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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS JACKSON AREA NONPARTISAN POLICY

The League of Women Voters Jackson Area (LWVJA) neither supports nor opposes any party or candidate. However, the LWVJA Board Members are allowed, and all members are encouraged, to seek elective or appointive office in government, and responsible positions in the private sector. At the same time, it is necessary to impose some restrictions in order to preserve the nonpartisan nature of the organization.

- 1. <u>Elective Office</u>. Board members shall not run for any elective office. Should a board member resign to run for political office, a carefully worded public notice announcing the resignation, avoiding the appearance of endorsing the candidacy, will be released.
- 2. <u>Campaign Participation</u>. The President(s) and the Voter Service Chairperson and Voter Guide Editor shall not participate in electioneering (including, but not limited to, public endorsement, making campaign donations, posting yard signs). Other board members may do so.
- 3. <u>Political Party Office.</u> The President(s) and the Voter Service Chairperson and Voter Guide Editor shall not serve in any position in a political party or local caucus.
- 4. <u>Public Service:</u> Board Members may not serve on any commission or board in conflict with League positions.
- 5. <u>Ballot Measures:</u> The President and Board Members may take a visible and/or leadership role in a ballot measure campaign consistent with the League's position. If the LWV does not have a position on a ballot measure, the President and the Voter Service Director should not take a visible role in the campaign.
- 6. <u>Candidate Forums</u>: The Voter Services Director should carefully screen the moderator and question sorters to ensure they are non-partisan.

## (Adopted from the League of Women Voters of the Lansing Area Non-Partisan Policy 2017and amended on June 17, 2020)

## Signed yearly by the LWVJA's Board of Directors

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