

League of Women Voters of Centre County
Nonpartisanship Policy Statement

The League of Women Voters of Centre County may take action on governmental measures and policies, but it shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate for public office.

Recognizing that the League experience uniquely equips members for public life and wishing to encourage members to utilize their knowledge and abilities, all members are urged to participate fully in political activities on an individual basis. Leadership Team members, however, should be limited to preserve the League's nonpartisan status.

For purposes of this policy statement, The "Leadership Team" of the Centre County League of Women Voters shall consist of the Presiding Officer, the Vice-Presiding Officer, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

No Leadership Team member shall run for or hold elective office. If a Leadership Team member declares for an elective office, the member should resign from the Leadership Team or take a Leave of Absence for the duration of the partisan activity. Public notices released by the League announcing the resignation of a Leadership Team member to run for such an office should be carefully worded to avoid the appearance of endorsing the resigning board member's candidacy.

A Leadership Team member may serve on any public board, commission, committee, or coalition; however, that Leadership Team member does not represent the League unless officially designated as a League representative by the League Leadership Team.

A Leadership Team member may not speak or in any way work against a League position.

Members of the Steering Committee, including members of the Leadership Team, shall not use their position with the Centre County League of Women Voters to support any candidate for office or any political party.

The political activities of a spouse or relative of a Leadership Team member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the Leadership Team member.

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