

League of Women Voters
of Corpus Christi, Texas

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annual meeting workbook

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Proposed Rules

ADMISSION

Admission to the Annual Meeting is open to members and non-members alike. Only members have voting privileges.

QUORUM

One-fifth of the total membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi. See Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3.

DEBATE

Only members have the privilege of the floor. Upon being recognized by the Chair, the member shall stand and state her/his name before speaking. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so. Debate on program and budget issues will extend as long as time permits; the vote will follow the debate.

VOTING PROCEDURE

A majority of delegates qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election of officers. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. Adoption of budget and recommended Program requires a majority vote of members present and voting.

GOVERNING RULES

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and are consistent with the Bylaws and the Rules for the Annual Meeting as adopted by the membership.

Acknowledgments

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Cheniere
County Judge Barbara Canales
State Representative Todd Hunter
Mr. Dan Neale
Sue Williams (materials)
Corpus Christi Library Staff, Historical Exhibit
American Association of University Women

August 2019, Proclamation for Women's Equality Day by the City of Corpus Christi

LWV-CC, with support from other local organizations

March 2020 Proclamation for National Equal Pay Day by the City of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi YWCA, with LWV-CC, American Association of University Women (AAUW), and Executive Women International (EWI).

Special Thanks

- Del Mar College Center for Economic Development for providing meeting space for LWV-CC meetings.
- City of Corpus Christi Library Staff for assistance in designing the panels for the Historical Exhibit and collaborating with League members Vicki Natale and Sue Williams
- Deputized Voter Registrars and their voter registration efforts for the past 12 months; Brenda Nunez of Nueces County for providing training.
- Local high schools for inviting LWV-CC to coordinate on-campus voter registration of eligible students.
- Collaboration and support in planning the Centennial Celebration Procession on March 7, 2020, from dozens of members from LWV-CC, AAUW, Corpus Christi YWCA, Corpus Christi Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and community leaders.

75th Annual Meeting Agenda

Call To Order & Welcome--Anne Stewart, President; Sandra Heatherley, Vice President/Member Services

Introductions

Quorum Established

Explanation of Electronic Meeting Protocols

Pledge of Allegiance

Order of Business:

- A. Adoption of Proposed Rules for the Annual Meeting**
- B . Approval of the Minutes of the 74th Annual Meeting (5-22-19)**
- C. Presentation of 2019-2020 Financial Report**
 - Annell Neale, Treasurer**
- D. Discussion/Adoption of the Proposed Budget for 2020-2021**
 - Chris Davis Garcia, Chair**
- E. Approval of Two Proposed Amendments to the LWV-CCBylaws**
 - Kathryn Oler**
- F. Report of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee**
 - Peggy Duran, Chair**
- G. Election of Officers & Nominating Committee**
 - Anne Stewart, President**
- H. Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officers--Judge J. Manuel Bañales**
- I. SPEAKER: Tina Butler, chair of the local chapter of Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE)**
- J. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

Officers and Chairs 2019-2020

President, Anne Stewart

Secretary, Rebecca Huerta

Treasurer, Annell Neale

**Vice President, Member Services,
Sandra Heatherley**

**Vice President, Voter Services,
Paula Brighton**

**Co-Vice Presidents, Program,
Peggy Bañales & Maria Jimenez**

**Director/Website-Social Media,
Debbie Noble**

**Director/Media-Communications,
Melody Cooper**

Director At Large, Lois Huff

**Appointed Director/Archivist,
Sylvia Whitworth**

OFF-BOARD CHAIRS

**Voter Registration, Raul Ramirez;
Ruth Falck**

**Voter Services/VOTE 411,
Kathryn Oler**

**Nominating Committee,
Peggy Duran**

Lead Study, Sally Farris

Historical Exhibit, Sue Williams

**Centennial Celebration,
Sandra Heatherley**

**Women's Equality Day,
Lois Huff**

The VOTER Editor, Chris Garcia

Minutes of the 74th Annual Meeting, May 21, 2019

Location: Ara's Euro-Fusion Restaurant; Corpus Christi, TX

Members Present: Can Alemdar, Jane Bachman, Peggy Bañales, Judge J. Manuel Bañales, Margarita Bañales, Paula Brighton, Peggy Duran, Sally Farris, Alberto Galindo (Student), Chris Davis Garcia, Ron George, Brenda Hamby, Sandra Heatherley, Sharron Hines, Lois Huff, Omar Jasso (Student), Colleen Johnson, Amber Folkers Lee, Genie Lemley, Brooks Lemley, Tami Longino, Vicky McGuire, John Neale, Annell Neale, Kathryn Oler, Pat Parr, Nan Pillinger, Ariana Rodriguez (Student), Mary Sherwood, Anne Stewart, Christy Stockman, Gaye White, Sylvia Whitworth, Sue Williams, Bobbie Wood-Hughes. **Others Present:** Sylvia Trevino, Friend of the League; guests Jason Lee, Leo Cline, Darin Sampson, and James Stockman.

Call to Order & Welcome – LWV-CC President Chris Davis Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. Self-introductions were made and a quorum of 35 voting members was confirmed. Special welcome was given to the three Student members attending. Sylvia Whitworth led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which dinner was served.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:15 p.m. Members were invited to use the 20-page Annual Meeting Workbook to direct discussion and approval of the following business items:

Proposed Rules for the Annual Meeting (Page 2)—Anne Stewart made a motion to adopt the rules, and the motion was seconded by Sue Williams. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 73rd Annual Meeting held May 24, 2018 (Pages 4-5)—Sue Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, and Peggy Duran seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2018-2019 Financial Report (Page 6) –Treasurer Brenda Hamby presented the Financial Report: May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019 (Page 6) which noted the checking account beginning balance of \$6,101.63; total income of \$8,921.86; total expenses of \$9,271.24; and ending balance as of April 30, 2019, of \$5,752.25. The League's savings account balance is \$1,505.58 and the LWV-CC Education Fund, administered by LWV-TX, has a balance of \$736.73. Hamby reported all Per Member Payments (PMP) due to the state and national Leagues for 2018-2019 have been remitted. The report was accepted.

Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 (Page 6) – Hamby presented the Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020 (Page 6) which reflected both income and expenses of \$13,000. Questions and suggested changes were requested. Hamby noted that the USPS box rental fee was increased slightly after the budget was prepared. Williams asked about the fundraising revenue. Garcia recommended that since there is an Expense line item for the Centennial Celebration, a corresponding Income line item with the same title should be added to capture specific donations received to support that event. She noted that the committee has already mailed several fund-raising letters and that the League is still hopeful that funding soon will be received from Cheniere Energy. Kathryn Oler made a motion to approve the proposed budget and the recommended changes as presented, and Annell Neale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposed Amendments to the LWV-CC Bylaws (Pages 9-13)—Garcia reported that several Board members, led by Hamby, had reviewed the Bylaws following the mandated changes received in late Fall from LWV-TX. The state changes impacted only Article II, Purposes and Policy, Section 1.b and Article VI, Financial Administration, Sections 4 and 5. Those changes were necessitated by the IRS-approved consolidation of the state league's 501c3 and 501c4 accounts as requested by LWV-TX. Garcia noted that Board members approved additional amendments primarily focused on minor editing/rephrasing and clarification of procedures followed by the Board. Garcia addressed all the amendments that were highlighted in bold in the Bylaws document and answered questions. George suggested that Article IV, Officers, Section 1 be amended to include "co-presidents" as acceptable. Johnson suggested that the PayPal reference in Section 6 be omitted since other online programs also are available. Gaye White made a motion to accept the amendments, and Sandra Heatherley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports & Updates: Garcia called on three League members to share current information about activities in progress.

Heatherley reported on plans for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment, noting kickoff events of two YWCA-sponsored Institutes for Public Leadership workshops in September. One workshop on Wednesday, September 25, will be geared to college students who want to know more about being involved in election campaigns. The second workshop, scheduled Saturday, September 28, will be geared toward women who are considering seeking elected office. Two League-sponsored events have been confirmed in March 2020--a month-long historical exhibit at the Corpus Christi Courthouse on women suffrage (which will then be taken to local libraries), and a Women's March on Saturday morning, March 7, from the County Courthouse to the Federal Courthouse, with speakers at both locations.

Oler provided an overview of Voter Services activities during 2018-2019 that included high school registration efforts, production of a Voters Guide for the November general election, and League sponsorship of two Candidate Forums. Oler also shared voter/voting statistics and challenged the League and the community to get out the vote.

Farris, chair of the League study titled "Potential for Lead Contamination in Our Communities' Drinking Water," provided a short history of how the study began in the summer of 2016. She noted that the City had a troubled water history but at that time, the newly formed study committee was unaware of the number of lead poisoned children that resided in Nueces County, because the Texas Department of State Health Services had not regarded the numbers as significant clusters to be reported back to the Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District. Hence, the local public health district had no knowledge. Over a period of more than two years, the committee researched the issue, focusing attention on the relationship between corrosion controls and propensity for a water distribution system to leach lead during chlorine "burns" to combat bacteria, and compiling more than 586 pages of documentation. The report was delivered to the League in December 2018. On March 7, 2019, a special called League membership meeting was held, with about 20 in attendance, to hear the report and begin identifying how the League would move forward.

Garcia thanked the presenters and noted that additional 2018-2019 highlights were included in the "Year in Review" on Page 8 in the workbook.

2018-2019 Nominating Committee Report--In the absence of Sandra Heatherley, a member of the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee who had to leave the Annual Meeting venue on short notice because of a family matter, Garcia presented the Nominating Committee's report found on Page 7 of the workbook:

2-Year Terms, 2019-2021

Co-Presidents--Anne Stewart and PeggyBañales

Treasurer--Vacant

Vice President, Voter Services--Paula Breighton

Director, Website/Social Media--Debbie Noble

At-Large Director--Brenda Hamby

1-Year Terms, 2019-2020

Vice President, Program--Annell Neale

Nominating Committee Chair--Peggy Duran

Nominating Committee Members--Lois Huff and Maria Jimenez

Garcia thanked chairman Anne Stewart and members Linda Snider, Alex Garcia Jr., Sandra Heatherley, and Rebecca Huerta for their work in preparing the report.

Election of Officers & Nominating Committee Chair and Members—Garcia conducted the election, noting that Bylaws permit nominations from the floor, subject to the nominee's prior approval; in the event of no nominations from the floor, the single-slate election may be approved by acclamation. She presented each candidate's name and called for nominations from the floor. Anne Stewart nominated Ron George to fill the vacant Treasurer position, but George quickly declined. No other nominations were received. Colleen Johnson made a motion to accept the slate as presented, and Sue Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Garcia noted that the Nominating Committee, with assistance by the new Board, will continue to work to fill the vacant Treasurer position as soon as possible.

Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officers—Judge J. Manuel Bañales installed the new officers and congratulated them. Retiring President Garcia was presented a gavel.

Closing Remarks-- Stewart and Bañales were invited to the podium to offer their personal remarks. Both expressed appreciation to Garcia and her leadership as 2017-2019 president.

