

League of Women Voters of Saratoga County
Statement of Position

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

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The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County believes that the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors should direct both the IDA and the SEDC to devise proactive plans to bring business to, and market properties, in both the Northway Corridor and Shoulder municipalities. Such activities should include, but not be limited to, assisting municipalities in devising economic development plans and setting priorities. The IDA and SEDC should recognize the need, in all the County's municipalities, to provide for tax base development, beyond residential property taxes, for the infrastructure and services required by growth.

The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County believes that the County Board of Supervisors should provide specific, detailed direction to the IDA. There should be at least two supervisors involved in the policy development of the IDA, one of whom should be the Chair of Saratoga County's Economic Development Committee. Also, the County Board of Supervisors should oversee the activities of the SEDC on a formal basis. Saratoga County and/or the IDA should have a formal contract for any services to be provided by the SEDC and such contract should include but not be limited to specific deliverables that are outlined and measurable. The SEDC should be required to provide annual reports on its accomplishments against the contract deliverables.