



CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

April 17, 2025

in the Fellowship Hall of the Unitarian Church, 1738 N. Sage Loop St.

Please read this material and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting, which will follow Lunch with a Leader with Representative Christine Chandler.

LWVLA Annual Meeting Agenda

1:10 p.m. Business Meeting begins

Minutes of the 2024 Meeting (published in the May 2024 *Update*)

President's Report

Membership Report

Treasurer's Report

Adoption of Local Program (positions, study, plans for action)

Consideration of Bylaws Amendments

Adoption of the FY 2025-26 Budget

Election of Officers and Directors

Program for 2025-2026

LWV Los Alamos Positions

At the Annual Meeting, members will be asked to re-adopt our local League positions.

SUSTAINABILITY (Adopted 1995; Revised 1997, 2004, 2008, 2015)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos endorses the concept of a sustainable society as a preamble for all of its current and new positions. We define a sustainable society as one that satisfies its own needs without jeopardizing the prospects of future generations. We aspire to make our society more sustainable by preserving and respecting its interdependence with the natural world. A sustainable society protects nature. Our society should offer all individuals a clean environment including pure water, unpolluted air, and sufficient sources of renewable energy to provide for their physical needs. Our society should distribute scarce resources equitably so that conflicts over them are minimized. Every working person should be paid a living wage.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (Adopted 1965; Revised 1991, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that public transportation is an essential element of a sustainable society in so far as it conserves natural resources and decreases pollution. Public transportation is also important economically and socially as an alternative to the current norm of one commuter per car. Public transportation can benefit all citizens including workers, students, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public transportation should be affordable, convenient and reliable. The County should extend the existing County system and continue to subsidize and support the expansion of the regional system.

In order to sustain clean air and healthy ways of living, an emphasis should be placed on developing infrastructure to encourage pedestrians and cyclists. Land use decisions should support this emphasis by promoting higher density mixed-use development.

ENVIRONMENT (Adopted 2012; Revised 2014, 2017, 2024)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that our natural environment is integral to our community's unique sense of place and to our well-being and prosperity.

- We support protection of this environment, including the canyons and other open space, vistas, wildlife habitat, and dark skies.
- To improve ecosystem health and community livability, we support wherever possible "Green Infrastructure." EPA defines this as "... an array of products, technologies, and practices that uses natural systems – or engineered systems that mimic natural processes – to enhance overall environmental quality.... Green Infrastructure techniques use soils and vegetation to infiltrate, evapotranspire, and/or recycle storm water runoff."

Further Guidelines

The LWVLA supports:

- reserving Rendija Canyon for recreational uses only;
- storm water management employing green infrastructure strategies, such as infiltration planters, vegetated swales, tree boxes, and rain gardens;

- adding green spaces with landscaped road edges, medians, parking lots, and pocket parks;
- limiting the use of herbicides in open space areas, as well as along roadsides where mowing and planting native grasses can be as effective;
- a policy of zero increase in run-off beyond the natural rate for commercial and private property;
- encouraging in-fill development and minimizing sprawl;
- continuing to extend the Canyon Rim Trail;
- requiring viewshed analyses as part of the site plan approval processes;
- promoting incentives to increase use of renewable energy while reducing overall energy consumption;
- encouraging or mandating the construction of environmentally sustainable buildings;
- enforcing the County noise ordinance;
- strengthening and enforcing ordinances prohibiting littering and dumping in the canyons and other public land;
- promoting community recycling and composting programs.

The LWVLA believes Los Alamos County should continue to expand

- the use of efficient technology for its operations;
- recycling within its operations, including purchasing recycled and environmentally safe products, and avoiding unnecessary packaging, especially plastic water bottles.

SUSTAINABLE WATER (Adopted 2009; Revised 2012, 2014, 2017, 2021, 2023, 2024)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos (LWVLA) believes that the goal of our county should be to use no more water than can be produced from our aquifer without depleting it. In order to achieve this goal, decisions about growth must consider water use. Even with the current population in Los Alamos, conservation is essential.

