

League of Women Voters of Butte County

Nonpartisan Policy

The League of Women Voters of Butte County does not support or oppose political candidates or parties. All League of Women Voters of Butte County members are urged to preserve the nonpartisan reputation of the League.

The President and the Board of Directors have the responsibility to ensure that the League is nonpartisan. They shall impose necessary limitations on the activities of the President and Board members to protect League integrity and reputation.

1. The Board President is the League's spokesperson. The President has a strong League identity and shall not be seen in the community as representing another organization or political party.
2. The President and Voter Service director shall not serve in any position in a political party.
3. The President and Voter Service director shall not make a financial contribution to any local political candidate's campaign.
4. Moderators will refrain from financial contributions to local candidates in the forums in which they moderate.
5. No League member may use the League's name in support of a candidate or political party.
6. Participation in ballot measure campaigns—
 - a. Measures on which the League of Women Voters of Butte County has a position:

The President and Board members may take a visible and/or leadership role in the campaign consistent with the League's Position.

- b. Measures on which the League of Women Voters of Butte County has no Position:

The President and Board members shall not take a visible or leadership role in the campaign.

7. The President and Board members may not run for, nor hold, a partisan elective office at any level of government.

8. No declared political candidates will be allowed to have public roles, such as greeters or pourers, at League events.

9. The political activities of a spouse or relative are separate and distinct from the activities of the Board member or President.

10. A Board member or President shall not indicate her/his political affiliation or candidate preference in the media including social networking sites, letters to the editor, or other public venues, when speaking for or representing the League.

11. Board members or any member who thinks that an activity violates the League's nonpartisan policy may bring the issue to the Board for review. It is the responsibility of the President and the Board of Directors to ensure that League activities reflect the nonpartisan mission of the League.

12. It is essential that the Board discuss this nonpartisan political policy annually and update as necessary.