

## Nonpartisanship

As approved by Board of Directors March 8, 2000, and revised May 20, 2000; May 21, 2011; August 17, 2011; July 27, 2012; January 15, 2014; January 18, 2017; September 16, 2020

- 1. Article 11, Section 2, of the LWVUS Bylaws delineates the League's policy: "The League shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate." It is the duty of the Board to see that the League of Women Voters of Collin County (LWV-CC) is in fact nonpartisan, and that what it does and says is not influenced by any party or candidate.
- 2. All members of the LWV-CC, except those Board members listed in #3, are encouraged to participate as individuals in partisan political activities. League membership must not be mentioned at these activities. Board members will not be responsible for the partisan activities by any other members of their family unless the Board deems the situation compromises the nonpartisan policy. Members should take care not to represent their partisan political activities as League policy and should not use the name of the League in such a way as to imply endorsement of or opposition to any candidates for elected office.
- 3. The President, Voters Service Vice President and such others that are strongly identified by the public with the LWV-CC, must resign before participating in any partisan political activities. These officers should not actively or publicly endorse a candidate by donating money, having yard signs, signing petitions or displaying any manner of support. At any time, a member may request time on the board agenda to consider the nonpartisanship of an individual's political activity. A board member shall notify the Board when accepting appointment to a governmental committee, commission, or board.
- 4. Board members shall submit a written resignation prior to announcing their candidacy for public office or appointment as a campaign manager/treasurer for such a candidacy.