



The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County

The Roles, Responsibilities and Oversight of the Saratoga County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) and the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership (Prosperity Partnership)

Statement of Position

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The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County believes that the IDA, the SEDC and the Prosperity Partnership, in devising plans to bring business to and market properties in Saratoga County municipalities, should adhere to the following principles:

Activities should include, but not be limited to, providing assistance to any municipality requesting such assistance in devising economic development plans, while respecting the autonomy and authority of municipalities in creating their own growth scenarios through their Comprehensive Plans.

The IDA and Prosperity Partnership should be subject to the direction of the County Board of Supervisors and, in order to promote accountability and transparency, should comply with complete and accurate reporting requirements. Saratoga County and/or the IDA should have a formal contract for any services to be provided by either the Prosperity Partnership or SEDC and such contract should include but not be limited to specific deliverables that are outlined and measurable. Both the Prosperity Partnership and the SEDC should be required to provide annual public reports on its accomplishments against the contract deliverables.

IDA/SEDC/Prosperity Partnership project criteria should be subject to Smart Growth principles, including focusing development on existing infrastructure and municipal centers while protecting natural resources and open space, in order to revitalize communities and to limit sprawl.

IDA/SEDC/Prosperity Partnership project support should be limited to those efforts that will enhance economic, personal, and social well-being for prospective project employees, including the promotion of livable wages, health insurance, and other fringe benefits.