



73rd Annual Meeting

League of Women Voters--
Corpus Christi Area

Annual Meeting Workbook

Thursday, May 24, 2018

5:30-7:30 p.m.

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April 2018 Joint Resolution on Equal Pay Day

YWCA Corpus Christi, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Executive Women International (EWI), Corpus Christi Alumnae of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., LWV-CC

August 2017 Women's Equality Day Resolution,

City of Corpus Christi, August 22, 2017

Public Advocacy for Voter Protection (PAVP) Partners--

American Association of University Women, City of Corpus Christi Senior Services, PROSPERA Living Communities, Agency on Aging/ Council of Governments, City Libraries, Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL)

Special Thanks

- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Mary and Jeff Bell Library for accepting LWV-CC historical files
- Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Social Work Intern Program partnership with LWV-CC
- YWCA Corpus Christi (Nancy Wesson-Dodd, Executive Director) for providing storage space to LWV-CC for the past 3 years
- Del Mar College Center for Economic Development for providing meeting space for the League's monthly luncheon meetings
- Deputized Voter Registrars and their voter registration efforts for the past 12 months

Proposed Rules

for Annual Meeting

ADMISSION

Admission to the Annual Meeting is open to members and non-members alike. Only members have voting privileges.

QUORUM

One-fifth of the total membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi. See Bylaws, Article VII, Section 3.

DEBATE

Only members have the privilege of the floor. Upon being recognized by the Chair, the member shall stand and state her/his name before speaking. No person may speak twice until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so. Debate on program and budget issues will extend as long as time permits; the vote will follow the debate.

CONSIDERATION OF NON-RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the Annual Meeting if (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote. See Bylaws, Article IX, Section 4.

VOTING PROCEDURE

A majority of delegates qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election of officers. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. Adoption of budget and recommended Program requires a majority vote of members present and voting.

GOVERNING RULES

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and are consistent with the Bylaws and the Rules for the Annual Meeting as adopted by the membership.

73rd Annual Meeting Agenda

Call To Order & Welcome -- Chris Davis Garcia, President

Introductions

Quorum Established -- Can Alemdar, Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

DINNER SERVICE

Special Recognitions

Order of Business:

- A. Adoption of Proposed Rules for the Annual Meeting
- B. Minutes of the 72nd Annual Meeting held May 18, 2017
- C. 2017-2018 Financial Report -- Brenda Hamby, Treasurer
- D. Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 -- Chris Davis Garcia (in absence of Lois Huff, Budget Committee Chair)
- E. Reports: Member Services, Sandra Heatherley; Voter Services, Kathryn Oler; Program, Maria Jimenez/Peggy Banales
- F. President's Review of 2017-2018 -- Chris Davis Garcia
- G. Report of the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee -- Anne Stewart, Nominating Committee Chair
- H. Election of Officers; Election of Nominating Committee Chair & Members
- I. Oath of Office to Newly Elected Officers--Judge Manuel Banales
- J. Closing Announcements
- K. Adjournment

Officers and Chairs Who Served During 2017-2018

President, Chris Davis Garcia
Secretary, Can Alemdar
Treasurer, Brenda Hamby
VP Member Services, Sandra Heatherley
VP Voter Services, Kathryn Oler
VP Program, Peggy Banales & Maria Jimenez
Voter Registration, Ruth Falck
Director/Website, Debbie Noble
Director/At Large, Dr. Tammy Donaldson
Director/Media-Communications, Mary K. Fant & Melody Cooper
The VOTER Editor, Marjorie K. "Ricky" Walraven
Co-Editor, Chris Davis Garcia

Minutes of the 72nd Annual Meeting; League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi

Thursday, May 18, 2017; 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, Room 117

In Attendance: Sandra Heatherley, Vice President for Voter Services; Mary K. Fant, Treasurer; Debbie Noble, Director–Webmaster; Dr. Matilda Saenz, Nominating Committee Chair; Ricky Walraven, The VOTER Editor; Chris Davis Garcia, The VOTER Co-Editor; Can Alemdar, Jane Bachman, Analicia Bañales, Peggy Bañales, Eva Brown, Barbara Clark, Dorothy Ewing, Ruth Falck, Margareta Fratila, Alex Garcia, Jr., Carla Gardiner, Brenda Hamby, Wendy Herman, Lois Huff, Joyce Jarmon, Maria Jimenez, Nick Jimenez, Kathryn Oler, Nan Pillinger, Ruben Saenz, Anne Stewart, Joan Veith, Sylvia Whitworth.

Welcome: Sandra Heatherley, Past LWV-CC President/current VP for Voter Services, called the 72nd Annual Meeting of LWV-CC to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was present. She welcomed attendees and explained the current outgoing president, Dr. Mary Jane Garza, was unable to attend due to job conflicts. Ms. Heatherley then lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. She thanked Lois Huff for agreeing to serve as secretary for the Annual Meeting.

Acceptance of Proposed Rules for Annual Meeting: The Proposed Rules printed on page 2 of the workbook were discussed, including the careful counting of members to meet the quorum of 1/5 of the membership. Thanks to the new member who joined today, quorum was reached. Motion to accept Rules by Alex Garcia and seconded by Carla Gardiner. Motion carried.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 71st Annual Meeting, May, 2016: Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting, prepared by Mary K. Fant with assistance by Chris Davis Garcia, are printed on pages 4-6 on the 2017 workbook. She noted that the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting were sent to the Board of Directors for approval in June 2016. Ms. Heatherley thanked Chris Davis Garcia for her work in getting the workbook completed. Motion to accept the minutes by Alex Garcia and seconded by Dorothy Ewing. Motion carried.

