



## Nonpartisan Policy League of Women Voters of Oregon

The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) is nonpartisan and neither supports nor opposes political parties nor candidates for elective office. Public perception of the League is an important part of this policy in addition to the reality of any situation.

**Application to State League Leaders:** This policy applies to state LWVOR Board members, Action Committee coordinators, and may include other League leaders publicly and closely identified with the League. Although this policy might apply to some leaders of members-at-large (MALs) units because they are directly members of the LWVOR, it does not apply to local League leaders or non-members; each local League is required to have its own nonpartisan policy.

**Electoral Campaigns:** These state League leaders may not serve in nor run for any partisan elective office (including precinct committee person) and may not take a publicly visible part in partisan political campaigns. "Publicly visible" includes giving an endorsement or a contribution to a partisan candidate that is large enough to appear on ORESTAR (currently \$100). These state League leaders should likewise not visibly support or oppose any non-League ballot measure or any political action committee (PAC) that may be perceived as partisan. All LWVOR members are otherwise encouraged to participate in electoral campaigns as individuals.

**Social and Other Media:** A state League leader shall not indicate her/his political affiliations or candidate preferences at any level of government in the media, including on social networking sites or other public venues that also prominently identify her/his as a member of the LWVOR Board. For example, "Liking" a candidate on Facebook may be perceived as an endorsement of the candidate.

**Appointments:** Unless LWVOR members are asked to serve on state-level appointive committees or task forces as representatives of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, they should serve as individuals. Those serving as LWVOR representatives must be approved by the Board and shall represent LWVOR positions when LWVOR has applicable positions. The LWVOR may recommend names to the Governor or other public official for appointment to citizen and policy boards.

**Interpretation:** Any League member may ask the LWVOR Board to interpret and rule on the particular circumstances of their public involvements.