For the sake of the public welfare, the County should be guided in all decisions by the following policies:

- Encourage conservation and efficiency of use.
- Preserve riparian ecosystems and wetlands.
- Preserve public lands, water, and open space.

Further Guidelines

To reduce per capita consumption, we support:

- economic incentives,
- codification of standards for all new construction,
- encouraging conservation practices for existing homes.

We support the County's efforts to apply water efficiency standards in new construction, to reduce leaks, and to irrigate the parks with treated effluent. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) should educate consumers about best irrigation practices, including how to use gray water, and should provide economic incentives to conserve. We support a tiered rate structure, with rising unit rates as a customer uses more water.

Residential conservation and vigilance on the part of the DPU will not suffice to achieve sustainability. The LWVLA advocates:

- requiring growth or development to be compatible with the availability of water for the indefinite future without requiring the diversion of the San Juan-Chama water;
- careful monitoring and continuing study of the aquifer;
- increased efforts by the County to participate in and assure that regional and state plans are sustainable;
- engaging the public in the water budget process.

The LWVLA recommends that the County

- continues to maintain its quota of San Juan-Chama water until a decision is made to build the infrastructure needed to utilize it, and that any plans for use of the water be designed to minimize the impact on White Rock Canyon.
- engages LANL and neighbors to maintain groundwater supply and quantity.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Adopted 1996; Revised 2003, 2008)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the county. LWV Los Alamos believes that affordable housing units should be integrated into neighborhoods throughout Los Alamos County. New developments should have a mix of market-rate and affordable units.

We acknowledge that some type of subsidy by the county is required to achieve affordable prices.

Effective methods to keep these units affordable when they are resold must be in place if we are to retain a stock of affordable housing. For instance, land provided as a subsidy could be retained in a trust.

FULLER LODGE (Adopted 1992, Revised 2004)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that Fuller Lodge should be used primarily for civic and cultural activities. Activities not open to the general public should be charged at a rate comparable to that charged by local businesses for equivalent space. Activities open to the general public should be charged at a lower rate.

The County should continue to be responsible for the maintenance, restoration, and protection of the Lodge.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE FUND (Adopted 1988; Revised 2004, 2008, 2017)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the County ordinance establishing the Indigent Health Care Fund, which funds the county's Health Care Assistance Program through designated GRT monies. Desirable features of such an ordinance include:

- A limit for the amount of reimbursement.
- Provisions for changes in this limit because of changing medical costs or demands on the fund.
- Possible reimbursement of costs beyond hospital and ambulance services.
- Consideration of for-profit health care providers, but with non-profit facilities given first consideration.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION: RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS (Adopted 2013, Revised 2021)

LWVLA supports the development of residential neighborhoods that are sustainable and livable. To achieve those goals, we believe that new and redeveloped neighborhoods should be designed to minimize sprawl and impact on the natural environment. Neighborhoods should support a diverse population with inviting streets and public spaces as well as access to public transportation.

Further Guidelines:

1. Where to build (efficient use of land that minimizes sprawl)
 - Neighborhoods near the downtown should be compact.
 - New development should not consume or fragment important natural habitats or wildlife corridors; it should be avoided on steep slopes or in canyons.
 - Redevelopment of “brownfields” and infill are preferred over new development in pristine landscapes. However, existing small neighborhood parks should be maintained or enhanced to reflect the unique character of the neighborhood.
 - Neighborhoods should be situated along available public transit lines and within easy access of daily activities.
2. What to build (neighborhood pattern/design)
 - Cluster homes to make transit more viable and to create walkable neighborhoods.
 - Design streets and pathways for safe and pleasant walking/biking within neighborhoods.
 - Include a range of housing types/sizes to support diverse neighborhood population; include a mix of affordable housing within each neighborhood.
 - Encourage ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) designs in individual homes to accommodate all ages and abilities.
 - Encourage the preservation of the positive character/architecture unique to each neighborhood.
 - The developer should include quality parks, trails, and public spaces within each neighborhood; the option of allowing payment in lieu of parks provision should be restricted.
3. How to build (how to manage environmental impacts)
 - Reduce storm water runoff and eliminate pollution sources.
 - Emphasize energy and water efficiency of streets and buildings; plan orientation of buildings to optimize solar gain.
 - Reuse older buildings to reduce energy and resource use as appropriate.
 - Encourage building materials that support high indoor air quality and are sourced sustainably.
 - Encourage appropriate landscaping based on native and xeric plants; create a streetscape with shade trees appropriate for our climate.
 - Minimize light pollution.

EDUCATION (Adopted 2015)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that a strong, collaborative relationship between K-12 education leaders and citizens must exist in order for the school district to successfully deliver education services meeting community standards. This belief is consistent with the League of Women Voters expectations for the relationship between citizens and all government entities.

As an elected body, the School Board should actively solicit and weigh heavily community input when making strategic planning and funding decisions. In order for citizens to provide educated and meaningful feedback, they need to be involved in the strategic planning process and have access to information about the district's direction, the issues it faces, and its financial situation.

The strategic plan describes how the School Board addresses the needs of the children, including but not limited to academic goals, class size, enrichment programs (i.e., art, music, and athletics), vocational training, special education, and counseling. The strategic plan also discusses the facilities plans, enrollment trends, current financial budget, 5-year financial forecast, community involvement plan, and public communication plan.

In order for the School Board to solicit and incorporate community input into their strategic planning and annual budgeting processes, communication mechanisms need to be created and maintained as an essential part of the board's business activities. Examples of communication mechanisms that achieve this objective are: community surveys; a formal strategic planning process that incorporates citizen input; an Open Forum-type online feedback service; Facebook and other social media; and smaller district meetings between school board members and constituents.

In order for the community to learn about and participate in strategic planning and funding decisions, the School Board needs to routinely provide relevant information to the public as a normal part of the board's business activities. That information would include: issues, options and data provided in advance of decision-making deadlines; reporting on decisions made; and access to key policy documents like budgets and the strategic plan. The LAPS website should be the board's primary communication vehicle. To be effective, it needs to have the following characteristics: easily found, accessible 24x7, and possessing a robust search capability. Examples of other communication mechanisms that can be utilized include: broadcasting board meetings on PAC 8; sending email newsletters to subscribers; using smart phone apps to share information with community members; and using local media to communicate open issues and final decisions. The information presented should be in a format that is understandable to the typical citizen, and be timely and relevant to the issues.

DIGITAL PRIVACY (Adopted 2021)

County government should place a high priority on the privacy of citizens when selecting and using software, digital platforms, digital services, and when contracting for digital work, particularly when these platforms are used to interact with residents. These expectations also extend to those working as sub-contractors for the County.

The County should clearly identify third-party digital services and platforms at the point of use along with links to the privacy and user agreements for the software. However, just linking to a privacy agreement isn't enough; County government should make every effort to use services that don't compromise citizens' privacy.

If a digital platform is known to be intrusive, an alternative, less-intrusive method of receiving the same information or accessing the service should be provided. In this context, for example, most social media are considered to be digitally intrusive and do not qualify as alternatives.

Proposed Program for 2025-2026

The Program Planning meeting was held on February 2 at the home of Ellen Mills. There were 15 participants.

There were no suggestions for amending the positions.

Last year, at the League meeting, the members requested a forum on health care in the community. So far, the forum has not been planned.