LWV-CC Financial Report: Ms. Heatherley reminded members that the current year's financial report is not an action item but was presented for information only. Treasurer Mary K. Fant presented the LWV-CC Financial Report, May 1, 2016-April 30, 2017, as printed on page 7 of the workbook. Balance as of May 1, 2016, was \$9,403.21 and the balance as of April 30, 2017, was \$9,798.71. Income included \$500 from a PAVP LWV-TX grant and \$268 in donations/purchases of the printed Voters Guides. She noted LWV-CC has 145 members as of today, May 18, 2017; however, the state and national dues are based on total membership of 131 at 11:59 pm on January 31. It was explained that all state leagues have the option to make quarterly dues payments to LWV-Texas and LWVUS. The LWV-CC Board of Directors decided to make the annual payment in August 2016. There was discussion on ways to contribute to our League. Such donations are not tax deductible and can be done via a personal donation or by becoming a Sustaining Member. It was noted that only contributions to the League's Education Fund, a 501c3 organization administered by LWV-TX, are tax deductible. In reference to the printing of the Voters Guides, Ruben Saenz reported that the City of Robstown refused to accept the Fall 2016 Election guides printed separately in both English and Spanish, saying that Robstown officials needed bilingual copies with the information printed on the same pages in both languages.

Maria Jimenez volunteered to translate our local information into Spanish in the future. Lois Huff suggested that the issue of bilingual publications should be discussed with the LWV-TX board. Mrs. Garcia agreed to do so.

Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2017-2018: Mrs. Heatherley called on Mary K. Fant, Budget Committee Chair, to present the proposed balanced budget for the coming year as printed on page 7 of the workbook. Mrs. Fant expressed her thanks to Anne Stewart, Maria Jimenez, and Chris Davis Garcia for their assistance. The budget was balanced with \$19,305 in both income and expenses and it included all financial activity line items. It was noted that expenses included \$4,025 for a fundraising event(s) and anticipated income from fundraising/special events of \$6,050. A discussion regarding annual membership dues included acknowledgment that all membership dues run from 6/1 to 5/31. An exception noted in the League Bylaws allows new members who join on or after February 1 to have a membership extension through May 31 of the following year. Mrs. Garcia noted that our membership dues have not increased in 10 years. Jane Bachman moved adoption of the proposed budget and Sylvia Whitworth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adoption of Amendments to LWV-CC Bylaws: Mrs. Heatherley called on Mrs. Garcia who directed the attendees to pages 8 and 9 and explained the proposed changes. She noted that LWV-Texas and LWVUS require Articles 1, 2 and 3 to reflect required wording. Article IV, Section 3 would change the names of two Vice Presidents: VP for Community Relations would be retitled VP for Voter Services and VP for study and action (program) would be retitled VP for Program. Article IV Section 6: Treasurer has recommended wording to allow online checking and savings accounts access with Board oversight and additional responsibility for the Treasurer in the area of monitoring online membership applications and payments. Article V, Section 3 would include a new paragraph addressing Board members who could be removed from the Board by a 2/3 vote for not complying with League bylaws, mission, policies, principles, and procedures. A motion by Alex Garcia and seconded by Margareta Fratila recommended reducing the 2/3 vote to a simple majority. The motion was defeated.

Article V, Section 6 had additional information allowing board members to participate in a special called meeting by means of email or telephone. There was discussion whether that change was in violation of Roberts Rules of Order. Mrs. Garcia was asked to get additional clarification from LWV-TX on how other Leagues were using electronic communication for special called meetings. The final proposed amendment in Article V, Section 7 addressed indemnification and limitation of liability, with Mrs. Garcia noting the addition was recommended by LWV-TX. Motion to accept the proposed amendments as presented by Mrs. Garcia, with second by Alex Garcia. Motion carried.

President's Report: 2016-2017 Year in Review: Ms. Heatherley directed the membership to the President's Report on page 10. Ms. Heatherley noted that LWV-CC was one of a few leagues that held monthly meetings and had monthly newsletters, and that LWV-CC was very active in Voter Registration and election activities. Members present gave a hearty round of applause for the accomplishments during Dr. Mary Jane Garza's presidency.

Report on Study in Progress – "Potential for Lead Contamination in Our Communities' Drinking Water": Ms. Heatherley directed members to page 11, regarding the ongoing study being conducted by League member Sally Farris, who has since moved to San Antonio. Members of the committee were congratulated. A final report is expected later this summer.

Summary of League Positions: Mrs. Heatherley directed members to pages 22-23 for the list of current LWV-CC positions. Lois Huff moved that these positions be affirmed and Carla Gardiner seconded. Motion carried.

Report of Nominating Committee: Dr. Matilda Saenz, Chair, thanked members of the Nominating Committee for their work and to all members who replied to requests to serve, even if the answer was no. She said there were more vacancies than usual to fill. She directed members to page 12 of the workbook. The following slate of officers for 2017-2019 was presented for approval:

President (2-yr term, 2017-2019) – Chris Davis Garcia
Treasurer (2-yr term, 2017-2019) – Brenda Hamby
Vice President Voter Services (2-yr term, 2017-2019)— Vacant
Voter Registration Chair—Ruth Falck
At-Large Director (2-yr term, 2017-2019) – Dr. Tammy Donaldson
Director, Webmaster (2-yr term, 2017-2019) – Debbie Noble
Secretary (1-yr term, 2017-2018) – Can (John) Alemdar
Co-Vice Presidents, Program (1-yr term, 2017-2018)— Maria Jimenez and Peggy Banales
Vice President, Member Services (1-yr term, 2017-2018) – Sandra Heatherley
Co-Directors, Media Communications (1-yr term, 2017-2018) – Mary K. Fant and Melody Cooper
Chair, Nominating Committee (1-yr term, 2017-2018) – Anne Stewart
Non-board Members (as per Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1) both 1-year terms: Rebecca Huerta and Linda Snider
(Two additional Committee members will be appointed from the Board this summer)

Nominations from the Floor: Mrs. Garcia nominated Kathryn Oler, with her permission, to fill the vacant position of Vice President of Voter Services. Mrs. Oler agreed to serve. Mrs. Garcia moved that the Slate of Offices as put forward with the addition of Kathryn Oler be approved, and Alex Garcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administering the Oath of Office: Nan Pillinger, Life Member and a Past President, administered the Oath of Office to the incoming LWV-CC officers.