Adjournment--With no additional business, the 74th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Davis Garcia (with assistance by Paula Breighton)

Proposed Budget for FY 2020-21

INCOME

Per Member Payment	\$5,900
Sustainers' Gifts	\$600
Friends of the League	\$90
Monthly Luncheons	\$1,190
2020 Annual Meeting	\$0
2020-2021 Fundraising	\$3,900
Community Support/Contributions	\$250
Advertising in the VOTER	\$600

Total Income **\$12,530**

EXPENSES

Per Member Payment to LWVUS	\$3,120
Per Member Payment to LWVTX	\$2,145
Credit Card Fees	\$250
Monthly Luncheons	\$982
2020 Annual Meeting	\$0
2020-2021 Fundraising Events	\$299
Community Participation/Outreach	\$400
Voter Services Publications	\$2,000
Voter Registration Events	\$400
Printing	\$400
Electronic Meetings (12@\$14.99 per mo)	\$200
Website Maintenance & Upgrade	\$600
Admin/Postage/Supplies	\$300
PO Box Rental	\$134
Leadership Training/Travel	\$500
Centennial Celebration	\$500
Lead Study Community Forum	\$300

Total Expenses **\$12,530**

[The Budget Committee was composed of Chris Davis Garcia, chair, and members Annell Neale, Pat Anderson, Lois Huff, and Peggy Duran.]

LWV-CC Financial Report

May 1, 2019– April 30, 2020

FROST BUSINESS CHECKING

Balance as of May 1, 2019 **\$5,752.25**

INCOME

Member Dues	\$5,722.11
Friends of the League	87.84
Sustainers' Gifts	557.24
Monthly Meetings/Lunches	1,120.80
2019 Annual Meeting	1,188.00
Fundraising/Miscellaneous	1,506.64
<i>(as voted on by Board of Directors 10/3/2019)</i>	
VOTER Newsletter Advertising	0
Centennial Celebration Event	7,630.05
Community Support/Contributions	209.76
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,022.44

EXPENSES

PO Box Rental (annual)	134.00
Administrative/Postage/Supplies	273.93
Voter Services Publications	663.27
Voter Registration Events & Supplies	322.00
2019 Annual Meeting	1,221.00
Printing (VOTERs & Annual Workbooks)	383.55
PMP LWVTX (74 x \$22, 15 x \$11, 6 x \$0)	2,279.85
<i>(4th Qtr 2018+Total 2019)</i>	
PMP LWVUS (74 x \$32, 15 x \$16, 6 x \$0)	2,608.00
Website Maintenance & Upgrade	0
Community Support/Participation/Outreach	403.00
Fundraising/Miscellaneous	0
Monthly Meetings/Lunches	1,111.80
Leadership Training (2019 Board Retreat)	285.84
Centennial Celebration Event	4,460.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,146.36

Balance as of April 30, 2020..... **\$9,628.33**

FROST BUSINESS SAVINGS

Balance as of May 1, 2019	\$1,506.35
Income - IOD Interest Payment	0.29
Expense-Transfer to Frost Checking	-1,506.64
Balance April 30, 2020	0

LWV-CC EDUCATION FUND

Balance as of May 1, 2019	\$736.73
Income-Member Contribution	100.00
Expense-2020 Voters Guides	836.73
Balance April 30, 2019	0

Report from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Peggy Duran and composed of Lois Huff, Sylvia Campos, Maria Jimenez, and Brenda Hamby, submits the following report for approval at the Annual Meeting:

Two-Year Term (2020-2022)

Vice President, Member Services: Dr. Mary Jane Garza

Vice President, Program: Julie Travis Rogers

Secretary: Elizabeth Riggie

Director/Media Communications: Victoria Munt Rogers

One-Year Term (2020-2021)

At-Large Director: Pat Anderson (completing the unexpired two-year term of Lois Huff)

Chair, Nominating Committee: Peggy Duran;
Committee Members, Mary Sherwood, Christy Stockman

(Note: Two additional Nominating Committee members will be appointed from the Board in summer 2020.)

NOTE: League Bylaws, Article IV-Officers, Section 1. Election of Officers governs which officers are elected in even or odd-numbered years. Article VIII governs Nominations and Elections and notes that nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member; provided the consent of the nominee is secured prior to the election. The Bylaws also direct how voting will be accomplished if floor nominations are received.

Officers Continuing on the Board

The following officers are completing the second year of their two-year term and will continue serving through May 2021:

President: Anne Stewart

Vice President Voter Services: Paula Brighton

Treasurer: Annell Neale

Director/Website & Social Media: Debbie Noble

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendment 1:

Current Article V. Board of Directors, Section 6. Quorum.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a special called meeting by means of electronic communication. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at a special called meeting. After the electronic meeting, business items and actions taken must be reported in the minutes of the next monthly Board meeting.

Proposed Amendment Article V. Board of Directors, Section 6. Quorum.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in **a regular and/or** special called meeting by means of electronic communication. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at a **regular or** called special meeting. After the electronic meeting, business items and actions taken must be reported in the minutes of the next monthly Board meeting.

Amendment 2:

Current Article VII. Meetings. Section 3. Quorum.

One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of LWV-CC.

Proposed Amendment Article VII. Meetings. Section 3. Quorum.

One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of LWV-CC. **Any one or more members may participate in a meeting or annual meeting by means of electronic communication. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at a meeting or annual meeting. During the electronic meeting, key discussion points and actions taken should be captured by the presiding League member (or a designee), prepared as written minutes, and made available to those who participated in the meeting.**

[The proposed changes in the two proposed amendments appear above as underlined bolded text.]

NOTE: The current LWV-CC Bylaws are printed on Pages 9-13 in this workbook.

“One Year Later and Looking Forward”

By Anne Stewart, 2019-2020 President

This week the Caller Times published a picture of former Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez, who is also a longtime member of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi, holding up her arms and hands in a PEACE salute as she participated in a gathering of individuals concerned about a variety of issues which need immediate attention. I believe that picture exemplifies who our League is and what we are about.

We have quite a number of civic and academically energized members. We are in a prime position to increase peace, health and prosperity/equity/justice for our area's residents.

Six months ago we added an informal committee to our organization to examine what we could do better in the vein of diversity and equity. This past week the Board of Directors voted to add that committee to our organizational structure. It will be on the same level as the Nominating and Lead/Water Study committees.

Your president and a variety of other leaders have established coalitions with the City Water Department, the City Manager's Office, the City/County Health Department, CCISD and NAS-CC. We have met many we did not know before and learned more about their work. We have and are still examining how we can work together.

