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Glen Ellyn's budget should be designed to provide services desired by a predominantly residential community. The basic form and underlying principles of the budget should be adequate and appropriate for serving the Village into the future.

Human services are an important part of the Village budget, and it is appropriate to fund these from general revenues. ~~League members expressed particular concern for the continuation of services for seniors, adolescents and people who are disabled. Any expansion beyond the current level of human services should be carefully weighed.~~

Village revenue should come from a variety of sources, including property, sales and utility taxes, among others, and user fees when appropriate. ~~The Village should encourage the development of vacant land to its optimum use as income producing property, as well as encourage Central Business District enterprises that might increase sales tax revenue with a minimum increase in demand for services.~~ ~~The Village should be alert to ways to increase revenue without increasing the tax burden on residents, and should examine home rule revenue options and adopt appropriate ones when possible.~~ The Village should constantly seek to limit expenditures by encouraging increased efficiency, ~~by increasing privatization of services where feasible~~ and cooperating with other units of government like the Park District to avoid unnecessary duplication of services.

Although the Village budget process is careful and thorough, ~~public input is actively sought only after the budget is almost complete.~~ the Village should seek and the League should offer public input early in the budget process, instead of only at the end.