Greetings by 2017-2019 President: Mrs. Garcia, newly elected president, and past state board member and LWV-CC president, greeted the membership. She expressed her thanks for members' continuing presence and support. She announced there would not be a June membership meeting so that the newly elected Board could meet in June and make plans for 2017-2018.

Announcements: Mrs. Jarmon stated that all LWV-CC members should be proud that we are an organization that goes by the rules. It was noted that there would not be a June issue of The Voter, and members, particularly Board members, were encouraged to keep their copies of the Annual Meeting workbook for reference. Membership dues are due on June 1.

With no additional business, Mrs. Heatherley adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Lois Huff, Interim Secretary

Proposed Budget for FY 2018-2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Per Member Membership	\$6,090
Sustainer's Gifts	720
Friends of the League	120
Monthly Luncheons	960
2018 Annual Meeting	320
2018-2019 Fundraising Event(s)	3,380
Community Support/Contributions	400
Advertising in The Voter	400
Silent Auction Proceeds	500

TOTAL INCOME \$12,890

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Per Member Dues to National (90 x \$32, 15 x \$16, 0 x \$16)*	3,120
Per Member Dues to State (90 x \$22, 15 x \$11, 0 x \$12)*	2,145
Monthly Luncheons	792
2018 Annual Meeting	264
2018-2019 Fundraising Event(s)	1,820
Community Support/Participation	400
Voter Services Publications	1,840
Voter Registration Events	360
Printing (VOTER newsletters/ Annual workbooks)	405
Website Maintenance	300
Admin/Postage/Supplies	300
PO Box Rental	120
Leadership/Training	500
Holiday/Social Event	300
Transfer to Savings	224

TOTAL EXPENSES \$12,890

* LWVUS and LWV-TX are waiving Student per-member payments for the next two fiscal years to encourage local Leagues to continue reaching out to younger members.

The Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 is presented by the Budget Committee composed of Lois Huff, chair; and members Maria Jimenez, Alex Garcia, Jr., and Brenda Hamby.

LWV-CC Financial Report

May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

FROST BUSINESS CHECKING

Balance as of May 1, 2017 \$9,798.71

INCOME

Member Dues	\$ 4,909.29
Friends of the League	120.00
Sustainers' Gifts	634.20
Monthly Lunch Meetings	1,130.00
2017 Annual Meeting	290.00
Fundraising/Misc/LWV-TX PAVP Grant	510.00
THE VOTER Newsletter Advertising	300.00
Community/Member Support	150.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 8,043.49

EXPENSES

PO Box Rental (annual)	112.00
Administrative/Postage/Supplies	260.74
Voter Services Publications (Voters Guides)	1,705.00
Voter Registration Events	50.00
2017 Annual Meeting Booklets/Meals	399.00
PMP LWV-TX (114 x \$22, 16 x \$11, 3 x \$12)	2,720.00
PMP LWV-US (114 x \$32, 16 x \$16, 3 x \$16)	3,952.00
Printing & Website Maintenance	778.45
Fundraising/Misc/LWV-TX PAVP Grant	554.90
Monthly Lunch Meetings	968.04
Leadership Training (2017 Board Retreat)	240.44
Holiday Meeting	0.00
Transfer to Savings	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$11,740.57

Balance as of April 30, 2018 \$6,101.63

FROST BUSINESS SAVINGS

Balance May 1, 2017 \$1,501.76

Income - IOD Interest 0.77

Expenses 0.00

Balance April 30, 2018 \$1,502.53

LWV-CC EDUCATION FUND

Balance May 1, 2017 \$956.73

Income - Vote 411 Reimbursement 100.00

Expenses 0.00

Balance April 30, 2018 \$1,056.73

Report of the Nominating Committee

Article IV-Officers, Section 1. Election of Officers reads as follows:

The officers of the LWV-CC shall be a president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. There shall be three elected directors. Officers and three directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting of the general membership and take office June 1st. The president and all other officers and the three elected directors shall be elected for terms of two years as follows:

- a. The president, one vice president, the treasurer, and two directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years.*
- b. Two vice presidents, the secretary, and one director shall be elected in even-numbered years.*

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Anne Stewart and composed of Rebecca Huerta, Linda Snider, Sandra Heatherley, and Brenda Hamby, has submitted the following slate for election. League members received the committee report in The April VOTER and by email correspondence.

TWO-YEAR TERMS (2018-2020):

SECRETARY--Rebecca Huerta

VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAM--Carla Gardiner

VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBER SERVICES--Sandra Heatherley

DIRECTOR, MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS--Melody Cooper

CHAIR, NOMINATING COMMITTEE (1 yr. term), 2018-2019 -- Anne Stewart

MEMBERS, NOMINATING COMMITTEE (1 yr. term), 2018-2019--Linda Snider and Alex Garcia, Jr.

(Two additional Nominating Committee members will be appointed from the League Board in summer 2018.)

Nominations from the Floor: League Bylaws (Article VIII-Nominations and Elections) state that immediately following the presentation of the Nominating Committee report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured. Elections shall be by ballot. However, if there is only one nominee or co-nominees for each office, the election may be by acclamation. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

CONTINUING TWO-YEAR TERMS (2017-2019)

PRESIDENT -- Chris Davis Garcia

TREASURER -- Brenda Hamby

VICE PRESIDENT, VOTER SERVICES -- Kathryn Oler

VOTER REGISTRATION CHAIR--Ruth Falck

AT-LARGE DIRECTOR -- Dr. Tammy Donaldson

DIRECTOR, WEBMASTER -- Debbie Noble

The 2017-2018 Year in Review

By Chris Davis Garcia, President

Every year, the level of League activity seems to be higher and more intense than the previous year, and 2017-2018 was no exception. The League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi Area was presented with three opportunities that were not on our radar screen when the Board met for its June 2017 retreat:

- Applying for and receiving a \$500 Public Advocacy for Voter Protection (PAVP) pass-through grant from LWV-US to LWV-TX to “help mitigate the impact of the Texas voter photo ID laws.”
- Receiving an invitation from the Social Work Department at Texas A&M University-Kingsville to provide an unpaid internship for a master’s degree student for the 2018-2019 school year, and after careful consideration, making a decision to participate.
- Securing a permanent home in the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Collections Department/Archives for 73 years’ worth of League files, VOTER newsletters, Voters Guides, historical materials, and other items worth preserving that would benefit those (in research and study) who want to know more about the League, its history, and the impact it has made in the Corpus Christi and Coastal Bend community.

