

FRIENDS OF THE WHITE RIVER (FOWR) Policy on Taking Public Policy Stands

FOWR believes that taking public stands on appropriate public policy matters is an important way in which we serve our constituents and our cause. Our board of directors will consider requests to take a public policy stand strategically and thoughtfully. The decision by the board to take a policy stand will generally be based on the following:

- a. The policy stand directly or indirectly affects our constituents and/or FOWR.
- b. The policy stand is consistent with FOWR's mission, vision, and core values, and has benefits that outweigh its risks.
- c. The policy stand draws on FOWR's expertise and knowledge.

Requests to FOWR to take a policy stand can come from anyone. These requests should be sent in writing to the FOWR Executive Director and should include:

- a. Why the individual/organization is seeking FOWR's endorsement.
- b. What an endorsement by FOWR would add to the individual/organization's effort.
- c. What the effect of the individual/organization's proposed action or stand will be.
- d. What other organizations have endorsed the group's effort.

The FOWR board will decide whether to take the policy stand in a timely manner once it has sufficient information to make such a decision. When possible, FOWR asks for at least two-weeks' notice before a response is needed.



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