We have made a point to visit and participate in CAPE, desalination, air and water quality, and Audubon meetings. We are working regularly with the YWCA, AAUW, County Historical Society and Commission, and others. Our guest speaker for the 75th Annual Meeting will be Tina Butler of Del Mar College and chair of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE).

I also want to thank Representative Todd Hunter (LWV-CC member) and his staff for a series of meetings they have organized this year which may be considered as a bonus package for our members and guests. More subjects have been covered than I can identify here. They ALL are designed for EVERYONE and they are FREE to you. If you would like to know more about them, contact Angie in Mr. Hunter's Corpus Christi office.

Almost last for today, Hats Off!! to Dr. Mary Jane Garza who has been working diligently for the US Census Office and South Texas particularly! Her foresight and energy are well-known in our organization from her days as President. As the Census finishes up, she will be devoting more time to us.

Last for today, many thanks to all of you for your devotion to our particular assignments and accomplishments and our shared ability to look forward. More thanks are to come!

See you Saturday, June 13, 1:00-3:00 PM at our virtual Annual Meeting!

LWV-CC Bylaws

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters - Corpus Christi Area, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWV-CC or as the League. The local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, and the League of Women Voters of Texas, hereinafter referred to in the bylaws as LWV-TX.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND POLICY

Section 1. Purposes.

a. The purposes of the League are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

b. The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be attempting to influence legislation.

Section 2. Political Policy.

The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility.

Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS;

- (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;
- (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members at large;
- (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Election of Officers.

The officers of LWV-CC shall be a president, three vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer. There shall be three elected directors. Officers and three directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting of the general membership and take office June 1st. The president and all other officers and the three elected directors shall be elected for terms of two years as follows:

- a. The president, one vice president, the treasurer and two directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
- b. Two vice presidents, the secretary and one director shall be elected in even-numbered years.
- b. Two vice presidents, the secretary and one director shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Section 2. The President.

The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors and will, along with either the treasurer or assistant treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice Presidents.

At the Board meeting following the election of officers, the Board of Directors shall designate a vice president who shall, in the absence, death or resignation of the president, possess all the powers to perform all the duties of that office. In the event this vice president is unable to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its elected members to fill this vacancy. The vice presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and the Board shall designate.

The vice presidents shall have responsibilities for the following portfolios:

- a. Vice president for Member Services
- b. Vice president for Voter Services
- c. Vice president for Program (study and action)

Section 4. The Elected Directors.

The elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each annual general membership meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected directors shall perform such duties as the president and the Board shall designate.

Section 5. The Secretary.

The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, the annual meetings and all meetings wherein a vote or consensus of members is called for on issues. The secretary will notify all officers and directors of their election. The secretary shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office.

Section 6. The Treasurer.

The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies and shall be the custodian of these funds. The treasurer also will be responsible for providing updates of members' payments – made in person, sent by US mail or submitted online via PayPal — to the Vice President of Member Services. The treasurer shall deposit all funds in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse them only upon order of the Board as directed by the President. The treasurer shall present monthly statements at the Board of Directors' meetings and present an annual financial report at the annual meeting. The treasurer will have online checking and savings accounts access with Board oversight.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Selection, Qualifications and Terms.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, three elected directors and not more than three directors appointed by the elected members of the Board. All terms of office shall run concurrently with the fiscal year. The elected directors shall serve a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The appointed directors shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting. Vacancies other than the president may be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Board.

Section 2. Qualifications.

No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of League of Women Voters -Corpus Christi Area.

Section 3. Vacancies and Removal.

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death or disqualification of an officer or elected member, except the president, may be filled until the next annual meeting through appointment by the president and confirmed by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. In the event of the vacancy of the president, see Article IV, Section 3 regarding action to be taken.

Three absences of a Board member from meetings without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

In executing the duties of their office, Board members are expected to carry out applicable laws and regulations as well as League bylaws, mission, policies, principles, positions, standards and procedures. Board members who do not observe League guidelines shall be counseled. If violations persist, the Board member(s) may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, with a letter mailed to the Board member(s) detailing the Board's action and reasons for the action.

Section 4. Powers and Duties.

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority

to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the national convention, the state convention and the annual meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. Meetings.

There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually and their dates and location(s) will be determined by the Board during its June retreat. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Section 6. Quorum.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a special called meeting by means of electronic communication. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at a special called meeting. After the electronic meeting, business items and actions taken must be reported in the minutes of the next monthly Board meeting.

Section 7. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability.

The directors and all officers or other appointed representatives of LWV-CC shall be indemnified and their liability shall be limited to the fullest extent authorized by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, Article 1396-22A, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, as it now exists or hereafter may be amended, and by the Charitable Immunity and Liability Act, Chapter 84, of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of LWV-CC shall commence on the first day of June.

Section 2. Dues.

a. The date for renewal of dues for all members is June 1. New members who join between February 1 **and** May 31 will be paid up for the upcoming fiscal year. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, the annual dues shall equal one and one-half times the determined per-member assessment. This household membership would apply to no more than two members in a common household. Any member who fails to pay dues **by August 31** shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll. Reinstatement of membership with voting privileges will apply upon payment of delinquent dues.

b. The amount of annual dues shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting. Proposed changes in the amount of the annual dues must be approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3. Budget.

A budget committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the budget committee. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole. The proposed budget upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting. The budget chair shall submit the budget for the ensuing year, after approval by the Board of Directors, to the annual meeting for adoption.

a. Amendments to the budget may be made, provided:

- (1) proposed changes have been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general meeting at which the change is to be discussed;
- (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting or via e-mail and telephone vote conducted by the Board secretary.

Section 4. Conflict of Interest.

The Board of Directors shall adopt a conflict-of-interest policy and an annual disclosure process that applies to all officers and directors of LWV-CC.

Section 5. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution.

