



## League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces

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### MEMBERSHIP

## You can make a difference by **Joining!**

**You** can help make democracy work by making your voice heard.

**You** can help your community by working on important local issues.

**You** can help ensure good government at the local, state, and national levels.

Membership is open to U.S. citizens, female or male, who are of voting age.

\$50 - Individual Membership

\$25 – Additional Household Membership

Members joining after November 1 pay one-half annual membership dues.

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#### **What is the League of Women Voters?**

In 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was ratified giving women the right to vote. The League was established to educate women about their newly gained right, and providing unbiased voter education continues to be its goal to this day.

#### **Is the League a political organization?**

Yes, from the perspective that members of the League take action on government issues, after study and reaching consensus. The League, however, is strictly **nonpartisan**. Candidates for political office and political parties are NOT supported.

#### **How does the League Work?**

The League is organized on three levels—local, state, and national. Joining gives membership in and information from all three levels. Locally, there is a monthly luncheon meeting with a guest speaker presentation about an issue of focus for the League. Candidates' forums, a *Voters' Guide* before general elections, and *Who's Who*, a pamphlet giving contact information about elected officials are League publications. Community forums on focus issues are held periodically.

#### **What issues does the League address?**

The League acts on issues that can be resolved by the local, state, or national governments. Members study, reach consensus and develop positions about government, elections and voting, land use, water, education, health, natural resources, and international relations. On proposed legislation, members respond to Action Alerts by writing letters, emailing, and telephoning local, state, and national legislators.

#### **Who decides what actions the League will take?**

You and other League members choose the issues the League will study and what actions it will take. The local program is adopted at the annual meeting. State and national programs are adopted at their biennial conventions.

#### **How will I benefit as a member?**

#### **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**You** will benefit by:

- sharpening your leadership, communication, and networking skills.
- becoming better informed about critical issues on the local state and national government levels.
- participating in community problem-solving.
- building new friendship.