These three opportunities were addressed in a positive and timely way by Board members and a dozen or so active League members who realized LWV-CC could not let the opportunities pass with no response.

In record time, all three projects were successfully addressed between early October 2017 and late April 2018. We are especially proud to count Ann Hodges, TAMU-CC Archivist, and Mariah A. Boone, M.S.S.W., LMSW-IPR, Assistant

Professor of Practice and Social Work Field Education Coordinator at TAMU-Kingsville, among the League’s newest friends!

League member Ruth Falck, a retired educator with experience in supervising interns, will serve as task advisor and will work closely with the Board to ensure a meaningful internship that not only will benefit the student but also the League. League member Linda Snider, a retired social worker, will provide valuable help to Ruth with regard to reports and communications.

Other projects also were successfully addressed by the League, thanks to outstanding leadership by Board members whose portfolios included membership development, programs, social media and communications, and voter services, including:

- Strong and almost non-stop voter registration efforts in more than three dozen separate venues, including local high schools, community fairs and events, and even a bingo hall or two;
- Monthly luncheon or evening meetings that drew from 25 to well over 70 League members and friends to hear outstanding speakers and visit special downtown venues:

August: Luncheon meeting focused on the Port of Corpus Christi, with a presentation by Port Commissioner Barbara Canales and POCCA’s executive director John LaRue on accomplishments and challenges facing the Port and what can be expected in the future for the 4th largest (in tonnage) port in the U.S.; applied for the PAVP grant.

September: Luncheon meeting featuring remarks by State Rep. Todd Hunter and State Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa on the 2018 legislative session; received the \$500 PAVP grant from LWV-Texas.

October: Evening meeting at the downtown Havana Club, with presenters from the Downtown Management District and the growing arts community; distributed LWV-TX pro and con Voters Guides on the Constitutional Amendments on the November ballot.

November: Luncheon meeting with remarks by Dr. Nancy Vera of the local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers on two current initiatives—Every Student Succeeds Act and the District of Innovation being considered by Corpus Christi ISD.

January: Luncheon meeting to hear remarks by municipal planners Elena Buentello and Andrew Dimas about the Complete Streets concept which promotes a multi-modal transportation system that accommodates users of diverse ages and abilities.

February: Membership luncheon/planning session to focus on the League budget, future fundraising, strategies for the high school voter registration initiative, and the LWV 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2020; held a successful Candidate Form for the March 2018 Primary and produced a Voters Guide (both printed and VOTE 411 online) featuring candidates facing opposition.

March: Luncheon meeting with remarks by former Nueces County Commission Betty Jean Longoria who provided an inside look at county business.

April: Evening meeting at The BUS (former downtown location of the bus station) with remarks by TAMU-CC professor and astrophysicist Dr. Barbara Szczerbinska on “Dark Matter and Why It Matters”; League began preparations to encourage voters to vote in the May 22 Primary run-off election and the June 30 Special Election.

LWV-CC Bylaws

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi Area, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWV-CC or as the local League. The local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS, and the League of Women Voters of Texas, hereinafter referred to in the bylaws as LWV-TX.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES AND POLICY

Section 1: Purposes

The purposes of the League are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2: Political Policy

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

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Eligibility

Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2: Types of Membership

a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS;

1. Individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League.
2. Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members at large.
3. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1: Election of Officers

The officers of the LWV-CC shall be a president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. There shall be three elected directors. Officers and three directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting of the general membership and take office June 1st. The president and all other officers and the three elected directors shall be elected for terms of two years as follows:

- a. The president, one vice president, the treasurer, and two directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years.
- b. Two vice presidents, the secretary, and one director shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Section 2: The President

The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors and may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The president shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3: The Vice Presidents

At the Board meeting following the election of officers, the Board of Directors shall designate a vice president who shall, in the absence, death or resignation of the president, possess all the powers to perform all the duties of that office. In the event this vice president is unable to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of its elected members to fill this vacancy. The vice presidents shall perform such other duties as the president and the Board shall designate.

The vice presidents shall have responsibilities for the following portfolios:

- a. Vice president for Member Services
- b. Vice president for Voter Services
- c. Vice president for Program (study and action)

Section 4: The Elected Directors

The elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at each annual general membership meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected directors shall perform such duties as the president and the Board shall designate.

Section 5: The Secretary

The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, all meetings wherein a vote or consensus of members is called for on issues, and the annual meetings. The Secretary will notify all officers and directors of their election. The secretary shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incidental to the office.

Section 6: The Treasurer

The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies and shall be the custodian of these funds. The treasurer also will be responsible for posting and providing updates of members' payments to the Membership chair. The treasurer shall deposit all funds in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse them only upon order of the Board. The treasurer shall present written statements at the Board of Directors' meetings and present an annual financial report at the Annual Meeting. The treasurer may have online checking and savings accounts access with Board oversight. The treasurer is responsible for monitoring online membership applications and payments received.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Selection, Qualifications and Terms

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, three elected directors, and not more than three directors appointed by the elected members of the Board. All terms of office shall run concurrently with the fiscal year. The elected directors shall serve a term of two years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The appointed directors shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting. Vacancies other than the president may be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Board.

Section 2: Qualifications

No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi.

