

Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Policy

The League does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

Membership

Membership is open to all women and men who are US citizens of voting age.

Principles

Whatever the issue, the League believes that government policy, programs and performance must meet these criteria:

- competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- coordination among agencies and levels of government,
- adequate financing,
- effective enforcement,
- well defined channels for citizen input and review.

Belief

We believe in:

- respect for individuals
- the value of diversity
- the empowerment of the grassroots, both within the League and in communities
- the power of collective decision making for the common good.

Action

After studying a given issue and reaching consensus of members, League arrives at a set of positions. This procedure may result in national, state or local positions--depending on the scope of the study. Action can then be taken as an issue arises, after approval by the League President and Action Chair. This action does not require notification of members. Action may take the form of:

- contacting public officials,
- writing letters to the editor,
- holding a press conference,
- circulating petitions,
- testifying, working with coalitions,
- lobbying,
- monitoring or
- litigating.