



Nonpartisan Policy

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League does not support or oppose candidates for public office and acts only on issues chosen by the membership for study and action.

The League believes that political parties are essential to the American system of government, and participation of informed citizens is beneficial to the political parties and to the system. Consequently, the League encourages its members - as individuals - to be active in the political parties and in finding and supporting candidates for public office.

However, some limitations on board members' political activity are necessary to protect the nonpartisanship of the League as an organization.

Elected office

During their terms in office, the President and Voter Services Chair shall not run for nor hold any elected or appointed public office. A board member may hold a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) or nonpartisan position.

Political party office

The President, Voter Service Chair and any member with a visible role in voter education efforts, such as moderator, may not serve in any official position within a political party.

Political campaigns

The President, Voter Service Chair and any member with a visible role in voter education efforts, such as moderator, may not work in campaigns or fundraising events for candidates for political office, and may not demonstrate support for any candidates. Other members and board directors may work *as individuals* on candidate campaigns.

Campaign contributions

The President and Voter Service Chair shall not make campaign contributions to campaigns or candidates for any federal or state office or to political parties or other entities contributing to such federal or state offices.

Social and other media

A board member shall not indicate her or his political affiliations or candidate preferences at any level of government in the media, including on social networking sites.

The nonpartisan policy shall be reviewed annually.

Amended by League of Women Voters of Kittitas County's Board on 5/7/2019.