

CHARTER COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION – 2010

The League of Women Voters of Juneau, Alaska, reaffirms its support of the Charter of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, and recommends a “no” vote on the 2010 ballot question:

“Shall there be a Charter Commission to review or amend the Charter?”

The League supports the mayor/assembly/manager form of government as established by the Charter.

We further support the following objectives of a local Charter and believe they are met by the Juneau Charter:

It should be flexible, concise and adaptable to changing needs

It should provide for a government that has accountability, appropriate representation and decision-making

It should provide for the basic procedures and practices of the assembly and administration

It should provide popular controls over the government

The League finds that where there are criticisms of the Juneau government, the problems are not with the Charter and its provisions but with the implementation of the provisions. The League supports the Charter of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska. The League consensus is that issues brought forward can rely on the amendment process for needed changes.

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