Section 3: Vacancies and Removal

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member, except the president, may be filled until the next annual meeting through appointment by the president and confirmed by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. In the event of the vacancy of the President, see Article IV, Section 3 regarding action to be taken. Three absences of a Board member from meetings without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

In executing the duties of their office, Board members are expected to carry out applicable laws and regulations as well as League bylaws, mission, policies, principles, positions, standards, and procedures. Board members who do not shall be counseled. If violations persist, the Board member(s) may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, with a letter mailed to the Board member(s) detailing the Board's action and reasons for the action.

Section 4: Powers and Duties

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the national convention, the state convention, and the annual meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5: Meetings

There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Section 6: Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a special called meeting by means of electronic communication. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at a meeting.

Section 7. Indemnification and Limitation of Liability

The directors and all officers or other appointed representatives of the LWV-CC shall be indemnified and their liability shall be limited to the fullest extent authorized by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, Article 1396-22A, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, as it now exists or hereafter may be amended, and by the Charitable Immunity and Liability Act, Chapter 84, of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of LWV-CC shall commence on the first day of June.

Section 2: Dues

a. The date for renewal of dues for all members is June 1. New members who join between February 1 through May 31 will be paid up for the upcoming fiscal year. When two members reside at the same address in a common household, the annual dues shall equal one and one-half times the determined per-member assessment. This household membership would apply to no more than two members in a common household. Any member who fails to pay dues within 90 days after the date on which they become payable shall be automatically dropped from the membership roll. Reinstatement of membership with voting privileges will apply upon payment of delinquent dues.

b. The amount of annual dues shall be decided by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting. Proposed changes in the amount of the annual dues must be approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the annual meeting.

Section 3: Budget

A budget committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The budget chair shall submit the budget for the ensuing year, after approval by the Board of Directors, to the annual meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole. The proposed budget upon approval of the Board of Directors shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chair of the budget committee.

Changes in the budget in the case of altered conditions may be made provided:

1. Proposed changes have been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general meeting at which the change is to be discussed.
2. Final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting or via e-mail and telephone vote conducted by the Board secretary.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1: Membership Meetings

There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall be held in May, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall:

- a. Adopt a local Program for the ensuing year.
- b. Elect officers, directors and members of the nominating committee.
- c. Adopt a balanced budget.
- d. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3: Quorum

One-fifth of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the LWV-CC.

Section 4. Financial Review Committee

The Board will arrange for a financial review to be conducted annually in June following the annual meeting or upon resignation of the Treasurer. At least two members not serving on the Board will be invited to conduct the review. At the Board's discretion, an oversight committee may be appointed, consisting of three members, two of whom shall be board members.

ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the annual meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the annual meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to the committee by any voting member.

Section 2: Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the annual meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3: Elections

Elections shall be by ballot. However, if there is only one (1) nominee for each office, the election may be by acclamation. A majority vote shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX – PRINCIPLES AND PROGRAM

Section 1: Principles

The League principles are concepts of government adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole. The principles are the authorization for the adoption of national, state, and local program.

Section 2: Program

The program of the LWV-CC shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3: Program List

The program list shall consist of those local governmental issues the membership shall choose for concerted study and action.

Section 4: Action by the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedure:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
- b. The proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting.
- c. A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Program as presented at the annual meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d. Recommendations for program submitted by voting members two months prior to the annual meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the annual meeting provided that:
 1. the annual meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote
 2. the annual meeting shall adopt the item by two-thirds vote.
 3. the member submitting the program study commits to handle it.

Section 5: Program Changes

Program changes may be made providing the following steps are taken:

- a. Information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to the general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and
- b. Final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Section 6: Member Action

Members may act in the name of the LWV-CC only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X – NATIONAL CONVENTION AND STATE CONVENTION

Section 1: National Convention

The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the national office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWV-CC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVUS.

Section 2: State Convention

The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWV-CC under the provisions of the bylaws of LWV-Texas.

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of voting members present and voting at the annual meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing and delivered personally, electronically, or mailed at least one month in advance of the meeting. Amendment(s) will be effective at the annual meeting in May.

Amended: May 1990, 1995, 1997, 2004, 2007, 2013, 2017

LWV-CC Policy Guide

The local Board will review the Policy Statement annually. When it is approved by the Board, the Policy Statement will be included in the local Member Handbook.

I. POLITICAL ACTION and ACTIVITY

As an organization, the League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate for elective office. After careful study and consensus, the League may take action on issues in the public interest. These guidelines are intended to protect the League's nonpartisan status. In this regard, the League enjoys two action arms under Secs. 501(c) 3 and 501(c) 4 of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code. The first is limited to education; the second includes lobbying and influencing policy (political activity). Financial resources for the two action arms are separate.

- A. League members are encouraged to work in the political party of their choice. Members are encouraged to attend local governmental meetings and to participate as private citizens. However, members are expected to keep their League activity and their political activity completely separate and distinct. In both partisan and nonpartisan elections, members may not distribute League materials at the same time as material for a candidate or a party.
- B. The President, Voters Service Director, and *Voters Guide* Editor will avoid *political activities* that may give the appearance of partisanship.
- C. Board members are *encouraged to participate* as volunteers *in political activities* but should first consult the Board if they are in doubt as to whether their activities would affect the community's perception of the League's nonpartisanship.
- D. A Board member will submit a written resignation prior to announcing candidacy for a partisan public office. Appointment as Campaign Manager/Treasurer, or paid employment for a political candidate may be allowed. Resignation from the Board does not mean resignation from the League. A Board member will NOT run for office in a partisan race or accept a partisan appointment.
- E. Members in leadership roles at LWV unit and other public meetings have the responsibility to ensure the nonpartisanship of the meeting and its environment. Discussion of candidates should be avoided at all League meetings except in connection with Voters Service activities. No partisan material should be brought to any League function.
- F. National and state issues upon which the League has taken positions may be identified by reference to official national and state websites sponsored by the League of Women Voters; and issues of local concern upon which the local League has taken a position may be found in the workbook for each annual meeting and on the website. The protocols for creating or modifying a local position are described at item XI below.

