



Legislative Priorities on Election Reform and Campaign Reporting and Financing 2012

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

The League of Women Voters believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. LWVNM supports procedures to guarantee the integrity of voting methods in New Mexico.

Voter Identification: The League of Women Voters opposes implementation of voter identification requirements beyond the Help America Vote Act mandates and current state law. Photo Voter ID requirements would disproportionately impact the elderly, disabled, rural residents, minorities and low-income citizens, cost millions of dollars to implement, add substantial new burdens on election administrators and poll workers, discourage voters and depress voter turnout. The League believes that New Mexico's current voter ID requirements protect the integrity of our vote.

The League of Women Voters supports legislation that assures citizens that people in public office or aspiring for public office act in the interest of the common good. It promotes accountability in campaign financing and eschews the influence of big money in politics.

The League supports expanding New Mexico's Campaign Reporting Act (CRA) to require disclosures from individuals and groups that engage in political advocacy, independent of the candidate, to close the "independent expenditure" loophole in the current law.

The League supports updating New Mexico's public campaign finance law to comply with the recent US Supreme Court decision that ruled matching funds provisions to be unconstitutional.

The League supports fair and clean elections and supports efforts to amend the US Constitution to negate the US Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United* which granted corporations and "super PAC's" the power to spend unlimited funds to support political campaigns without public accountability.

In the 2012 Legislative Session, LWVNM supports:

SM 4	Sen. Stephen Fischmann	Opposition to Citizens United
HM 3	Rep. Mimi Stewart	Opposition to Citizens United
SB 11	Sen. Peter Wirth	Independent Expenditure Reporting
SB 12	Sen. Peter Wirth	Public Campaign Financing
SB105	Sen. Eric Griego	Public Campaign Financing
HB 92	Rep. Eleanor Chavez	Voter Registration at MVD

In the 2012 Legislative Session, LWVNM opposes:

HB 113	Rep. Cathrynn Brown	Photo Voter ID
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