Lisa Hampton, who is on the Los Alamos County Health Council (CHC), reported on the CHC and related activities. The Health Council received \$80,977 from the State for FY26. The County has also allocated \$165,00 for homelessness outreach to date. The Health Council is considering establishing working groups for 1) prevention and 2) to define requirements for a community health action center. The second working group would include members of the Health Council, key stakeholders within the community, and local experts to determine what a community health action center should look like-- what entities should be housed there and what services provided.

The County received \$801,888 in opioid settlement funds and has a long-term plan for their use, beginning last year. One item for the funds is hiring a second prevention specialist for the high school to help with outreach, alcohol and substance use, and suicide prevention. The plan will be available online.

The Health Council is planning to compile a directory which will list many services within the county and health care providers. They also might conduct a second survey directed at local providers. The Health Council is teaming with Social Services to participate in many health-related events throughout the community this spring and summer. The senior center is holding a series of a workshop on scams, as well as health fairs and a summit in the fall, focusing on older adults.

Lisa will send a link to the latest approved Comprehensive Health Plan, Survey Results, and Action Plan with recommendations, as well as information about the Health Council and how to join, as soon as the County updates the website. The recommendations, along with the FY25 Health Council Work Plan, identify short to long term actions that the CHC and Social Services will be taking this year to help improve mental, behavioral, and physical health throughout the county.

A brief discussion of the housing problems in the County led to a suggestion that David Izraelevitz be asked to report on the Inter-Faith Housing Committee.

In February 2024 the LWVLA Board voted to write to the County Council about rezoning changes proposed during the update of the Development Code in 2023. The letter was cited during subsequent Council discussion. Over the next few months members of the board met several times with County staff to discuss the issue and were told the zoning concerns would be addressed. So far, there has been no action. We need to follow up.

BYLAWS OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO

Last amended April 20, 2023

This year we must amend our bylaws to align with changes related to dues collection made by the national League. They are not optional. Nevertheless, we are presenting them for your information.

Underlined material is new. ~~*[Bracketed text with strikethrough] is to be deleted.*~~
The LWVLA Board has approved the changes.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Corporation is League of Women Voters of Los Alamos, New Mexico, hereinafter referred to in these Articles as LWV/LA. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Incorporated.

[ARTICLE II. DURATION]

~~[The period of duration is in perpetuity.]~~

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND POLICIES

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose for which LWV/LA is organized is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.

LWV/LA is organized and operated exclusively for charitable 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 Articles, LWV/LA 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 LWV/LA shall be attempting to influence legislation.

Section 2. Policies

1. LWV/LA may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.
2. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance — in principle and in practice — with LWVUS's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

~~[Section 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP]~~

Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policies of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership

1. Voting Members. Persons of at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members.
 - a. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues
 - b. Individuals enrolled either as full time or part time students at an accredited institution. may join as student members.
2. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Terms of Office

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League and not more than eight directors to be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting. Directors shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve one year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

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 in LWV/LA.

Section 3. Vacancies

Any vacancy existing in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member, may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a board meeting without notification to the president or secretary or without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation, 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. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of a majority of the Board. When an urgent decision must be made by the Board between regular meetings, the President may call and/or e-mail the members of the Board. Board members must be given full information about the issue to be decided and sufficient time to share opinions before the final decision is given. A quorum of the Board must respond. The emergency decision must be presented to the next regular meeting for ratification.

Section 6. Quorum

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

The officers of LWV/LA shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a First Vice President/President-Elect, a Second Vice President, the Past President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

The office of President shall be filled by the advancement of the First Vice-President/President-Elect at the beginning of the fiscal year. The other officers: First Vice President/President-Elect, Second Vice-President, the Past President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for terms of one year at the annual meeting. They shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve one year until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. In the absence or disability of the President, the Executive Committee shall possess all the powers and perform the duties of that office until that office is filled.

