



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®
MINNESOTA

OUR NONPARTISAN POLICY

As an organization, the League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidates or political parties. The LWV Minnesota Board of Directors believe that some basic limitations on Board members' political activity, while they are serving in this capacity, are necessary to protect the nonpartisanship of the League as an organization.

1. **Elected Office:** A Board member shall not run for, nor hold, any partisan elective office at any level of government.
2. **Political Party Office:** A Board member shall not serve in any official position in a political party at any level of government. Any LWV Minnesota Board member may participate in party precinct caucuses. Board members in sensitive positions (e.g. President, Vice Presidents, Action, and Voter Service) shall not seek delegate status in the political party caucus or convention process if it involves declaring support for a particular candidate.
3. **Political Campaigns:** A Board member shall not chair a political campaign or administer fundraising for a political campaign, chair a campaign event, be a spokesperson, or work in any other significant and visible way in the campaign of a candidate for a partisan office at any level of government.
4. **Campaign Contributions:** The President, Voter Service Chair and Action Chair may not attend fundraising events or make contributions to campaigns or candidates for any state level or statewide office. It is generally appropriate to make contributions in local and national political races. Any contributions by Board members to a political party or candidate should be below the amount at which the contributor's name is required by law to be reported.
5. **Social and Other Media:** LWV Minnesota Board members, LWV Minnesota Executive Director and Civic Engagement Manager shall not indicate their political affiliations or candidate preferences at any level of government in the media, including social networking sites or other public venues that also prominently identify them as a member of the LWV Minnesota Board of Directors, or staff.

Additional Clarification:

Board members shall present questions about specific situations to the LWV Minnesota Board of Directors where the foregoing policies do not resolve the question. Contact firstvp@lwvmn.org.

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