



## **NONPARTISAN POLICY**

The League of Women Voters of Butte County does not support or oppose political candidates or parties.

The President and the Board of Directors have the responsibility and duty to ensure that the League is nonpartisan. They may impose limitations on the activities of the President, Board Directors and members to protect League integrity and reputation.

Members of the League of Women Voters of Butte County also have the responsibility to support the nonpartisan policy while performing the work of the League.

1. The Board President is the League's spokesperson. The President has a strong League identity and shall not be seen in the community as representing a political party or political organization.
2. The President and Voter Service Director shall not serve in any position in a political party or political organization.
3. The President and the Voter Service Director shall not make a financial contribution to any local political candidate.
4. Forum moderators shall make all effort to be nonpartisan. Moderators will refrain from financial contributions to local candidates. All forum activities and participants are subject to the review of the Board when or if there is a question.
5. No League member may use the League's name in support of a candidate, political party or political activity.



## NONPARTISAN POLICY, CONTINUED

6. Participation in ballot measure campaigns:

a. Measures on which the League of Women Voters of Butte County has a position: *The President and Board members may take a visible and/or leadership role in the campaign consistent with the League's position and Board approval.*

b. Measures on which the League of Women Voters of Butte County has no position: *The President and Voter Service Director shall not take a visible role in the campaign for ballot measures on which LWV, LWVC or LWVBC do not have a position.*

7. The President and Board members may not run for, nor hold, a partisan elective office at any level of government.

8. The political activities of a spouse or relative are separate and distinct from the activities of the President or a Board member.

9. The President and Voter Service Director shall not indicate political affiliation or candidate preference when speaking to the public via social networking sites, letters to the editor, or other public platforms, when performing League business or acting on behalf of the League.

10. The Board will discuss the nonpartisan political policy annually and update as necessary.