Section 2. The President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors. The President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice-Presidents

The Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as the President and Board may designate. The two Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall in the event of absence, disability or death of the President possess all of the powers and perform all the duties of the presidency until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members or a former President to fill the vacancy in the office of President. In the event of the resignation, disability or death of the First Vice President/President-Elect, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Before the office holder may succeed to the presidency at the next annual meeting, that name shall be submitted, with those of the other nominees for office, to the membership for vote.

Section 4. The Past President

The president from the previous year will provide guidance and continuity to the board.

Section 5. The Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform other such functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 6. The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all money due; shall be custodian of the moneys, shall deposit them in financial institutions designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same in accordance with the budget. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report at Annual Meeting.

Section 7. The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of five members of the Board designated by the board. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of LWV/LA shall be from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.

Section 2. Dues

~~[Annual dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting at Annual Meeting or other membership meeting, provided notification of the proposed dues was given to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the meeting.]~~

Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy.

~~[Dues shall be collected during April for the upcoming fiscal year and are delinquent on September 30. No one whose payment is delinquent will be carried on the membership rolls.]~~

~~[The initial payment may be made at any time. New members who join after September 30 will not be required to pay dues for the following fiscal year.]~~

Section 3. Budget

A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Section 4. Budget Committee

A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the committee.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings

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

Section 2. Annual Meeting

The exact date of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

1. Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year
2. Elect officers, directors, and a member of the Nominating Committee
3. Adopt an adequate budget
4. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. Quorum

Fifteen percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all membership meetings of LWV/LA.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least two members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. Any vacancy in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

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

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and 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 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

The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, a voice vote will suffice. A majority of those present qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE IX. PROGRAM

Section 1. Authorization

The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for adoption of a program.

Section 2. Program

The Program of LWV/LA shall consist of:

1. Action to promote the League's positions, and
2. Those local government issues chosen for study and action, and
3. Education of the public.

Section 3. Action by the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall determine the program using the following procedures:

1. The Board of Directors shall consider the suggestions sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a recommended program. A suggestion not included in the recommended program shall be recorded as a non-recommended item.
2. The recommended program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.
3. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the recommended program as presented to the members at the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
4. Voting members at the annual meeting may order consideration of non-recommended items by a majority vote. The annual meeting shall adopt such items by a two-thirds vote.

Section 4. Emergency Program Changes

If, during the course of the year, the Board determines that a program item needs to be added, changed, or deleted, that may be done using the following procedures:

1. The Board of Directors shall formulate the necessary change at a regular meeting of the Board. A motion to adopt the change shall require a 2/3 vote of the Board members present.
2. Notice of the proposed change shall be sent to all members by e-mail or surface mail.
3. At least 20% of the members must respond within one month, and a two-thirds vote of those members shall be required for adoption of the proposed program change.

Section 5. Member Action

Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board of Directors.

Section 6. Local League Action

LWV/LA may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the League of Women Voters of the United States as stated in its program and principles and with the position of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Inc.

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND STATE COUNCIL

Section 1. National Convention

The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the Convention in the number allotted the LWV/LA under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States. These delegates must be selected at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the national office.

Section 2. State Convention

The membership shall be asked to recommend candidates for the convention delegates to the Board of Directors in each convention year. The Board, in 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 the LWV/LA under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Inc.

Section 3. State Council

The membership shall be asked to recommend candidates for the council delegates to the Board of Directors in each council year. The Board, in a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted LWV/LA under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Inc.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority

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

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting or other membership meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the merger or dissolution of LWV/LA for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of LWV/LA shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of LWV/LA and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

