



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS NEWTON

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Leslie Burg, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Chair Burg and members of the CPC:

The League of Women Voters of Newton (LWVN) reaffirms its support of the Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program.

Since its inception in 2001, this program has helped 16 households of limited means to acquire permanent, safe housing in many neighborhoods across Newton. The LWVN has supported the CPA funding of this program because of its demonstrated effectiveness and because it addresses the following priorities identified in City plans, including the 2007 Comprehensive Plan:

- Creating homeownership opportunities for low-, moderate- and middle-income residents
- Supporting and expanding the socio-economic, cultural and racial diversity of Newton
- Using existing housing stock in addressing the City's affordable housing needs, while maintaining neighborhood character and preserving its historic fabric.

We urge the committee and the Board of Aldermen to approve the \$475,000 in requested funding, as well as the increased subsidy of \$150,000 per unit (currently \$115,000) to assist an additional three potential homebuyers.

Sincerely,

*Anne Borg*  
*Sue Flicop*  
Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Newton