

## LWVUS-LWVEF Mission Statement and Core Values

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.

### **Vision, Beliefs and Intentions**

The goal of the League of Women Voters is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide.

**The League of Women Voters of the United States** is a nonpartisan political membership organization, which:

- **acts** after study and member agreement to achieve solutions in the public interest on key community issues at all government levels.
- **builds** citizen participation in the democratic process.
- **engages** communities in promoting positive solutions to public policy issues through education and advocacy.

**The League of Women Voters Education Fund** is a nonpartisan public policy educational organization, which:

- **builds** citizen participation in the democratic process.
- **studies** key community issues at all government levels in an unbiased manner.
- **enables** people to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

### **We believe in:**

- respect for individuals.
- the value of diversity.
- the empowerment of the grassroots, both within the League and in communities.
- the power to collective decision making for the common good.

### **We will:**

- act with trust, integrity and professionalism.
- operate in an open and effective manner to meet the needs of those we serve, both members and the public.
- take the initiative in seeking diversity in membership.
- acknowledge our heritage as we seek our path to the future.

### **Core Values:**

- We are a nonpartisan political membership organization.
- We believe that grassroots initiatives and consensus building are the strengths of our organization.
- We believe that our organizational models the principles of good governance.
- We consider well before taking action and prepare well before beginning to act.
- We believe that citizenship requires knowledge, as well as the ability and will to act.
- We believe that the responsibility of good government rests on the shoulders of its citizens.
- We believe that the rights of citizens at home and abroad are interdependent.