

**Re: LWVJC non-partisanship policy
Adopted by Board, January 7, 1992**

TO: Board Members

1. Only the President may speak for the LWV on matters of policy. All public statements must be in line with LWV positions.
2. The President may designate another member (e.g., Action Chair, holder of the appropriate Board portfolio) to speak in the President's place. These individuals must speak only with Board approval and in line with LWV positions.
3. All LWV non-Board members are encouraged to take part in partisan politics by registering, voting, donating to the party/candidates of their choice, attending rallies, working for their parties and candidates. When speaking or writing in public, non-Board members should speak only for themselves, not in the name of the League.
4. Board members during their term of office:
 - a. Are encouraged to register and vote, and attend non-partisan candidates' meetings.
 - b. May not run for, nor hold, partisan public office.
 - c. May not manage a candidate's campaign or host a rally for a candidate or party. May attend partisan rallies as a private citizen.
 - d. May perform party tasks such as stuffing envelopes or telephoning, but must not identify themselves with LWV when doing so.
 - e. May not publicize donations to a party or candidate in the media.
 - f. May publicly support issues in line with LWV positions. In case one disagrees with a LWV position on any issue, one should refrain from speaking or writing publicly against the LWV position, or should resign from the Board.
 - g. During LWV meetings, free expression of opinion is encouraged.
5. President, Action Chair, and Voters Service Chair during their terms of office:
 - a. May not speak at a public meeting or write for publication on behalf of any candidate or party; hand out partisan campaign literature; or wear a campaign button supporting a party, candidate, or an issue which is in opposition to a LWV position.
 - b. Should avoid being a conspicuous participant in partisan rallies for candidates or parties.
6. All LWV members and officers may hold appointive office and non-partisan elective office (e.g., School Board, Planning Commission). Board members should notify the Board before seeking or accepting such positions.
7. There are no restrictions on the political activities of spouses of Board members.
8. There are no restrictions on the sources of income for Board members.