

## **Nonpartisan Policy for LWVCT and LWVCTEF Board Members and Employees**

Adopted October 2011, affirmed July 2013, July 2014, and July 2017

1. The State President, VP-Public Issues, VP-Voter Service and Board members with Voter Service portfolio shall not run for any state-level elective office or any local partisan office, but may run for local nonpartisan office. Other Board members and employees shall not run for state-level elective office but may run for local nonpartisan office, and may run for local partisan office after consultation with the State Board and the President of the local League, if serving on the local League Board.
2. No State Board member or staff member shall be a member of the State Central Committee of any party.
3. State Board members other than the President and all Vice Presidents, and staff, may serve on Town Political Party Committees but not as a chair.
4. Board members are requested to consult with the President when considering accepting a position on a state or local board or commission which is appointed on the basis of party affiliation. Board members should notify the President of their current or prospective service on other state appointive boards or commissions. Staff members are requested to consult with the President or CIT Director as appropriate.
5. The President may not:
  - a. attend nor host political fundraising events at any level; nor
  - b. make contributions to any local, state or national political campaign or party; nor
  - c. make political endorsements.
6. The Vice President-Public Issues and the vice President-Voter Service and board members with Voter Service portfolios and CIT Director and staff may not:
  - a. attend nor host state-level political fundraising events; nor
  - b. make contributions to any state-level political campaign or party; nor
  - c. make political endorsements.
7. For all other board positions, the Connecticut League views participation in caucuses or fundraising events, making political contributions and signing of petitions as an extension of the right to vote. Thus, the Board members not identified above are permitted to engage in these activities, but should do so with discretion.
8. Board members shall not indicate their political affiliations or candidate preferences at any level of government in the media, including on blogs, social networking sites or other public venues, if such media also prominently identifies them as members of the LWVCT Board.
9. Board members shall present questions about specific situations to the President if the foregoing policies do not resolve the question.