II. SPEAKING FOR THE LEAGUE

- A. Only the President or a designated representative may speak for the League. Letters, news releases, speeches, etc., in the name of the League must be approved by the President before release.
- B. *Designated* representatives of the League may not make binding commitments on major matters without the approval of the Board. [See below for Board approval of appointments.]
- C. Members attending public meetings as official League delegates and observers, however, are there as reporters only. They will confine themselves to taking notes, and if they are doubtful about any point, they may ask questions quietly after the meeting is adjourned or ask for clarification at the appropriate juncture of the presentation.
- D. Board members should exercise discretion in aligning themselves publicly with either side of a local non-League, governmental issue. Board members should further exercise discretion in aligning themselves publicly with either side of a state or national non-League governmental issue. The Board should review those cases in which the issue or activities of a Board member may affect the League's standing in the community.

III. COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The Board will approve all appointments of **League representatives** to public Boards, Committees or Commissions, and to other organizations as presented by the President. When the League member represents the League, the member is bound to support the League's positions on matters associated with the committee or commission.

IV. VOTER GUIDES

- A. The decision to print a Voters Guide is made by the Board and Voter Services Committee. The Voter Service Committee & volunteers should meet and decide on questions (usually 3 or 4) and word limits for the candidates based on issues of interest at the time.
- B. The number of guides will be determined by the Board based on available funds. Voter Guides for the Primary and General Elections are produced every two years on even numbered years. Voter Guides for City Elections are every two years on even numbered years. Voter Guides for Special Elections will be determined as needed.
- C. If the local chapter does a project that requires money from the ED Fund, other than the Voter Guides, the project coordinator or the President must get a project request form from LWV-TX. [We understand this form

is not a request that requires approval, but does require filing and these forms are available only at certain times near the dates of State Board meetings.]

- D. A list of candidates & their addresses after the filing deadline must be gathered as follows:
- City Elections-contact City Secretary's Office
 - Primary Elections-contact all political parties (some file with the Secretary of State)
 - General Elections-contact the County Clerk
 - School District Elections--contact each ISD or Del Mar College for information

V. CANDIDATE and ISSUE FORUMS

- A. The decision to hold or cancel a forum is made by the Board and Voter Services Committee. These policies and Procedures are found in Section 1.7 (1) and the LWV-Texas Guide to Candidate Forums.
- B. The types of Forums held by the League are (1) Primary & General Elections and City Council-even numbered year, (2) Issues Forum— example: city propositions (the Purpose is to present impartially the pros and cons of the issue), and (3) School Board & Del Mar College elections.
- C. The failure to appear by a representative of a proponent or opposition party to an issue, such as a bond proposition, shall not preclude the forum's commencement. So long as one party to a forum issue appears to participate, it is the local League's policy to conduct the forum. The purpose of this policy is to prevent a single party opponent/proponent from stonewalling public discussion.
- D. Similarly, the appearance of a single candidate in a contested race allows that candidate to speak at the forum to advocate for his/her candidacy, even if declared opponent(s) fail to participate.
- E. Generally, an uncontested race does not entitle a candidate to address the forum, except for courtesy introductions from the floor.

VI. COALITIONS and COLLABORATIVE EVENTS; GIFTS, AFFILIATION, ASSISTANCE

- A. Although the League favors collaboration with other organizations, joining or withdrawing from a coalition or collaborating on an educational forum or other public event must be approved by the Board and meet the following guidelines: 1) no admission fee should be charged for an educational forum, although donations may be suggested, and 2) when the League commits to sharing expenses using TEF funds, the League liaison must ensure TEF requirements (particularly related to publicity) are met in order to be reimbursable.

- B. The coalition's major issues should mesh (align) with League positions or be issues of League concern, although there need not be a League position on every issue of coalition concern. The *aims of the coalition must be nonpartisan* and must not conflict with League positions.
- C. The major goals of the coalition should be in accord with League program and action priorities.
- D. The coalition's activities should bring added effectiveness to the overall efforts to achieve the League's organizational, advocacy, or educational goals.
- E. The members of the coalition should be organizations with which the League can work effectively. The League should have confidence in the leadership of the coalition and may serve in a leadership capacity.
- F. The League reserves the right to withhold its name from any statement or action taken by a coalition of which it is a member that does not reflect the League's consensus positions. If a coalition or association supports or opposes candidates, the League shall publicly issue a statement disassociating itself from such support or opposition.
- G. The Board should exercise discretion in accepting gifts, affiliation, or assistance from any political party, political organization, or political personality. On its face, an organization that is recognized as a charitable 501(c)(3) group that does not engage in political activity is permissible for gift donations, affiliation, and assistance to the local League. Generally, individual gifts are also permissible. However, political 501(c)(4) groups that engage in political activity should have the approval of state or national League of Women Voters leadership to ensure alignment with League of Women Voters positions, goals, and policies. In the absence of a state or national consensus position favoring a particular 501 (c) (4) group goal, the Board ought first consider and vote to find the group's appropriate alignment of political, yet non-partisan, interests to be the same as those of the local League.
- H. Outside of a forum setting, the local League's invitation to a candidate, political party representative, or issue advocate to address the League's membership on issues and questions posed by the local League itself does not constitute a favor to the League nor a violation of the League's impartiality and does not constitute partisanship so long as the League presents questions that focus on the issues, while also allowing the speaker to present his or her point of view. By the same token, an invitation to a person to present a talk to the local League, on an issue upon which the League has expressed a counter position, does not violate League policy, provided that the presentation is factual. The purpose of hearing counter points of view is to ensure the League's understanding of issues is current.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

