



Local Public Policies

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1. **Speaking for the League.** Only the President or those authorized by the Board shall speak officially for the LWV-CC. League members speaking publicly in opposition to a League position shall not identify themselves as League members.
2. **Meetings.** Discussion of any candidates shall be avoided at all LWV-CC meetings, except in connection with Voter Service activities. No partisan material shall be brought to any LWV-CC function except a Candidates Forum, when only candidates may bring their own materials.
3. **Service on Boards and Commissions.** In June of every year a board member shall notify the Board of any appointments to a governmental committee, commission, or board. If the League member represents the LWV-CC, the Board is not bound to support the commission's recommendations. The Board may issue a statement in explanation of the League's position and may specify what portion of the commission's report the League does and does not support.
4. **Representatives to Other Organizations.** In June of each year, the president shall review the League-appointed representative to other organizations and act as necessary to renew or revise these appointments, subject to Board approval. A Board member shall notify the Board when accepting a position as representative to another organization.
5. **Coalitions, Affiliates, and Collaborations**
 - 5.1 The LWV-CC reserves the right to withhold its name from any statement or action taken by a coalition, affiliate, or collaboration of which it is a member that does not reflect the League's consensus positions. If a coalition, affiliate, or collaboration supports or opposes candidates or political parties, the League shall publicly issue a statement disassociating itself from such support or opposition.
 - 5.2 Definition of Terms
 - 5.2.1 Coalition: A group with which the League works that is organized around a specific issue or issues and in which the League has an equal opportunity for input into a group's agenda
 - 5.2.2 Affiliate: A group with which the League may lobby and from which the League receives information or newsletters but does not determine the agenda

5.2.3 Collaboration: A group or groups with which the League may conduct a single activity (e.g., a forum or survey) or a specific reform effort (e.g., sunset or campaign finance reform)

5.3 Criteria for Entering into an Association with Another Group

5.3.1 The group's major issues mesh with League positions on every issue of the group's concern. The aims of the group must be nonpartisan and must not conflict with League positions.

5.3.2 The group's activities bring added effectiveness to the overall efforts to achieve the League's organizational, advocacy or educational goals.

5.3.3 The League can work effectively with members of the group, is confident in the leadership of the group, and may serve in a leadership capacity.

5.3.4 Expenditures for work with the group, including staff and volunteer time as well as cash and in-kind expenses, are worth the investment.

6. **Petitions:** Only petitions relating to League positions, which have received prior approval of the Board, shall be circulated during League meetings.
7. **Newsletter:** The local newsletter may carry announcements of other organizational activities when they relate to League program or concerns.