

League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale

**Nonpartisan Policy**

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The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale (LWVCS) shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate. The board and each board member have the responsibility to maintain the nonpartisanship of the organization.

The LWVCS encourages the political involvement of its members, but the board of the LWVCS recognizes the necessity that a few basic limitations be imposed on the activities of its board members during their term to preserve the nonpartisan reputation of the LWVCS.

**Political Activity**

- 1) The president is the League's principal spokesperson, has a strong League identity, and shall not lobby for another organization.
- 2) The president, the legislative director and the voter service director shall not serve in any position in a political party.
- 3) The president, the legislative director and the voter service director shall not take an active, visible role in, or make a financial contribution to the campaign of any political candidate in their jurisdiction.
- 4) Other board members may participate in or make donations to the campaigns of candidates running for state or national office. No LWVCS member may use the League's name in his or her support.
- 5) Board members shall not work in any visible way on a candidate campaign.
- 6) An LWVCS board member may not run for or hold an elective office.
- 7) A board member shall not indicate his/her political affiliations or candidates preferences at any level of government in the media, including on social networking sites, or other public venues that also prominently identify him/her as a member of the League board.
- 8) The political activities of a spouse or relative of a board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the board member.
- 9) The LWVCS shall not solicit donations for other organizations.
- 10) The LWVCS shall maintain its nonpartisan principles by refraining from publication of any communication that uses League positions to evaluate any specific elected office.
- 11) Board members shall get approval from the board before participating in campaigns for positions and measures in opposition to League positions.
- 12) Members who question whether an activity violates the League's nonpartisan policy should bring the issue to the board.

This policy shall be reviewed by the LWVCS board at the beginning of each fiscal year.