



League of Women Voters of Wilton

Policy Concerning Political Nonpartisanship

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization and does not support or oppose any political party, candidate for elective office, or office holder. The League may, in the public interest, take action on proposed governmental measures and policies.

The following policy concerning nonpartisanship seeks to maintain the integrity of the League of Women Voters of Wilton while encouraging involvement of its members, as individuals, in government and the political process.

The League of Women Voters encourages its members to participate in the political process - whether by running for elected office, working in a political campaign, or taking positions on public issues. However, when members do so, they are acting as individual citizens and not as spokespersons of the League.

Board/steering committee members, as policy makers and representatives of the League in the community, must be restricted in their activities. Therefore,

- 1. *Any board/steering committee member who runs for political office or who manages a campaign must resign or seek a leave of absence from the board/steering committee. The board/steering committee will determine when it is appropriate for the member to return to her or his board/steering committee position.*
- 2. *The board positions of President/Convener, and Voter Service Chair are considered sensitive offices. Presidents/Conveners and Voter Service Chairs may not serve on town committees, serve as fundraising chairs for political campaigns, or manage political campaigns. These office holders must resign from such positions and from the board/steering committee if they choose to participate in political activities in these ways.*
- 3. *The board/steering committee may determine whether a board/steering committee member's involvement in political activities affects the League's nonpartisan image.*

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