



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS *of Dallas*

### **Presentation to the City Council on June 14, 2006**

**by Katherine Homan, President**

The League of Women Voters of Dallas says Yes! to **Forward Dallas!** as it was amended last Thursday by the City Plan Commission. We commend the City Council and Staff for their enormous investment in the creation of this long overdue comprehensive plan. For years, the League has been a steadfast advocate for in-depth, internally developed, city-wide development planning, so we applaud you today for this historic effort.

The League, however, also steadfastly believes that citizen involvement is a critical element of good government and effective planning. While we appreciate the opportunities provided for citizen participation during the creation of this plan, we ask that you now continue allowing for such participation during the plan's implementation phase. This could be accomplished by your appointing a citizens advisory group, which would hold periodic public meetings in order for citizens to review and make recommendations to the City regarding the plan's performance. Given the city's history for not fully utilizing previous development plans, the League recommends that a strong monitoring system be incorporated into **Forward Dallas!** and that a citizens advisory group be an integral component of such a monitoring system.

The League of Women Voters of Dallas thanks you for your excellent effort to provide our City with an overall development vision. Now we urge you to adopt **Forward Dallas!** as it was amended last Thursday by the City Plan Commission. Once again, I extend our gratitude and appreciation to the City Council and Staff for accomplishing such an immense undertaking. Congratulations!