

LWV Chicago BOARD POLITICAL (NONPARTISAN) ACTIVITY POLICY

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, political organization. The Board of Directors of the LWV Chicago may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest. However, it shall not support or oppose any party or candidate. The LWV Chicago Board believes that League Board members should not only be allowed, but also encouraged, to seek and accept elective or appointive office in government and responsible positions in the private sector. At the same time, the League recognizes the need to impose some restrictions in order to preserve the nonpartisan nature of the organization. With this objective in mind, the LWV Chicago board adopts the following policies:

1. **Elected Office.** The President shall not run for any elected office. Board members and the Executive Director/Office Administrator shall not run for federal, state, county or Chicago elective office. If the President, a Board member, or the Executive Director/Office Administrator files to run for local, county, state or federal elected office, that person shall resign the position. This applies whether the position is partisan or non-partisan, and it applies if the President, a Board member, or the Executive Director/Office Administrator is appointed to fulfill the remaining term of an elected office. The League shall release a public statement announcing the resignation, avoiding the appearance of endorsing the candidacy.
2. **Appointed Office.** The President, a Board member or the Executive Director/Office Administrator may accept appointment to federal, state, county or local commissions, boards or committees where such service would not be in conflict with League program.
3. **Political Party Office.** The President, Voter Service Vice President/Director, Issues and Action Vice President/Director, and the Executive Director/Office Administrator shall not serve in any position in a political party. Board members may run for/accept political party positions at any level but must notify the LWV Chicago Board.
4. **Campaign Contributions.** The President, Voter Service Vice President/ Director, and Executive Director/Office Administrator may not attend fundraising events or make campaign contributions to candidates for local, county, state or federal office or to PACs (Political Action Committees).
5. **Political Campaigns.**
 - A) The President, Voter Service Vice-President/Director, Issues and Action Vice-President/Director and the Executive Director/Office Administrator shall not work in the campaign of any candidate running for federal, state, county or local office.
 - B) In the event that the President's, Board member's or the Executive Director's/Office Administrator's spouse, partner, or close relative runs for a local, county state or federal office or a party position, the board member shall consult with the Board or executive committee about the level of involvement in the campaign.
6. This policy shall be reviewed by the LWV Chicago Board in a timely manner prior to an election cycle.