

LWVH Nonpartisan Policy

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The League of Women Voters of the Hamptons is a nonpartisan organization. It does not support or oppose candidates for public office or political parties. It does encourage its members to actively participate as individuals in the political process.

The League may, after member study and agreement, take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. If such measures and policies are identified with a particular elected official or party, the League's support of that measure or policy is not to be construed as support for that official or party.

The President and the Chair of the Voter Services Committee and any other board member whose position is deemed sensitive shall not run for or hold elective office or participate in any political campaign in any way. No board member shall chair or administer fund-raising for political campaigns, chair campaign events, contribute to or work in a significant way in the campaign of a candidate or a political party. A board member upon declaring for an elective political office must resign from the board. Reappointment to the board may be at the discretion of the board. Board members may run for and serve in non-paid, nonpartisan positions in the community (e.g., as a member of an advisory board or a school or library board).

A board member may not speak or in any way work against a League position. As a result of their close identification with the League, board members and off-board portfolio chairs have a special responsibility to see that their activities do not create a partisan impression or compromise the non-partisanship of the League. In all of the above, certain exceptions may be left to the discretion of the board on a case-by-case basis.

It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to inform nominees of this policy.