

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE AURORA AREA
NONPARTISANSHIP POLICY

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LWVAA is a nonpartisan political organization; it does not support or oppose candidates for office at any level of government. At the same time, the League is wholeheartedly political and works to influence policy through advocacy.

The League of Women Voters of the Aurora Area (LWVAA) encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We take action on public policy positions established through member study and agreement.

LWVAA believes that political parties are essential to the American system of government and that the participation of informed citizens is beneficial to the parties and to the system. Consequently, the League encourages its members as individuals to be active in political parties, to support candidates for public office, to seek and accept elective or appointive office, and to serve on any public board, commission, committee, or coalition where such appointment is not in direct conflict with a League position.

Members do not represent LWVAA unless officially designated as a League representative by the LWVAA Board of Directors.

Members of the Board of Directors in the positions of President, Second Vice President/Voter Services Committee Chairperson shall not run for office, nor hold any elective office at any level of government, nor work on the campaign of a political candidate, circulate nominating petitions (petitions for referendums supporting League positions can be circulated), sponsor or host events or fundraisers for candidates seeking political office, make campaign contributions to candidates or political parties, or hold office in another organization that supports or opposes political parties or candidates.

The political activities of a spouse or relative of President, Second Vice President/Voter Services Committee Chairperson is considered separate and distinct from the activities of the Board member. Should a Board member's spouse or family member run for public office, the Board will consult with the state League about level of involvement in the campaign.

Questions not covered by this policy will be resolved by the Board, including when an officer or board member runs for office.