- A. Publications and Handouts. All local League publications and handouts should include contact information and should be authorized by the Board. When appropriate, the publications should include the League's nonpartisan statement and a statement that the content does not represent positions of the League of Women Voters.
- B. Reprinting of Publications. *Voters Guides* and other copyrighted League material should contain the statement: "Reprinting in part or in whole is not allowed without the written permission of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi." *Voters Guides* should also include the statement: "The opinions of the candidates are their own and do not represent positions of the League of Women Voters."
- C. Publication Times. The *VOTER*, our newsletter, will be published at least nine times per year and sent to members, friends and community leaders, and prospective members and others as needed. The *VOTER* and attachments will be sent electronically when possible.
- D. Announcements. With Board approval on a case-by-case basis, the *VOTER* may carry announcements for the activities or fund-raising projects of other organizations if they relate directly to League program and/or mission.
- E. Website. The Executive Committee will make final decisions about content that is published on the LWV-CC site and will determine how long it remains online. The Executive Committee is composed of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Presidents.
- F. Videos. Videos funded by LWV-CC are the product of LWV-CC and will be managed in accordance with LWV-Texas and LWVUS video policies and procedures.
- G. Advertisement. Ads in LWV publications must comply with nonpartisan mission.
- H. Copyright. The League retains all right, title, and interest in all material prepared by League members for League use or distribution under League auspices. All copyrights to such material belong to the League.

VIII. FINANCES

- A. Financial contributions to the League can be accepted without being misconstrued as endorsement of the donor by the League.
- B. All information relating to contributors to the League shall remain confidential upon the request of the contributor.
- C. Annual dues are payable June 1 of each year. If a member has not paid the dues by September 15, the member may be dropped. Sufficient notice through the *VOTER*, a personal telephone call, and a dues statement will be given to all members before dropping. A member can be reinstated upon payment of dues. Members may pay by installments through an agreement with the Treasurer.

- D. Checks will be signed with two (2) signatures, i.e., the President, Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer.

IX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. Members of the local Board shall not receive material compensation, such as salaries or stipends, for services rendered, nor shall they sell professional services or products to the LWV-CC. (In a not-for-profit organization, it is inappropriate for those who govern to receive material compensation for performing the services they have deemed necessary to carry out the mission of the organization.)
- B. In any matter in which a local Board member or a member of her/his family has a financial interest, the Board member shall refrain from participating in the discussion prior to a vote and shall refrain from attempting to influence the outcome of a vote, and shall abstain from voting.

X. COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

Approved at annual meeting May 17, 2013

The League of Women Voters-Corpus Christi (LWV-CC), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief in and commitment to diversity and pluralism.

LWV-CC welcomes any person to participate in any activity of the LWV-CC, regardless of gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or political persuasion.

LWV-CC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making.

LWV-CC subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that inclusiveness enhances its capability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWV-CC affirms its commitment to reflecting diversity in its membership, board, staff, and programs.

XI. LOCAL POSITION STATEMENTS and STUDY PROTOCOLS

- A. The local League may initiate a study, bearing on an issue of local concern, or initiate performance of an existing position statement update, by either a vote of the general membership at any monthly meeting or through action taken by the Board.
- B. An inventory of local studies and existing position statements may be found in the workbook of each annual meeting and on the website.
- C. Steps for study and position updates include, but may not be limited to, solicitation and selection of volunteers to serve the project; the President's appointment of a working chair to guide the group; periodic reports from the chair by email or personal appearance before the Board to describe progress or findings to date; a final written report and recommendation attested by the work group chair and approved by signature or email agreement among work group members; a minority report, if any, attested by the dissenting members of the

study group, if any. The formal report shall be orally presented to the general membership at the first monthly meeting feasible after the report is submitted to the Board. The report will be available for online access.

XII. REGARDING STANDING AND APPOINTED COMMITTEES

In addition to the Nominations Committee and the Budget Committee which are mandated in the League's Bylaws, the Board of Directors is authorized to appoint chairmen and members to the following offices:

A. Voter Services: The Board will appoint a chairman who will then select committee members from among the active and Friends of the League membership. This committee coordinates the activities related to

- voter registration events
- candidate forums
- voter guides

B. Assistant Treasurer: This person is authorized access to the bank account in order to monitor electronic banking transactions and communicate those to the treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer may also collect money at events and meetings when the treasurer is absent or under the direction of the treasurer as needed. The Assistant Treasurer therefore will have all the powers of, and be subject to, the restrictions upon the Treasurer.

C. Membership Committee: This committee will be appointed by the VP for Member Services and ratified by the Board to assist the Member Services VP as needed. One member of this committee will maintain a membership e-mail group in order to send out the Voter Guides and announcements.

D. Social Media Committee: The chairman of this committee is appointed by the VP for Public Relations and ratified by the board and will coordinate members to accomplish the following:

- Facebook page (page administrator)
- Google coordinator for phone number and board group e-mails.
- Web Page (webmaster)

E. Editorial Committee: This committee is appointed by the board and is responsible for producing the content of the monthly VOTER and assisting in the development of news/public announcements and scripts for candidate forums and public meetings.

F. Past President: By tradition, the immediate Past President is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for the term of the following president.

LEAGUE PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED

Chris Davis Garcia	2017-
Dr. Mary Jane Garza	2015-2017
Sandra Heatherley	2013-2015
Judy Telge	2011-2013
Evy Coppola *	2009-2011
Chris Davis Garcia	2007-2009
Lois Huff	2002-2007
Pat Parr	2001-2002
Crystal Lyons and Pat Parr, <i>Co-Presidents</i>	2000-2001
Crystal Lyons	1999-2000
Peggy Duran	1998-1999
Gwen Henzi	1997-1998
Donna J. Strong	1996-1997
Carol A. Scott	1995-1996
Adelaide Marlatt	1994-1995
Pauline Clarke	1993-1994
Eunice Owen* and Fay Crider, <i>Co-Presidents</i>	1992-1993
Fay Crider	1991-1992
Nan Pillinger	1990-1991
Pat Parr and Nan Pillinger, <i>Co-Presidents</i>	1989-1990
Pat Parr	1987-1989
Debbie Stine	1986-1987
Tami Liddell	1985-1986
Mary Rhodes*	1983-1985
Frances Cummings	1982-1983
Donna Custer*	1981-1982
Chris Dubois	1980-1981
Margie Morrill*	1978-1980
Linda Stubing Heierman	1975-1978
Bette Harris*	1973-1975
Pauline Clarke	1971-1973
Michelene Hansler	1969-1971
Edith Coffey	1967-1969
Eunice Owen*	1965-1967
Mable Liles*	1963-1965
Jo Prashner	1961-1963
Jackie Webb*	1959-1961
Evelyn Armstrong Price*	1957-1959
Ruth Gill*	1956-1957
Kathryn McInnis*	1954-1956
Emma Koepke*	1952-1954
Virginia Hartsell*	1950-1952
Muriel Allegrett*	1948-1950
Reva Gregg*	1947-1948
Dorothy Greene * **	1945-1947

