

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK

Make check payable to "League of Women Voters of the Bay Area" and mail to Clara Hockstedler, Membership Chair, 2212 Gemini St., Houston TX 77058-2049

\$ _____ **Dues** for individual member **\$54**

- If the dues rate prevents your joining, please ask about our dues assistance program.

\$ _____ **Dues** for each additional member of the household **\$27 each**

\$ _____ **Dues** for high school or college students **\$27**

- High school: provide name of school and expected graduation date
- College: provide evidence of registration for at least 6 hours per semester

\$ _____ **Donation** to LWV-Bay Area (*on same check as dues; not tax-deductible*)

\$ _____ **Tax-deductible donation** to LWV-Texas Education Fund for use in local voters service work (*separate check made out to "LWV-TEF"*)

\$ _____ **Total enclosed**

Payment of dues to LWV-BA also makes you a member of the LWV-Texas and LWVUS

My name _____

Name(s) of household members also joining _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____ - _____

Home phone _____ Cell or work phone _____

E-mail address (*if the League may contact you that way*) _____

The League welcomes your membership whether or not you have time to volunteer. If you can give 2 hours (or more) of your time this year, which of the following activities would be of most interest to you?

_____ voter registration drives

_____ Voters Guides (*distributing to nearby libraries or city halls*)

_____ Candidates Forums (*moderator, timekeeper, usher, question-screening*)

_____ organizational needs (*cultivating members, finance drive, publicity*)

_____ presenting League background material on issues at League discussion meetings (*reading 2-4 pages of material and summarizing it at the meeting*)

Thanks for helping us serve the Bay Area community by making democracy work!

Mission of the League of Women Voters

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.

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

Members of the League of Women Voters

The League operates as a “living laboratory of democracy.” Being organized on three levels like government means that members of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area are automatically members of the League of Women Voters of Texas and the League of Women Voters of the United States. Membership is open to all who subscribe to the purposes and policy of the League. Voting members are those who are citizens at least 18 years of age. All others are associate members.

Principles of the League of Women Voters

The Principles are beliefs we hold in common. They serve as the basis for the public policy issues we study and on which we attempt to reach positions through member agreement.

- The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.
- The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen’s right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.
- The League of Women Voters believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.
- The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.
- The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.
- The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.
- The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.