



### **FY 2020 Fairfax County Budget Testimony**

Speaking on behalf of the League, Co-President Judy Helein submitted the four following statements on the FY 2020 budget.

1. We want to thank you for fully funding the schools and giving pay increases to our teachers and county employees. This pay increase is overdue and well deserved.
2. We support the added and much needed funding for behavioral health such as Diversion First and initiatives to address the opioid epidemic. These are important steps to providing mental health and substance abuse services in the community rather than through incarceration.
3. We urge our County to make funding decisions in accordance with One Fairfax that promotes diversity and inclusion in our community. This includes funding for affordable housing and efficient transportation.
4. Our County's election office will likely need funds to enhance its already strong satellite absentee voting program and a repeat of the 2015-2016 reserve fund established for the eventual replacement of elections equipment. We are fortunate that our County has the resources and expertise to hold multiple well-run elections each year. We hope that you will make this funding available to ensure that we continue to have state-of-the-art elections equipment.