

Nonpartisan Policy

League of Women Voters of Tompkins County

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The League of Women Voters of Tompkins County is nonpartisan as an organization. It does not support or oppose candidates for public office, but it does encourage its members as individuals to participate actively in the political process. The League acts on those issues chosen by the membership for study and action, or by a process of concurrence, and the League may support or oppose specific ballot items if the League has already reached a position on these issues.

Members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Tompkins County recognize that as a result of their close identification with the League they have a special responsibility to see that their activities do not create a partisan impression or compromise the nonpartisanship of the League.

The following guidelines governing political activity are suggested for Board members; it is further recommended that individual Board members seek the approval of the local League Board if there is any question about the advisability of certain activities.

1. The president shall not run for any elective office. Other Board members may run for national or state office regardless of party designation after consultation with the national or state board and the presidents of the state and local Leagues involved.
2. The president shall not serve in any position in a political party. Board members shall not serve in political party positions at the local level and shall abide by their state League's political activity policy regarding holding state and national party position.
3. Board members may attend fund-raising events and make campaign contributions of less than \$100.00.
4. Board members may not chair or administer partisan fund-raising or political campaigns, chair a campaign event, or work in a significant way in the campaign of a candidate for local office. What constitutes "significant" will be decided on a case-by-case basis as necessary. Board members may undertake such activities for candidates for state or national office after consultation and approval by the local Board.

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