

LWV-RMA – Land Use Position Statement
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1. Community development should be based on comprehensive, professional planning and zoning at all levels of government through coordinated plan review among the County, City, Towns and Villages with sufficient opportunities for citizen participation and training for members of planning and zoning boards.

2. Comprehensive planning should promote integration based on social, economic, and environmental justice factors. This includes affirmatively furthering Fair Housing in low poverty areas, integration of persons with special needs, and enabling affordable housing with access to employment and educational opportunities through varying housing densities, sizes and tenancy (single family units on smaller lots sizes, 2 -4-unit rentals, multi-family rentals, accessory units, “tiny” homes).

3. Development should maintain stability of occupancy for long-term residents.

4. Measures to remediate, mitigate, and prevent the impacts of climate change should be required in land use decisions, especially to minimize the negative impact on lower income households. Such measures include but are not necessarily limited to:

- a. Preserving agricultural, unique, and environmentally critical areas, parkland, and open space.
- b. Promoting alternative forms of transportation (including EVs, mass transit, bikes, and walking) with the associated infrastructure and access, including EV charging stations on urban residential streets and in rural areas, and assisting with the process of transitioning to electrification of vehicles and buildings.
- c. Promoting and encouraging the placement of composting facilities and alternative energy sources such as solar and wind farms and geo-thermal installations where they will benefit landowners with the least disruption to the neighboring communities.