



Legislative Priorities on Ethics Reform 2010

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO

The League of Women Voters supports legislation that assures citizens that people in public office consistently act in the interest of the common good.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico believes that methods of financing political campaigns and public offices should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, maximize fiscal accountability and transparency, and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process. The League supports a fair, equitable and reasonable combination of public/private funding of campaigns for New Mexico state elective offices.

The League supports the establishment of an independent office or commission to oversee and enforce ethics rules and lobbying laws. This commission should be empowered to receive allegations and complaints, and to conduct investigations according to established detailed standards.

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports limits on gifts and contributions to candidates for elected offices and to the holders of elected and appointed offices.

In the 2010 Legislative Session, LWVNM supports:

SB 43	Sen. Lopez Rep. O'Neill	State Ethics Commission Act	This reflects the bipartisan consensus of one of the Legislature's Interim Committees.
HB 125	Rep. Egolf	State Ethics Commission Act	The League supports granting the Commission subpoena power
HB 118	Rep. Campos	Lobbyist & Contractor Contribution Ban	These restrictions on campaign contributions fall within parameters laid down by the Supreme Court
SB 51	Sen. E. Griego	Public Campaign Act	Extends voluntary public campaign financing to statewide offices and to the legislature
SB 67	Sen. Feldman	Voter Action Act Amendments	Clarifies responsibilities of candidates, parties and government in cases where public campaign financing is an option in NM.

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