Proposed Budget for FY26 FY27

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League of Women Voters of Los Alamos	Adopted Budget FY25 (4/2023) (05/01/24-04/30/25)	Adopted Adjusted FY25 (4/2024) (05/01/24-04/30/25)	FY25 Actuals Year- to- date (5/01/24-01/31/25)	Adopted Budget FY26 (4/2024) (05/01/25-04/30/26)	Proposed Adjusted Budget FY26 (05/01/25-04/30/26)	Proposed Budget FY27 (05/01/26-04/30/27)
EXPENSES						
A. Administration						
1.President's Funds	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$ 200.00	200.00
2.Secretary	\$0.00	\$50.00		\$50.00	50.00	50.00
3.Treasurer	\$256.00	\$300.00	\$11.95	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
4.Board tools	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
5.Communications						
a. Newsletter	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$183.25	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
b. Website + Domain Name	\$560.86	\$560.86	\$736.34	\$560.86	\$800.00	\$800.00
6.Other Administrative						
a. Travel (unassigned)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
b. Printing (sans voter guide or newsletter)	\$50.00	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
c. PayPal	\$80.00	\$90.00		\$90.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
d. Zoom membership	\$150.00	\$166.00		\$166.00	\$-	\$-
e. Chamber membership				\$0.00	\$115.00	\$115.00
f. Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$232.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Administration	\$1,746.86	\$1,916.86	\$1,163.54	\$1,916.86	\$2,315.00	\$2,315.00
B. Per Member Payment (PMP)						
1.State (footnote B.1)	\$1,254.50	\$1,254.50	\$1,313.00	\$1,254.50	\$-	\$-
2.National (footnote B.2)	\$3,088.00	\$3,088.00	\$3,232.00	\$3,088.00	\$-	\$-
Total PMP	\$4,342.50	\$4,342.50	\$4,545.00	\$4,342.50		
C. Committees						
1.Fundraising	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$107.93	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
2.Membership	\$0.00	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
3.Lunch with a Leader	\$200.00	\$250.00	TBD	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
4.Arrangements	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
a. Other (Publicity)	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Total Committees	\$1,050.00	\$1,400.00	\$107.93	\$1,400.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,550.00
D. Position Support						
1.National	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2.State	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
3.Local	\$60.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Position Support	\$60.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
E. League Meetings						
1.National Convention (footnote E.3)	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	TBD	\$0.00		\$ 8,000.00
2.State Council	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
3. State Convention (footnote E.4)	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$-
4.LWVLA annual mtg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.32	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total LWV Meetings	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$364.32	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$8,500.00
F. Program						

1.Voter Guide * - name change previous years "Voter svcs" - (footnote F.1 breakout # of voter guides fy 26 vs. 27)	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,956.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2 Candidate Forums (footnote to break # of forums Fy26 vs. 27) + PAC 8					\$450.00	\$450.00
3. Legislative Preview	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$440.00	\$300.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
4.Local Government	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
5. Other Program	\$250.00	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Program	\$7,850.00	\$10,550.00	\$7,396.00	\$3,550.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
G. Other						
1. Other	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$364.50	\$300.00	\$-	\$-
Total Other	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$364.50	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$20,549.36	\$26,809.36	\$13,941.29	\$13,509.36	\$12,665.00	\$24,665.00

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Proposed Budget for FY26 FY27

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos	Adopted Budget FY25 (4/2023) (05/01/24-04/30/25)	Adopted Adjusted FY25 (4/2024) (05/01/24-04/30/25)	FY25 Actuals Year-to-date (5/01/24-01/31/25)	Adopted Budget FY26 (4/2024) (05/01/25-04/30/26)	Proposed Adjusted Budget FY26 (05/01/25-04/30/26)	Proposed Budget FY27 (05/01/26-04/30/27)
INCOME						
A. Dues (footnote A.1)						
1.Single	\$1,935.00	\$1,935.00	\$1,710.00	\$1,935.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,875.00
2.Single Sustaining	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,425.00	\$750.00	\$ -	\$ -
3.Household	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$770.00	\$700.00	\$ -	\$ -
4.Household Sustaining	\$1,805.00	\$1,805.00	\$2,470.00	\$1,900.00	\$ -	\$ -
5. Student & Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Dues	\$5,190.00	\$5,190.00	\$6,375.00	\$5,285.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00
B.Contributions (Donations)						
1. Members	\$900.00	\$835.00	\$1,975.00	\$835.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2. Friends of the League	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,950.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
3. Businesses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
4. Non-Profits/Foundations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,500.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Contributions	\$2,850.00	\$2,785.00	\$38,895.00	\$2,785.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
C. Miscellaneous						
1. Interest	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$9.90	\$10.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
2. Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
3. State Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
4. Forum Partners	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$95.00	\$50.00	\$ 100.00	\$100.00
5. State Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Miscellaneous	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$104.90	\$60.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,100.00	\$8,035.00	\$45,374.90	\$8,130.00	\$7,375.00	\$7,375.00

