

NONPARTISAN POLICY

The League of Women Voters of California encourages the political involvement of its members, but the boards of League of Women Voters of California and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund recognize the necessity that a few basic limitations must be imposed on the activities of its board members during their term to preserve the nonpartisan reputation of the LWVC/LWVCEF.

The League of Women Voters of California and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The boards and each board member have the responsibility to maintain the nonpartisanship of the organization.

Political Activity

- The president is the League's principal spokesperson, has a strong League identity, and shall not lobby for another organization.
- The president, the chair of the Education Fund, if any, the executive director, the legislative director and the voter service director shall not serve in any position in a political party.
- The president, the chair of the Education Fund, if any, the executive director, the legislative director and the voter service director shall not take an active, visible role in, or make a financial contribution to, any statewide political candidate's campaign.
- Other board members may participate in or make donations to the campaigns of candidates running for local or national office. No state board member may use the League's name in their support.
- Board members and the executive director shall not chair or administer fundraising or political campaigns, chair a campaign event or work in a visible way in the campaign of a candidate for state office. Board members' activities must be limited to preserve the League's good government image.
- An LWVC/LWVCEF board member or the executive director may not run for or hold a state elective office.
- The political activities of a spouse or relative of a board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the board member.
- The LWVC/LWVCEF shall maintain its nonpartisan principles by refraining from publication of any communication that uses League positions to evaluate any specific elected office.
- Board members and the executive director shall not participate in campaigns for propositions and measures in opposition to League positions.
- The LWVC/LWVCEF shall not solicit donations for other organizations.
- Board members who question whether an activity violates the League's nonpartisan policy should bring the issue to the board for a decision.