

24-June-2022

Dear 2022-23 Board,

I am writing to acknowledge the first advocacy action taken by this Board. We have sent an email to Mayor Fuller expressing our agreement with the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy (NCCE)'s memo of June 20th stating *"We are writing to you regarding the Newton Cemetery' request for exemption from the Tree Preservation Ordinance. We urge you to stand with the Director of Urban Forestry in denying that request and any waiver of its consequences. We also urge you to ask the City Council to revise the ordinance language to clarify their intent that the Tree Preservation Ordinance not exclude any property owners from its provisions."*

This is in alignment with

1. The LWVN's approved program plan on Climate Action & Sustainability
2. The Natural Resources Goal - *Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest by recognizing the interrelationships of air quality, energy, land use, waste management and water resources (LWVUS) (1986)* as found in LWVMA's Where We Stand June 2020 document.

Thank you for approving the sending of this email to Mayor Fuller in support of Newton's Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Marcia Johnson

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President, LWVN