

**League of Women Voters of Falls Church City**  
**Consensus Questions: Study Report on the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC)**  
**November 2010**

**1. Why should the Falls Church City Council continue to provide annual funding to the Northern Virginia Community College?**

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church supports full-funding by the City Government of the Northern Virginia Community College annual assessment because NVCC provides:

- high-quality, cost-effective, post-secondary education to an increasing number of George Mason High School graduates and other City residents
- educational courses and certificate programs in the critical areas of technology, first response and health care as well as other workforce education for the region
- enhanced opportunities for cultural activities as well as personal enrichment through courses such as foreign language, art and technology courses

The League considers the city's continued financial contribution to NVCC to be an important part of the city's responsibility to the Region.

**2. How can George Mason High School (GMHS) staff, teachers and counselors work with NVCC staff and GMHS students to help students take full advantage of educational opportunities available from NVCC?**

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church believes the Falls Church City School staff, teachers and counselors should:

- provide comprehensive counseling, starting in middle school, to students and parents regarding cost benefits as well as the wide-range and quality of educational opportunities provided by NVCC
- invite NVCC representatives to come to GMHS more than once a year for recruitment efforts
- invite NVCC representatives to PTSA meetings to inform parents regarding the educational options, financial aid, online courses, small class size, student support systems, and other benefits offered by NVCC
- offer students the opportunity to participate in a field trip to visit local NVCC campus(es)
- expand Dual Enrollment opportunities to allow students to earn both college and high school credit by taking college-level courses taught at GMHS by NVCC faculty and/or accredited teachers

**3. By what means can Falls Church City Government or the School Division best inform Falls Church citizens and organizations about the services offered by NVCC?**

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church believes:

- George Mason High School, Falls Church City Government, the Falls Church Education Foundation and the Falls Church Economic Development Advisory Board should add information to their websites about NVCC courses and other services, including a link to the published NVCC course schedule and to a calendar of NVCC-sponsored cultural events
- the city's representative on the NVCC Board of Directors should regularly request statistics related to Falls Church city citizen and GMHS graduate enrollment in NVCC
- the Falls Church City Government should issue a press release announcing the statistics and also publish them on the city's website
- the city should request that NVCC to offer classes within the Falls Church City limits by renting class space at GMHS or another school in the evening and/or in other available office space in the city.