



## **Purpose of League of Women Voters of Moore County**

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## **Non-Partisan Policy**

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#### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MOORE COUNTY**

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The League of Women Voters' purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The credibility of the League rests on its non-partisan position in that it does not support or oppose political parties or candidates. It is political only in the sense it takes positions on selected government issues after study and agreement by members. In order to protect the League's non-partisan reputation, it is important that the members and the public understand the following:

## **ALL MEMBERS**

1. All members of the LWVMC are encouraged to participate fully in the political process as individuals without implying or receiving League endorsement.
2. All members may participate in party activities and attend precinct meetings and caucuses as private citizens.
3. League members shall not wear candidate buttons to League functions. Any League members while campaigning for a candidate shall not wear a LWV button or otherwise identify herself/himself with the LWV.
4. No candidate material other than that prepared by the League shall be distributed at any League function or in the vicinity thereof.
5. The LWVMC must maintain a careful non-partisan stance in its voter services activities. It should avoid co-sponsorship with groups or organizations that endorse or have affiliations with candidates. Moderators must be neutral.
6. It must be understood by candidates and office holders that the acceptance of gifts to the LWVMC from them shall not be construed as an endorsement of the donor(s).
7. Since the general policy can never cover every situation, the Board is empowered to deal with specific cases as they arise.
8. This policy is to be reviewed and endorsed or changed at the beginning of each League year which is July

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

1. The president and voter service chairperson, or any particularly visible member, **shall not** engage in partisan politics during their terms of office including *sponsoring* fund raising for political purposes, hosting political functions, and distributing campaign materials. A member of the Board may not simultaneously serve as a member of the board of any political party. Any question regarding propriety shall be reviewed by the Board before such action is taken.
2. The candidacy of a board member's spouse or immediate relative for partisan political office shall require her/his resignation as a board member. The other political activities of a spouse or relative of a board member shall be considered separate and distinct from the activities of a board member. However, the member should refrain from implying endorsement by the League.
3. Any notice released to the public or to the membership by LWVMC announcing the resignation of a board member to run for political office shall be carefully worded to avoid the appearance of endorsing the resigning board member's candidacy.
4. Board members may serve on non-partisan boards or commissions to which they are appointed.

This policy was approved by the Board at its meeting of November 1, 2005.