

Candidate Participation Policy

Approved by the League of Women Voters of Warren County

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The League of Women Voters of Warren County never supports or opposes any candidates or political parties.

The League of Women Voters of Warren County conducts candidates forums to accomplish the following goals: to educate the public; to motivate voters to participate in the elections; to give voters a chance to learn the views of all candidates so that they may make informed choices.

The League of Women Voters of Warren County will include in its candidates forums candidates whose names will appear on the ballot for offices the League will cover. The League decides which offices will be covered.

For any candidates forums, the League will invite participation by all candidates for the office(s) being covered who have qualified to appear on the ballot, and write-in candidates who are legally qualified to hold the office being sought and who meet the following criteria:

- Public announcement of candidacy at least 60 days prior to the election
- Existence of a campaign treasurer
- Evidence of campaign literature and campaign appearances

The burden of proof rests with the candidate, who must submit required evidence in writing to the sponsors of the candidates forum at least three weeks prior to the event.

No substitutes for candidates will be allowed and no written statements by candidates to be read by others will be accepted. If a candidate does not participate in the candidates forum, the moderator will announce that the candidate was invited but could not attend.

Please note: The League does not sponsor or participate in "empty chair debates," according to rulings by the FEC.