In the event of the dissolution of LWV-CC, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of LWV-CC, all assets of LWV-CC shall be distributed to the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund or its successor that is recognized as exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Should the state League no longer be in existence, then all assets should be distributed to an equivalent organization that is part of the League of Women Voters national organization. If no such organization is then in existence, then LWV-CC assets, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities, shall be distributed for one or more of the LWV-CC exempt purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. The manner of distribution and recipient(s) of LWV-CC assets shall be determined by the board or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of LWV-CC and its affairs.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings.

There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting shall be held in May, the date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall:

- a. adopt a local Program (study and action) for the ensuing year;
- b. elect officers, directors and members of the nominating committee;
- c. adopt a balanced budget;
- d. transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. Quorum.

One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of LWV-CC.

Section 4. Financial Oversight Committee.

The Board will arrange for a financial oversight to be conducted annually in June following the annual meeting or upon resignation of the Treasurer. At least two members not serving on the Board will be invited to conduct the oversight. At the Board's discretion, a committee may be appointed, consisting of three members, two of whom shall be board members, to review the financial records more thoroughly.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The two Board members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the annual meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to the committee by any voting member.

Section 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor.

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors and the members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the annual meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. Elections.

Elections shall be by ballot. However, if there is only one (1) nominee for each office, the election may be by acclamation. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX. PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

Section 1. Principles.

The League principles are concepts of government adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. The principles are the authorization for the adoption of national, state and local program.

Section 2. Program.

The Program of LWV-CC shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Program List.

The Program List shall consist of those local governmental issues the membership shall choose for concerted study and action.

Section 4. Action by the Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedure:

- a. the Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed Program;
- b. the proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting;
- c. a majority vote of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Program as presented at the annual meeting by the Board of Directors;
- d. recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the annual meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the annual meeting provided that:

- (1) the annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote;
- (2) the annual meeting shall adopt the item by two-thirds vote;
- (3) the member submitting the Program study commits to serve as chair.

Section 5. Program Changes.

Program changes may be made providing the following steps are taken:

- a. information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed;
- b. final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 6. Member Action.

Members may act in the name of LWV-CC only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTION AND STATE CONVENTION

Section 1. National Convention.

The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted LWV-CC under the provisions of the bylaws of LWVUS.

Section 2. State Convention.

The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted LWV-CC under the provisions of the bylaws of LWV-TX.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing and delivered personally, electronically, or mailed at least one month in advance of the meeting. Amendment(s) will be effective upon approval at the annual meeting in May.

Amended May 1990; May 1995; May 1997; May 2004; May 2007; May 2013; May 2017; May 2019

LWV-CC Policy Guide

The local Board will review the Policy Statement annually. When it is approved by the Board, the Policy Statement will be included in the local Member Handbook.

I. POLITICAL ACTION and ACTIVITY

As an organization, the League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate for elective office. After careful study and consensus, the League may take action on issues in the public interest. These guidelines are intended to protect the League's nonpartisan status. In this regard, the League enjoys two action arms under Secs. 501 (c) 3 and 501 (c) 4 of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code. The first is limited to education; the second includes lobbying and influencing policy (political activity). Financial resources for the two action arms are separate.

- A. League members are encouraged to work in the political party of their choice. Members are encouraged to attend local governmental meetings and to participate as private citizens. However, members are expected to keep their League activity and their political activity completely separate and distinct. In both partisan and nonpartisan elections, members may not distribute League materials at the same time as material for a candidate or a party.
- B. The President, Voters Service Director, and *Voters Guide* Editor will avoid *political activities* that may give the appearance of partisanship.
- C. Board members are *encouraged to participate* as volunteers in *political activities* but should first consult the Board if they are in doubt as to whether their activities would affect the community's perception of the League's nonpartisanship.
- D. A Board member will submit a written resignation prior to announcing candidacy for a partisan public office. Appointment as Campaign Manager/Treasurer, or paid employment for a political candidate may be allowed. Resignation from the Board does not mean resignation from the League. A Board member will NOT run for office in a partisan race or accept a partisan appointment.
- E. Members in leadership roles at LWV unit and other public meetings have the responsibility to ensure the nonpartisanship of the meeting and its environment. Discussion of candidates should be avoided at all League meetings except in connection with Voters Service activities. No partisan material should be brought to any League function.
- F. National and state issues upon which the League has taken positions may be identified by reference to official national and state websites sponsored by the League of Women Voters; and issues of local concern upon which the local League has taken a position may be found in the workbook for each annual meeting and on the website. The protocols for creating or modifying a local position are described at item XI below.

II. SPEAKING FOR THE LEAGUE

- A. Only the President or a designated representative may speak for the League. Letters, news releases, speeches, etc., in the name of the League must be approved by the President before release.
- B. *Designated* representatives of the League may not make binding commitments on major matters with-out the approval of the Board. [See below for Board approval of appointments.]

- C. Members attending public meetings as official League delegates and observers, however, are there as reporters only. They will confine themselves to taking notes, and if they are doubtful about any point, they may ask questions quietly after the meeting is adjourned or ask for clarification at the appropriate juncture of the presentation.
- D. Board members should exercise discretion in aligning themselves publicly with either side of a local non-League, governmental issue. Board members should further exercise discretion in aligning themselves publicly with either side of a state or national non-League governmental issue. The Board should review those cases in which the issue or activities of a Board member may affect the League's standing in the community.

III. COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Board will approve all appointments of *League representatives* to public Boards, Committees or Commissions, and to other organizations as presented by the President. When the League member represents the League, the member is bound to support the League's positions on matters associated with the committee or commission.

