



League of Women Voters of New Mexico

NONPARTISAN POLICY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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The League of Women Voters of New Mexico may take action on governmental measures and policies, but it will not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

Recognizing that the League experience uniquely equips members for public life and wishing to encourage members to utilize their knowledge and abilities, members are urged to participate fully in political activities on an individual basis.

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 LWVNM Voter Guide Editor will not serve in any capacity as an official in a political party and will not run for or serve as a partisan elected official at any level of government. The president and Voter Guide Editor will 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 will 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 will 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.

A member may serve on any public board, commission, committee, or coalition; however, that member does not represent the League unless officially designated as a League representative by the League president. A member may not speak or in any way work against a League position. The political activities of a spouse or relative of a member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the member.