* Deceased

** First President

Summary of League Positions

The following positions are the result of studies and consensus developed by LWV-CC members over the years. These positions were reviewed in March 2015 and affirmed by members at the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual Meetings.

I. NATURAL RESOURCES

A. Tourism and Conventions

Recognizing the value of tourism and conventions as major industries of the area, the League supports measures to promote the development of good quality facilities for tourists and for conventions, while preserving our unique natural assets.

B. Adequate Park and Recreation Facilities

The League supports the National Recreation and Parks Association standard of one acre of park land per 100 people as an ultimate goal for Corpus Christi. Recognizing that this goal is not immediately obtainable, the League supports programs which work toward the standard.

C. Protection of Sand Dunes on the Barrier Islands and Open Beaches

Because the barrier islands sand dunes provide a vital natural system of protection for the inland areas along the Gulf Coast, and since these areas contain a significant portion of our state's human, natural, and recreational resources, the League believes it is the responsibility of government at all levels to take the necessary steps for the stabilization and preservation of the sand dunes.

D. Development of North Beach

The League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi supports a Master Plan for the development of North Beach.

E. Bayfront Master Development Plan

The League recognizes the value of tourism and conventions as major industries necessary for diversification of the economy of our area. We further consider the bayfront area to be our most unique asset and, therefore, feel it should be developed in a manner that will provide quality facilities for the benefit and accessibility of the total community. Because this asset—the Bayfront—is nonrenewable, we feel there is a vital need for procedures to assure a balance between development and protection of this valuable resource. Creation of any Bayfront Master Development Plan must include provisions for public facilities such as beaches, parks, and marina areas, provide assurances of environmental protection and exhibit fiscal responsibility.

II. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A. Council/Manager Form of Government

The League supports the Council-Manager form of government because it provides the city with continuity, responsibility, accountability, and expertise.

B. Public Transportation System

The League of Women Voters believes an accessible and transparent public transportation system is vitally necessary to promote economic growth and development, provide access to employment and community services, and enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

C. Method of Electing Corpus Christi ISD Trustees

The League supports a modified single-member electoral system. The school district would be divided into four single-member districts. Four trustees would reside in and be elected by voters from each of these four single-member districts. The other three trustees would be elected at large by all qualified voters in the district. *[This is the system in current use.]*

D. Method of Electing City Council

The League believes that no electoral system automatically guarantees a more representative or responsive governing body. In November of 1981, the membership reached consensus supporting the expansion of the council to nine members with a modified single-member electoral system. The plan adopted was the plan supported by the League.

E. Charter Revision – Annexation/Industrial Districts *(Subject To Review)*

F. Emergency Ambulance Services

The League supports a public lifesaving emergency ambulance service.

League of Women Voters

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation 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 candidate or political party.

2017-2018 Membership List

Jeanne Adams	Chris Davis Garcia	Pat Parr
Can Alemdar	Alex Garcia, Jr.	Greg Perkes
Elizabeth (Libby) Averyt and Charles Kaffie	Carla Gardiner	Nan Pillinger
Jane Bachman	Rose Garza	Dr. Kelly Quintanilla
Burton Bagby-Grose	Coretta Graham	Raul Ramirez
Analicia Banales	Brenda Hamby	Sylvia Ramirez
Peggy & Judge Manuel Banales	Agnes Hamilton	Amber Rinard
Diana Barrera	Sandra Heatherley	Ruben and Dr. Matilda Saenz
Rolando Barrera	Wendy Herman	Donine Schwartz
John & Myriam Bell	Melissa Hofstetter	Carol & Mark Scott
Rebecca Brackett	Kim Hohle	Dr. Gloria Scott
Regi Bright	Eric Holguin	Kimberley Seger
Eva Brown	Rebecca Huerta	Mary Sherwood
Elena Buentello	Lois Huff	T. Frank Smith IV
Wes Burkett and Christy Stockman	Jody Hughes	Linda Snider
Jesus (Jaime) Bustos	Michael Hunter	Sandra Sterba-Boatwright
Christina Buttler	Todd Hunter	Anne Stewart
Janis Byrne	Joyce Jarmon	Judy Telge
Aislynn Campbell	Maria & Nick Jimenez	Joan Veith
Teresa Carrillo	Colleen Johnson	Dr. Nancy Vera
Brent & Ashley Chesney	James & Teresa Klein	Clarice Wallock
Barbara Clark	Brooks & Genie Lemley	Marjorie Walraven
Pauline Clarke	Tami Longino	Gaye White
Connie Contreras	Barbara Lund	Sylvia and James Whitworth
Melody Cooper	Chad Magill	Arrena Sue Williams
Elissa (Lisa) Cuevas	Christina Marquez	Iris P. Williams
Janet Cunningham	Briana Martinez	Chuck & Bobbie Wood-Hughes
Nancy Devlin & Margaret Di Clemente	Nelda Martinez	Johanna Wood-Miller
Mark DiCarlo	Patricia Mathews	
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Dorothy Ewing	Debbie Noble	of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Ruth Falck	Kathryn Oler	
Mary K. Fant	Leah Pagan Olivarri	Barbara Craig-Schniepp
Annie Galvan	Lisa Oliver	
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