IV. VOTER GUIDES

- A. The decision to print a Voters Guide is made by the Board and Voter Services Committee. The Voter Service Committee & volunteers should meet and decide on questions (usually 3 or 4) and word limits for the candidates based on issues of interest at the time.
- B. The number of guides will be determined by the Board based on available funds. Voter Guides for the Primary and General Elections are produced every two years on even numbered years. Voter Guides for City Elections are every two years on even numbered years. Voter Guides for Special Elections will be determined as needed.
- C. If the local chapter does a project that requires money from the ED Fund, other than the Voter Guides, the project coordinator or the President must get a project request form from LWV-TX. [We understand this form is not a request that requires approval, but does require filing and these forms are available only at certain times near the dates of State Board meetings.]
- D. A list of candidates & their addresses after the filing deadline must be gathered as follows:
 - City Elections-contact City Secretary's Office
 - Primary Elections-contact all political parties (some file with the Secretary of State)
 - General Elections-contact the County Clerk
 - School District Elections--contact each ISD or Del Mar College for information

V. CANDIDATE and ISSUE FORUMS

- A. The decision to hold or cancel a forum is made by the Board and Voter Services Committee. Guidelines are found in the LWV-TX Policies and Procedures handbook, Sections 1.5 and 1.6, and in the LWV-Texas Guide to Candidate Forums.
- B. The types of Forums held by the League are (1) Primary & General Elections and City Council-even numbered year, (2) Issues Forum— example: city propositions (the Purpose is to present impartially the pros and cons of the issue), and (3) School Board & Del Mar College elections.

C. The failure to appear by a representative of a proponent or opposition party to an issue, such as a bond proposition, shall not preclude the forum's commencement. So long as one party to a forum issue appears to participate, it is the local League's policy to conduct the forum. The purpose of this policy is to prevent a single party opponent/proponent from stonewalling public discussion.

D. Similarly, the appearance of a single candidate in a contested race allows that candidate to speak at the forum to advocate for his/her candidacy, even if declared opponent(s) fail to participate.

E. Generally, an uncontested race does not entitle a candidate to address the forum, except for courtesy introductions from the floor.

VI. COALITIONS and COLLABORATIVE EVENTS; GIFTS, AFFILIATION, ASSISTANCE

A. Although the League favors collaboration with other organizations, joining or withdrawing from a coalition or collaborating on an educational forum or other public event must be approved by the Board and meet the following guidelines: 1) no admission fee should be charged for an educational forum, although donations may be suggested, and 2) when the League commits to sharing expenses using TEF funds, the League liaison must ensure TEF requirements (particularly related to publicity) are met in order to be reimbursable.

B. The coalition's major issues should mesh (align) with League positions or be issues of League concern, although there need not be a League position on every issue of coalition concern. *The aims of the coalition must be nonpartisan* and must not conflict with League positions.

C. The major goals of the coalition should be in accord with League program and action priorities.

D. The coalition's activities should bring added effectiveness to the overall efforts to achieve the League's organizational, advocacy, or educational goals.

E. The members of the coalition should be organizations with which the League can work effectively. The League should have confidence in the leadership of the coalition and may serve in a leadership capacity.

F. The League reserves the right to withhold its name from any statement or action taken by a coalition of which it is a member that does not reflect the League's consensus positions. If a coalition or association supports or opposes candidates, the League shall publicly issue a statement disassociating itself from such support or opposition.

G. The Board should exercise discretion in accepting gifts, affiliation, or assistance from any political party, political organization, or political personality. On its face, an organization that is recognized as a charitable 501(c)(3) group that does not engage in political activity is permissible for gift donations, affiliation, and assistance to the local League. Generally, individual gifts are also permissible. However, political 501(c)(4) groups that engage in political activity should have the approval of state or national League of Women Voters leadership to ensure alignment with League of Women Voters positions, goals, and policies. In the absence of a state or national consensus position favoring a particular 501 (c) (4) group goal, the Board ought first consider and vote to find the group's appropriate

alignment of political, yet non-partisan, interests to be the same as those of the local League.

H. Outside of a forum setting, the local League's invitation to a candidate, political party representative, or issue advocate to address the League's membership on issues and questions posed by the local League itself does not constitute a favor to the League nor a violation of the League's impartiality and does not constitute partisanship so long as the League presents questions that focus on the issues, while also allowing the speaker to present his or her point of view. By the same token, an invitation to a person to present a talk to the local League, on an issue upon which the League has expressed a counter position, does not violate League policy, provided that the presentation is factual. The purpose of hearing counter points of view is to ensure the League's understanding of issues is current.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

A. Publications and Handouts. All local League publications and handouts should include contact information and should be authorized by the Board. When appropriate, the publications should include the League's nonpartisan statement and a statement that the content does not represent positions of the League of Women Voters.

B. Reprinting of Publications. *Voters Guides* and other copyrighted League material should contain the statement: "Reprinting in part or in whole is not allowed without the written permission of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi." *Voters Guides* should also include the statement: "The opinions of the candidates are their own and do not represent positions of the League of Women Voters."

C. Publication Times. The *VOTER*, our newsletter, will be published at least nine times per year and sent to members, friends and community leaders, and prospective members and others as needed. The *VOTER* and attachments will be sent electronically when possible.

D. Announcements. With Board approval on a case-by-case basis, the *VOTER* may carry announcements for the activities or fund-raising projects of other organizations if they relate directly to League program and/or mission.

E. Website. The Executive Committee will make final decisions about content that is published on the LWV-CC site and will determine how long it remains online. The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Presidents.

F. Videos. Videos funded by LWV-CC are the product of LWV-CC and will be managed in accordance with LWV-Texas and LWVUS video policies and procedures.

G. Advertisement. Ads in LWV publications must comply with nonpartisan mission.

H. Copyright. The League retains all right, title, and interest in all material prepared by League members for League use or distribution under League auspices. All copyrights to such material belong to the League.

VIII. FINANCES

A. Financial contributions to the League can be accepted without being misconstrued as endorsement of the donor by the League.

