



April 1, 2019

Rocky Flats Stewardship Council
P.O. Box 17670
Boulder, CO 80308-0670

Dear Executive Director and Board Members:

The Leyden Rock Homeowners Association has asked the Jefferson County League of Women Voters (Jeffco LWV) for public support in addressing their concerns related to the 2020 proposed Jefferson Parkway Construction activities. The League supports the homeowners' request for prior independent sampling of soils for residual plutonium in the soil; dust control and mitigation; air monitoring before and during construction; and a formal plan to stop construction during periods of high winds.

The League recognizes that the Rocky Flats Stewardship Councils' mission is to provide local engagement activities on long term stewardship of Rocky Flats, the Refuge, and the residual contamination. Based on this mission, the two Counties, six City Governments, Town of Superior and organization representatives on the Stewardship council, have the authority to request, that the Jefferson Parkway Public Authority, whose members consist of Jefferson County, City and County of Broomfield and City of Arvada, provide the sampling, dust control, and air monitoring, prior to and during construction that the citizens are requesting. Soil disturbances for the Parkway also have the potential to impact the residents of the seven local governments whose communities surround the site. Standley Lake, the water supply for three cities, may also be impacted.

Since 1981, the Jeffco LWV has been monitoring, educating the public, and taking action on Rocky Flats activities. (See Attachment 1) Because of the League's ongoing concern for plutonium and other contamination in Rocky Flats soil, a letter was sent in 2007 from the Jeffco LWV to the U.S. Department of Interior, Congressman Mark Udall and Senator Wayne Allard, requesting that a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be required before the Wildlife Refuge 300' easement for the Parkway was granted. An Environmental Assessment (EA) rather than a complete EIS was undertaken by Fish & Wildlife. The Jeffco League still supports wise decision making at Rocky Flats that requires consideration of environmental, public-health, social and economic impacts of any proposed plans and actions.

The League of Women Voters facilitates informed citizen participation in government. The League strongly supports the public's right to know and requests that the Stewardship Council members support this community request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June LeCrone".

June LeCrone
President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Harlow".

Mary Harlow
Action Chair

Attachment

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EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.

Attachment 1

The Jeffco LWV Has a Long History of Oversight on Rocky Flats

- In 1981 the League supported continuing the hazard warnings on FHA loans for homes near Rocky Flats. The League took Action and presented its positions to a subcommittee of the Rocky Flat Monitoring committee.
- In 1995, the League used a Department of Energy Grant of \$9,000 to prepare a booklet and video on Rocky Flats related to waste storage issues and how citizens could become involved in the decision making process.
- 2004 the League wrote a letter of concern encouraging public comment on the allowance of time for interested parties to speak about their concerns regarding the Rocky Flats Cleanup Project and eventual operation of the refuge. The League urged that the public be kept informed about the process of the cleanup plan.
- 2005 the League became involved with the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments and shares the responsibilities with the League of Women Voters of Colorado.
- In 2009 the Jeffco League had an update on Rocky Flats focusing on the perspective on closure, cleanup, remediation, future directions for the property and considered the proposal to use it as a wildlife refuge.
- December 2009, April 2010, and spring 2011, the League studied and discussed the Jefferson Parkway but did not take a formal position. The Jefferson Parkway was used as a platform to develop a Position on Highways in 2011. The Highway position is based on the Leagues firm belief in open and transparent government and in the citizen's right to participate in government; the decision making process regarding, when, where, and how a road or highway is built and financed must also be transparent and open. The planning process, all phases of construction and long term operation (including any governmental or nongovernmental entities) must be open and transparent to the public. The Jeffco LWV opposes non-compete clauses, and supports contracts that meet federal state county and municipal minimum standards for safety, durability.

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