



Legislative Priorities on Domestic Partnership

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

The League of Women Voters believes that government should ensure equality of opportunity for all persons.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports legislation that would grant wider rights to domestic partners. The League believes that this is a civil rights issue.

FACTS

- Some couples and families across the state do not have any guarantee that, in times of crisis and need, they will be able to care for their loved ones.
- Many pension plans terminate benefits when widows and widowers remarry. Similarly, the military terminates health insurance coverage when spouses of deceased military personnel remarry.
- Wills, powers of attorney, and medical proxies are all expensive and require the aid of an attorney to draft correctly.

REMEDY

The Domestic Partnership legislation will provide basic health security and legal protections to committed couples and families, protecting same sex couples, who may not marry, and opposite sex couples, who may be seniors and individuals with disabilities, who choose not to marry for financial and other reasons. Basic protections include hospital visitation rights, health care benefits, family leave, and the right to make difficult medical decisions in times of crisis.

**In the 2010 Legislative Session, LWVNM supports
passage of the Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities bill.**

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