

**Orange County League of Women Voters Inter-League Organization
Money in Politics and Ethics in Orange County Government Study
Concurrence
November 7, 2015**

The League of Women Voters of Orange County supports the inclusion in the Orange County Charter of a permanent, local oversight mechanism to enforce governmental ethics, and campaign financing and lobbying laws. This mechanism should be designed to ensure transparency, accountability, integrity and impartiality.

Key elements of this mechanism ideally should include, but not be limited to:

- Independence
- Training for candidates, elected and appointed County officials, and key County staff in the areas of governmental ethics, and campaign financing and lobbying laws
- Subpoena power to allow for collection of relevant information
- Adequate budget and staff
- Annual reports to the public
- Enforcement mechanisms
- Whistleblower protection
- Timely responses

This ILO Position was adopted at the final Session of the Orange County League of Women Voters Inter-League Organization (ILO) on November 7, 2015 and then Approved by the ILO Board at their regular meeting on November 17, 2015.