- B. All information relating to contributors to the League shall remain confidential upon the request of the contributor.
- C. Annual dues are payable June 1 of each year. If a member has not paid the dues by August 31, the member may be dropped. Sufficient notice through the *VOTER*, a personal telephone call, and a dues statement will be given to all members before dropping. A member can be reinstated upon payment of dues. Members may pay by installments through an agreement with the Treasurer.
- D. Checks will be signed with two (2) signatures, i.e., the President, Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer.

IX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. Members of the local Board shall not receive material compensation, such as salaries or stipends, for services rendered, nor shall they sell professional services or products to the LWV-CC. (In a not-for-profit organization, it is inappropriate for those who govern to receive material compensation for performing the services they have deemed necessary to carry out the mission of the organization.)
- B. In any matter in which a local Board member or a member of her/his family has a financial interest, the Board member shall refrain from participating in the discussion prior to a vote and shall refrain from attempting to influence the outcome of a vote, and shall abstain from voting.

X. COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Approved at annual meeting May 17, 2013

The League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi (LWV-CC), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief in and commitment to diversity and pluralism.

LWV-CC welcomes any person to participate in any activity of the LWV-CC, regardless of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or political persuasion.

LWV-CC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making.

LWV-CC subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances its capability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWV-CC affirms its commitment to reflecting diversity in its membership, board, and programs.

XI. LOCAL POSITION STATEMENTS and STUDY PROTOCOLS

- A. The local League may initiate a study, bearing on an issue of local concern, or initiate performance of an existing position statement update, by either a vote of the general membership at any monthly meeting or through action taken by the Board.
- B. An inventory of local studies and existing position statements may be found in the workbook of each annual meeting and on the website.

- C. Steps for study and position updates include, but may not be limited to, solicitation and selection of volunteers to serve the project; the President's appointment of a working chair to guide the group; periodic reports from the chair by email or personal appearance before the Board to describe progress or findings to date; a final written report and recommendation attested by the work group chair and approved by signature or email agreement among work group members; a minority report, if any, attested by the dissenting members of the study group, if any. The formal report shall be orally presented to the general membership at the first monthly meeting feasible after the report is submitted to the Board. The report will be available for online access.

XII. REGARDING STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEES

In addition to the Nominations Committee and the Budget Committee which are mandated in the League's Bylaws, the Board of Directors is authorized to appoint chairmen and members to the following offices:

- A. **Voter Services:** The Board will appoint a chairman who will then select committee members from among the active and Friends of the League membership. This committee coordinates the activities related to
 - voter registration events
 - candidate forums
 - voter guides

- B. **Assistant Treasurer:** This person is authorized access to the bank account in order to monitor electronic banking transactions and communicate those to the treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer may also collect money at events and meetings when the treasurer is absent or under the direction of the treasurer as needed. The Assistant Treasurer therefore will have all the powers of, and be subject to, the restrictions upon the Treasurer.

- C. **Membership Committee:** This committee will be appointed by the VP for Member Services and ratified by the Board to assist the Member Services VP as needed. One member of this committee will maintain a membership e-mail group in order to send out the Voter Guides and announcements.

- D. **Social Media Committee:** The chair of this committee is appointed by the Director/Website-Social Media and ratified by the board and will coordinate members to accomplish the following:
 - Facebook page (page administrator)
 - Google coordinator for phone number and board group e-mails.
 - Web Page (webmaster)

- E. **Editorial Committee:** This committee is appointed by the board and is responsible for producing the content of the monthly *VOTER* and assisting in the development of news/public announcements and scripts for candidate forums and public meetings.

- F. **Past President:** By tradition, the immediate Past President is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for the term of the following president.

History of the League of Women Voters

Since 1920, the League of Women Voters has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that voters should play a critical role in democracy.

The League of Women Voters was founded by Carrie Chapman Catt in 1920 during the convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The convention was held just six months before the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle.

The League began as a “mighty political experiment” designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters. It encouraged them to use their new power to participate in shaping public policy.

From the beginning, the League has been an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believed that citizens should play a critical role in advocacy. It was then, and is now, a nonpartisan organization. League founders believed that maintaining a nonpartisan stance would protect the fledgling organization from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. However, League members were encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about, and lobbying for, government and social reform legislation.

This holds true today. The League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public. The League has a long, rich history that continues with each passing year.

The League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago just six months before the 19th Amendment was ratified and women got the vote. Maud Wood Park was elected as the first president of the League.

The League quickly began to spread throughout the nation and by 1924 there were National Leagues organized in 346 of 433 congressional districts. The League of Women Voters of Texas formed in October 1919.

The League quickly got involved with influencing policy and began advocating support for the Cable Act for Independent Citizenship of married women which became law in 1922. The League also sponsored its first “Get Out the Vote” campaign.

LEAGUE PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED

Anne Stewart	2019-
Chris Davis Garcia	2017-2019
Dr. Mary Jane Garza	2015-2017
Sandra Heatherley	2013-2015
Judy Telge	2011-2013
Evy Coppola *	2009-2011
Chris Davis Garcia	2007-2009
Lois Huff	2002-2007
Pat Parr	2001-2002
Crystal Lyons and Pat Parr	2000-2001
Crystal Lyons	1999-2000
Peggy Duran	1998-1999
Gwen Henzi	1997-1998
Donna J. Strong	1996-1997
Carol A. Scott	1995-1996
Adelaide Marlatt	1994-1995
Pauline Clarke*	1993-1994
Eunice Owen* and Fay Crider	1992-1993
Fay Crider	1991-1992
Nan Pillinger	1990-1991
Pat Parr and Nan Pillinger	1989-1990
Pat Parr	1987-1989
Debbie Stine	1986-1987
Tami Liddell	1985-1986
Mary Rhodes*	1983-1985
Frances Cummings	1982-1983
Donna Custer*	1981-1982
Chris Dubois	1980-1981
Margie Morrill*	1978-1980
Linda Stubing Heierman	1975-1978
Bette Harris*	1973-1975
Pauline Clarke*	1971-1973
Micheline Hansler	1969-1971
Edith Coffey	1967-1969
Eunice Owen*	1965-1967
Mable Liles*	1963-1965
Jo Prashner	1961-1963
Jackie Webb*	1959-1961
Evelyn Armstrong Price*	1957-1959
Ruth Gill*	1956-1957
Kathryn McInnis*	1954-1956
Emma Koepke*	1952-1954
Virginia Hartsell*	1950-1952
Muriel Allegrett*	1948-1950
Reva Gregg*	1947-1948
Dorothy Greene * **	1945-1947

* Deceased

** First President

Summary of League Positions

The following positions are the result of studies and consensus developed by LWV-CC members over the years. These positions were reviewed in March 2015 and affirmed by members at the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual Meetings.

