



January 4, 2022

Re: Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center Navigation Center

In support of the Benton County Navigation Center:

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis supports the development of a Navigation Center for people experiencing homelessness and/or with low-income in Benton County, Oregon. The ultimate goal of the Navigation Center is to assist clients in securing and maintaining permanent housing. The Corvallis League's support is based on our housing position to "support non-profit charitable organizations in their efforts to meet housing needs of all and prioritize funding for these organizations."

The Corvallis League sees coordinated entry and a comprehensive network of support as essential for meeting our housing goals for vulnerable populations experiencing or at risk of homelessness. A single point entry system coordinates resources at one location and is efficient for clients as well as the service providers. It also reduces trauma and stress for the clients.

Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC) is the only daytime community resource and navigation center in Benton County for people who are experiencing homelessness. CDDC is often the first point of service contact, bridging connections to additional services such as shelter, housing, mental and physical health, and employment. They work closely with many partners to serve the population in need.

We, the League of Women Voters of Corvallis, enthusiastically support Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center's efforts to develop and operate this new Navigation Center to expand their essential service to people experiencing homelessness and with low-income in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie S. Bozarth". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Connie Bozarth, President