

League of Women Voters of Moscow, Idaho Nonpartisan Statement

The League of Women Voters acts in support of, or opposition to, selected governmental issues which its members have studied. It does not support or oppose candidates, factions or political parties. However, League members as individuals—with the significant exception of certain League officers—are urged to work in the political party of their choice. In order to protect the League's nonpartisanship policy, guidelines regarding the political activities of the Board of Directors are reviewed frequently.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Moscow adopts the following guidelines for *League members*:

- The League will avoid publicly discussing and implying bias concerning candidates or political parties during League functions, including board and membership meetings.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Moscow adopts the following guidelines for *board members*:

- *Elected Office*: The President and Voter Services Chair shall not run for, or hold, any elective office. Other board members shall not run for, or hold, state elective office, but may run for a nonpartisan local office. If the President or Voter Services Chair runs for state or local office, he/she must resign from the board. The board will appoint a replacement to serve out the term of that position.
- *Political Party Office*: The President and Voter Services Chair shall not serve in any position in a political party. If the President or Voter Services Chair obtains a position with a political party, he/she must resign from the board. The board will appoint a replacement to serve out the term of that position.
- *Political Campaigns*: The President and Voter Services Chair shall not take an active, visible role in, or make a financial contribution to, any political candidate's campaign. A visible role includes such activities as displaying political yard signs or using bumper stickers, writing letters to the editor in favor of one candidate or party over the other, or appearing in publicly displayed lists as a supporter of a candidate. The political activity of a spouse or relative of a board member are to be considered separate and distinct from the activities of the board member.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Moscow

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