

League of Women Voters of Norman Nonpartisan Policy, adopted Dec. 7, 2011*

The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Steering Committee President/Co-Presidents, Voter Service Chair, or anyone highly visible on the SC may not:

1. Hold partisan office or serve as a precinct chair.
2. Hold an office in a political party or its caucus.
3. Serve as a campaign manager for a candidate in an election.
4. Host candidates' gatherings or add one's name to a candidate's or political party's campaign material.
5. Express a view through the public media contrary to a League position.
6. Engage in political activity that is in conflict with their portfolios.
7. Sign and/or circulate a petition to have a candidate's name placed on a ballot.
8. Display candidate signs in their yards.
9. Serve in discreet campaign activity, such as clerical.
10. Serve on a local, non-partisan elected board, such as a school or parks

Steering Committee Members not listed above may:

1. Engage in political activity not in conflict with their portfolios.
2. Sign and/or circulate a petition to have a candidate's name placed on a ballot.
3. Display candidate signs in their yards.
4. Serve in discreet campaign activity, such as clerical.
5. Serve on a local, non-partisan elected board, such as a school or parks.

The Steering Committee:

1. Shall exercise extreme care not to give the appearance of supporting or opposing candidates on the basis of their positions on an issue in which the League is involved.
2. May take the initiative in recommending people to serve on appointed public commissions and committees and considers it appropriate for SC members to serve in such capacity.
3. Shall decide the application of the nonpartisan policy in situations stated above or not covered in LWVUS guidelines.

*This policy should be reviewed each year at the first SC meeting after the Spring Annual Meeting to educate any new members and answer/address any questions. Also, it should be printed in our Voter once each year.