



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GRAND COUNTY

**Who We Are:** Since 1920, an activist, grassroots organization whose leaders believe that voters should play a critical role in democracy.

We are women and men of all ages and backgrounds working to increase the understanding of public policy issues and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters is organized and works on three levels: local, state and national. At each level, a volunteer president and board of directors govern the League. League members belong to all three levels of the League—local, state and national.

**Mission:** Empowering Voters Defending Democracy

**Vision:** We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

**Values:** We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

### **Goals:**

#### ENSURE VOTER ACCESS

We engage in our work to make sure that every citizen can vote and that there are no barriers to full participation by all.

#### MOBILIZE VOTERS

We work to ensure that every citizen does vote. We hope to engage voters and get them to actively participate at the local, state, and federal level.

#### PROVIDE VOTER EDUCATION

We work to ensure the public understands and participates in government.

#### ENSURE VOTER PROTECTION

We work to ensure that voter enfranchisement is protected.

#### PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT

We work to ensure a fair and equitable system that is accountable to the people.

### **Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

The LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current

and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

### **Our Principles:**

The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.

The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon informed and active participation in government and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.

The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.

The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people. Government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.

The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.

\* The Principles serve two functions, according to the LWVUS Bylaws: • Authorization for adoption of national, state and local program (Article XII) • A basis for taking action at the national, state and local levels (Article XII).

\*\*The appropriate Board authorizes action to implement the Principles once it determines that member understanding and agreement do exist and that action is appropriate. The National Board suggests that any action on the Principles be taken in conjunction with current League positions to which they apply and on which member agreement and understanding are known to exist. The Principles are rather broad when standing alone, so it is necessary to exercise caution when considering using them as a basis for action.