I. NATURAL RESOURCES

A. Tourism and Conventions

Recognizing the value of tourism and conventions as major industries of the area, the League supports measures to promote the development of good quality facilities for tourists and for conventions, while preserving our unique natural assets.

B. Adequate Park and Recreation Facilities

The League supports the National Recreation and Parks Association standard of one acre of park land per 100 people as an ultimate goal for Corpus Christi. Recognizing that this goal is not immediately obtainable, the League supports programs which work toward the standard.

C. Protection of Sand Dunes on the Barrier Islands and Open Beaches

Because the barrier islands sand dunes provide a vital natural system of protection for the inland areas along the Gulf Coast, and since these areas contain a significant portion of our state's human, natural, and recreational resources, the League believes it is the responsibility of government at all levels to take the necessary steps for the stabilization and preservation of the sand dunes.

D. Development of North Beach

The League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi supports a Master Plan for the development of North Beach.

E. Bayfront Master Development Plan

The League recognizes the value of tourism and conventions as major industries necessary for diversification of the economy of our area. We further consider the bayfront area to be our most unique asset and, therefore, feel it should be developed in a manner that will provide quality facilities for the benefit and accessibility of the total community. Because this asset—the Bayfront—is nonrenewable, we feel there is a vital need for procedures to assure a balance between development and protection of this valuable resource. Creation of any Bayfront Master Development Plan must include provisions for public facilities such as beaches, parks, and marina areas, provide assurances of environmental protection and exhibit fiscal responsibility.

II. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A. Council/Manager Form of Government

The League supports the Council-Manager form of government because it provides the city with continuity, responsibility, accountability, and expertise.

B. Public Transportation System

The League of Women Voters believes an accessible and transparent public transportation system is vitally necessary to promote economic growth and development, provide access to employment and community services, and enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

C. Method of Electing Corpus Christi ISD Trustees

The League supports a modified single-member electoral system. The school district would be divided into four single-member districts. Four trustees would reside in and be elected by voters from each of these four single-member districts. The other three trustees would be elected at large by all qualified voters in the district. *[This is the system in current use.]*

D. Method of Electing City Council

The League believes that no electoral system automatically guarantees a more representative or responsive governing body. In November of 1981, the membership reached consensus supporting the expansion of the council to nine members with a modified single-member electoral system. The plan adopted was the plan supported by the League.

E. Charter Revision – Annexation/Industrial Districts *(Subject To Review)*

F. Emergency Ambulance Services

The League supports a public lifesaving emergency ambulance service.

League of Women Voters

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.



2019-2020 Membership List

Pat Anderson
Libby Averyt & Charles Kaffie
Jane Bachman
Emerie Bailey, Student
Margarita Banales
Peggy & Manuel Banales
Diana Barrera
Rolando Barrera
John & Myriam Bell
Ann Bolton-Brownlee
Paula Brighton & Steve Schulz
Regi Bright
Christina Buttler
Sylvia Campos
Teresa A. Carrillo
Mary Pena Chapa
Barbara K. Clark
Melody H. Cooper
Keren Costanzo
Barbara Craig-Schniepp
Lisa Cuevas
Jenny Dorsey
Peggy & Jose Miguel Duran
Adrianna Escamilla
Dorothy Ewing
Ruth Falck
Mary K. Fant
Sally Clark Farris
Larisa Ford
Margareta Fratila
Alberto Galindo, Student
Alex Garcia, Jr.
Chris Davis Garcia
Joshua Robert Garcia, Student
Lori Lee Garcia
Nelda Garcia

Dr. Mary Jane Garza
Jane George
Ron George & Mary Sherwood
Valerie Gibbons
Linda Gibeaut
Elisa Gonzalez
Shelby Gonzalez, Student
Colleen Grace
Brenda Hamby
Alice Upshaw Hawkins
Sandra Heatherley
Sandra K. Hill
Sharron Hines
Kim Hohle
Isabela Huerta, Student
Rebecca Huerta
Lois C. Huff
Michael Hunter
Todd A. Hunter
Joyce Hope Jarmon (Life Member)
Maria & Nick Jimenez
Colleen Johnson
Taylor Anne Jung
Corinne Leiser
Brooks & Genie Lemley
Amber Lee
Jeanne Leonard
Tami Longino
Nelda Martinez
Patricia Mathews
Victoria J. McGuire
Gloria Montalvo
Lisa Margo Montoya Schmidt
Vickie & Donald Natale
Annell & John Neale
Dan Neale

Debbie Noble
Kathryn Oler
Nelda Olivo
Lisa Orsborn Hernandez
Pat G. Parr
Greg Perkes
Nan Pillinger (Life Member)
Lauren Rabe, Student
Raul Ramirez
Sylvia Ramirez
Elizabeth Riggles
Julie Travis Rogers
Victoria Munt Rodgers
Ariana Rodriguez, Student
Darin Sampson, Student
Kimberly Seger
Linda Snider
Samdra Sterba-Boatwright
Debbie Stevens
Anne Stewart
Elizabeth Stockley
Christy Stockman
Judy Telge
Kris Tovar
Elizabeth Vera
Gaye A. White
Sylvia Whitworth
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