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League of Women Voters Opposes Tulsa City Charter Change Proposals

TULSA—The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa supports the current City of Tulsa charter and opposes all proposed charter changes that may be on the November 2011 ballot.

“We believe the structure of the current form of city government is fundamentally sound and representative,” said Heather Hope-Hernandez, Tulsa League president. “There are adequate checks and balances to the power wielded by the mayor and the council. There is also sufficient separation of powers to require interaction and communication if both groups desire to faithfully and effectively govern,” she said.

The League came to this decision after many months of study and discussion.

“The League believes that none of the proposed changes will significantly strengthen what we already have and will not resolve perceived problems that have received so much publicity in recent months,” said Mary Jane Lindaman, League board member and chair of the Study Committee that considered the charter change proposals. “Some suggested proposals will eliminate crucial checks and balances and diminish flexibility and accountability, thus weakening the government,” she said.

Tulsa League and Charter Change Background

The Tulsa League of Women Voters has a long and proud 50-year history of supporting representative government. The League was one of the organizations instrumental in changing Tulsa’s form of government from commissioners elected at-large to the current strong mayor/council form of government which was adopted by voters in 1989.

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Tulsa is a non-partisan political organization. Its mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government, to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

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