NET OPERATING INCOME (INCOME less EXPENSES)	(\$12,449.36)	(\$18,774.36)	\$31,433.61	(\$5,379.36)	(\$5,290.00)	(\$17,290.00)
CASH POSITION BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR CDs & Checking & Savings Acct (May 1 - beginning of fiscal year)	\$34,771.50	\$34,771.50	\$37,174.59		\$68,608.20	\$63,318.20
Net Operating Income	(\$12,449.36)	(\$18,774.36)	\$31,433.61		\$ (5,290.00)	\$ (17,290.00)
TOTAL CASH POSITION END OF FISCAL YEAR Checking + Savings Accts (Apr 30 - end of fiscal year)	\$22,322.14	\$15,997.14	\$68,608.20		\$63,318.20	\$46,028.20

Footnotes: EXPENSES

B.1: As National LWV will now collect all membership fees, PMP payments to the State will be issued by them

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E.3: FY27 National Convention (TBD).

E.4: FY26 State Convention (TBD).

F.1: In past years this category was identified as Voters Services. For FY 26&27 the Budget Committee determined to break this out as Voter Guide, Candidate Forums, etc.

Footnotes: INCOME

A.1: Dues based on 20% of 125 single member at \$75 forwarded from National.

LWVLA Board of Directors 2024-2025

Officers

President	Felicia Orth
1st Vice-President	[open]
2nd Vice-President	Ellen Mills
Past President, Newsletter Editor	Barbara Calef
Secretary	Cecile Hemez
Treasurer	Addie Jacobson

Directors

Lunch with a Leader	Karyl Ann Armbruster
Membership, Newsletter Publisher, Archivist	Robert Williams
Newsletter Distributor	Becky Shankland
Publicity	Jody Benson
Voter Services/Voter Guide	Lynn Jones
Community Health and Wellbeing	Lisa Hampton
Reservations and Refreshments	Wendy Swanson
Director at Large	Akkana Peck

LWVLA Nominations for 2025-2026

The Nominating Committee, composed of Becky Shankland, Leslie Wallstrom, Ed Santiago, presents the following slate of nominees for the 2025-2026 LWVLA Board of Directors:

Officers

President	Felicia Orth
1st VP/President Elect	Leslie Wallstrom
2nd VP	June Fabryka-Martin
Past President, Newsletter Editor	Barbara Calef
Secretary	Cecile Hemez
Treasurer	Adelaide Jacobson

Directors (8 maximum)

Lunch with a Leader:	Karyl Ann Armbruster
Membership:	Robert Williams
Publicity:	Jody Benson
Voter Service/Voter Guide:	Lynn Jones
Community Health and Wellbeing:	Lisa Hampton
Reservations and Refreshments:	Wendy Swanson
Director at Large (Technology):	Akkana Peck
Director at Large (Communications):	Rebecca Shankland

Nominating Committee	Ellen Mills, Vacant
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Off-Board Directors (vote by the membership not required)

Website/Social Media:	Helena Whyte, Madhavi Garimella
Observer Corps:	June Fabryka-Martin, Craig Martin, Maire O'Neill
Fundraising:	Ellen Mills
Video:	Ed Santiago, Robert Williams
Newsletter:	Barbara Calef, Robert Williams, Rebecca Shankland

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