



League of Women Voters of New Mexico

NONPARTISAN POLICY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

(Adopted May 17, 2009)

A. Nonpartisanship for President and Voter Guide Editor

The Board is committed to preserving the policy and reputation of the League of Women voters as a nonpartisan, multi-issue organization. The League takes positions on issues but does not support candidates or political parties. Accordingly, the president and the Voters Guide editor of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, during their tenure, shall not serve in any capacity as an official in a political party and shall not run for or serve as a partisan elected official at any level of government. The president and *Voters' Guide* editor shall also refrain from any activity which supports or gives the appearance of supporting a candidate for partisan office or a political party.

B. Partisan Political Activity by Board Members

Before any other member of the Board engages in any partisan political activity, he/she shall discuss with the president whether that activity will compromise the nonpartisan reputation of the LWVNM. If necessary, the activity at issue may be referred to the Board for resolution.

C. Appointments

Before a Board member accepts appointment to a government committee, commission or board, implications of the appointment shall be discussed with the president.

D. Avoidance of Partisan Activity by Board Members

If the president and/or the Board determine that a position or activity under items B or C would compromise or be perceived to compromise the League's nonpartisan position, the board member will either forgo the position or activity or will resign from the League Board before pursuing it.