "thank you" -- for the effort you made to cope with what to many of you was a difficult task and for taking the time to write and tell us how this worked out in practice in the most important place of all -- the local League units. The national board will want to evaluate carefully the results of this trial and it is most helpful to have heard from so many of you. We are listening!

RE: Recent Mailings

I hope each League president has passed on two recent pieces to the person heading up the League's work on solid wastes. These are

- Memo from me re What to Do after January 31, dated February 15, 1973, which explains the goals of the solid waste project and suggests ways to carry out this commitment.
- Environmental UPDATE on Solid Waste Management, January 1973, which is the first of a series financed by the L/W Education Fund's contract with EPA's Office of Public Affairs. Watch for others about monthly.

Any EQ or Solid Waste chairman who has not seen these should inquire from her president.



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Our League also suggests that we as a nation take advantage of computer technology to avoid duplication of projects in SWM. Information sharing and coordination of results are basic to good planning. We would specifically suggest that the information learned from the projects sponsored by such diverse agencies as EPA OSWMP, Bureau of Mines, HEW, HUD, etc., be fed into a giant computer facility, such as the Battelle Memorial Institute. We would ask the computer to assess and evaluate the projects, using systems analysts to select those that would be most practical for a given city or area. Further, priorities should be assessed and that technology which would implement them should be put to work. All of this requires the use of federal funds (adequate financing and qualified personnel are traditionally League requirements), but here our San Antonio League pulled back somewhat, and we advocated in our consensus increasing federal financial aid for such r and d as mentioned above, technical assistance, offering low cost loans and guaranteeing bonds.

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The following is meant to bring you, Mrs. Clusen, up to date on another of our concerns-- the lawsuit in which we are plaintiffs with the Sierra Club, the American Association Of University Women, San Antonio Citizens for a Better Environment, the Bexar County Commissioners, and the Edwards Underground Water (reservoir) District. The attorney assigned to our case by the County Commissioners unfortunately died, so the trial was again postponed to the last week in February. Defendants in the case are HUD and the San Antonio Ranch-Newtown developers. Both the Water District and Commissioners Court have been supportive of our position with funds, legal help and public announcements, but the community remains apathetic. Funds from the community have been hard to come by. The last report from our attorneys indicates that the case has been expanded to include minority housing problems and job transportation difficulties associated with this community which is to be located at a considerable distance from minority employment areas. These matters were mentioned only briefly in the required Environmental Impact Statement-- which we are challenging as inadequate.

In an earlier legal appearance the attorneys for the defendants challenged our (collective) right to sue, but the judge said we had that right. Our case is in the Fourth Federal District Court. The interrelationships between the Edwards Underground Water District, the Texas Water Rights Commission and the Texas Water Quality Board, which is charged with the control of pollution in our state, have been a subject of much concern and discussion among the plaintiffs. The Texas Water Quality Board has come out strongly for the defendants. Perhaps you might wish to pass these comments along to Dr. Lois Sharpe with whom we have communicated.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sandra Friedman  
Environmental Quality Chairman, SAALWW

cc to State Environment Chairman

*Forgot to  
mention, SAALWW  
feels all League  
material should be  
printed on recycled  
paper. Also to save  
money let's cut down  
on single sheet  
mailings.*



San Antonio Area League of Women Voters  
[REDACTED]

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*Please for  
Higgins  
Luis  
Betty A*

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Mrs. Ruth Clusen  
Solid Waste Management Consensus Evaluation Committee  
League of Women Voters of the U.S.  
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. Clusen and SUM Committee:

The number of persons participating in our consensus was small, though attendance at units for this topic was good. Because of unusually icy roads our general meeting had to be postponed, and we had to have our unit meetings first, taking consensus after our lengthy general meeting. However, we discussed the consensus questions at units, and I feel that the consensus is a pretty fair representation of members' opinions.

Through our discussions ran the theme of the energy crisis, which, by the way, might make an excellent study item for the League as a whole. This was brought home to us in South Texas by the curtailment of our gas supply. An unusually cold winter caused the University of Texas at Austin to extend the semester break in order to save gas, used in South Texas to generate electricity. (In September Austin citizens -- mainly by a large turnout of the student vote -- rejected a nuclear plant which would have supplied energy for a number of cities in South Texas.) A local newspaper reported that it cost the citizens of San Antonio \$35,000 a day for 8 days to burn oil instead of gas -- and another cold wave has hit us. Coastal States Gas Co. which supplies our gas is asking our City Public Service Board for a substantial rate increase.

All of which brings me to the question -- Is it feasible to consider at this time to use methane gas, generated by solid waste and sewage, as an energy source for cities? To make a long story short, ecology professor LaMont Cole of Cornell in an article in the New York Times Magazine of April 2, 1972, says we have the technology.

This idea caught the imagination of our League members. In your opinion would Congress support legislation for additional pilot projects using this technology? Is the technology refined enough for cities to use this method now -- providing that federal assistance -- in terms of expertise and money -- was available? Would and could the League lobby for such legislation?

Additionally in our discussion and in consensus, our League feared creating a great federal bureaucracy in solid waste management. I pointed out that the federal government has played a large part in water management, anti-pollution, and waste water treatment legislation. However, San Antonio Area Leaguers aren't ready to make that kind of financial commitment to solid waste management. We are for research and technical assistance on the federal level but would prefer that states and localities should carry the major burden.



Thermo: Bobbette  
Higgins

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LWV of Brazos County  
c/o Deborah Bravenec  
[REDACTED]

LWV of the United States  
Attention: Environmental Quality  
[REDACTED]

To the National EQ Committee:

The EQ Committee of the LWV of Brazos County feels quite strongly about several issues dealing with the national consensus form on solid waste. The two main issues deal with using the computer to compute opinions and the "slanted" form. These two may be intertwined to a large degree.

Obviously the questions had to be worded in such a way as to make the answers acceptable to compilation and analysis by a computer, i.e. Y, N or U. These are rather narrow limits within which to fit the opinions of many League members, even with the space for comments provided. This is especially true when local leagues must compile several consensus forms (three in our case) before sending the final form on to you.

The whole form was slanted in that almost all the questions were based on the assumption that League members agreed that the federal government's role in solid waste management should be expanded. Any other alternatives to an expanded federal role were not explored.

Other minor complaints we might mention were the wording of several questions (II B 3 and III B 4) in such a way as to include two questions in one and an objection to ordering (IIB). It was felt that the latter was rather difficult to accomplish in a unit meeting.

If you would like any further explanation of any of these points please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

*Deborah Bravenec*

Deborah Bravenec  
Chairman, EQ Committee



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Comments for III B

Each item under III B was assigned a number from 1 to 12 to facilitate listing comments.

2. Secondary materials should be favored
3. A fixed percent of profit should be the fee levied.
4. U due to too many conflicting opinions in circulation.
7. --Recycled or reclaimed materials should be continued to be labeled as such  
--The public should be educated to understand that recycled or reclaimed does not necessarily mean inferior  
--Imported goods and domestic goods should be labeled in the same manner.
8. Some liked the idea of stockpiling, but not by the federal gov't.
9. --Some feeling that the process by which individuals may obtain patents should be made easier.  
--Some unclear as to present policy, thus felt unable to make any decision.  
--Industry should not be able to buy patent to keep a competing product off the market.
11. No because defining which companies would receive subsidies under which circumstances would be extremely difficult if not impossible. Also, a clear definition of "recyclable materials" would be difficult.