

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO, INC. BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters® of Central New Mexico, Inc., hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as the LWVCNM. This local League is an integral part of League of Women Voters® of the United States (“LWVUS”) and of the League of Women Voters® of New Mexico (“LWVNM”).

ARTICLE II. Purposes and Policy.

Sec. 1. Purpose. The LWVCNM is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the LWVCNM shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

Sec. 2. Political Policy. The LWVCNM is nonpartisan and shall promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues. The LWVCNM shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

ARTICLE III. Membership.

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership in the LWVCNM. All members are invited to attend all meetings of LWVCNM.

Sec. 2. Types of membership. All members are primary members.

Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the LWVCNM shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues of their place of joining and of the LWVUS. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members, excused from the payment of dues. Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled as full or part time with an accredited institution.

1. Individuals who live within the area of the LWVCNM may join the LWVCNM or any other local League;
2. Those who reside outside the area of the LWVCNM may join any local League or be LWVNM members-at-large;
3. Individuals enrolled either as full time or part time students at an accredited institution may join as student members

ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors.

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers as defined in Article V; Officers of the LWVCNM, six (6) elected directors and additional appointed directors. When an Officer position is filled by Co-Presidents or Co-Vice Presidents, each Co- President and each Co-Vice President has one (1) vote. Three (3) directors shall be elected by the general membership at each LWVCNM Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected. The officers and elected directors shall appoint such additional directors, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the LWVCNM. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Elected officers and elected directors may be reelected or appointed in another position.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of the LWVCNM who is not a voting member according to the LWVCNM Bylaws.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification may be filled, until the expiration of the term, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Disqualification may occur in the event that any member of the Board of Directors becomes unable or unwilling to perform the duties set forth in Article V below, or as otherwise have been properly directed by the Board. Such members may be deemed disqualified to hold office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a reason acceptable to the Board of Directors shall be deemed a resignation.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the LWVCNM, with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program adopted by the National LWVUS Convention, the State LWVNM Convention and the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President or a Co-President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board. When necessary for the timely conducting of business, a polling of the Board of Directors by telephone or email, at the direction of the President or a Co-President, shall constitute a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors currently serving shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 7. An executive committee, as named by the LWVCNM Board of Directors, consisting of the President or Co-Presidents and three other elected officers or elected directors of the Board of Directors appointed by the Board of Directors, shall act for the Board of Directors between regular meetings, provided that any action taken

shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its next meeting. Three members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE V. Officers.

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the LWVCNM shall be a President or Co-Presidents, a First Vice-President or Co-First Vice Presidents, a Second Vice-President or Co-Second Vice Presidents, a Third Vice-President or Co-Third Vice Presidents, a Fourth Vice-President or Co-Fourth Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the membership at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President or one Co- President, the First Vice-President or Co-First Vice President, the Fourth Vice-President or Co-Fourth Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice-President or Co- Second Vice Presidents, the Third Vice-President or Co-Third Vice Presidents and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Sec. 2. The President or Co-Presidents. The office of President may be held by Co-Presidents. The President or a Co-President shall preside at all meetings of the LWVCNM and the Board of Directors. The President or a Co-President may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The President or Co-Presidents shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President or Co-Presidents shall have such 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.

Sec. 3. The Vice-Presidents. The four Vice-President offices may be filled by one Vice President or Co-Vice Presidents. The four Vice Presidents or Co-Vice Presidents, in the order of rank, shall, in the event of the absence, disability or death of the President or one of the Co-Presidents, and the remaining Co-President is unable to assume the office of President shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the President or Co-Presidents office. In the event that none of the Vice- Presidents or Co-Vice Presidents are able to serve, the Board of Directors may elect from the existing board members to fill the vacancy. If the President or Co-President(s) vacancies are not filled the board will operate as a Leadership Team as defined in Article V Sec.6

Sec. 4. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the LWVCNM Annual Meeting and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election. The Secretary shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office and shall perform such other duties as the President or Co-Presidents and Board may designate.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due; the Treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse the same only upon the order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present written financial reports to the Board at its regular meetings and a written Treasurer's report at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the President or Co-Presidents and

Board may designate. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed annually, at the end of the fiscal year or at the time that the Treasurer leaves office, whichever occurs first, by a Financial Review Committee of at least two (2) LWVCNM members, a least one of whom is a member of the Board of Directors, or an accountant appointed by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 6. The Leadership Team. When a President or one Co-President is not elected and the other Co-President or the Vice-President is unable to assume the responsibilities of the President or the vacant Co-President office, the Board of Directors shall govern the organization as a Leadership Team. The Leadership Team shall consist of the remaining Co-President, the Vice President or Co-Vice President officers and the Treasurer. A limited number of other elected directors may also be part of the leadership team. The leadership team will identify the responsibilities of each member of the team and have responsibility for the routine business of the LWVCNM (e.g., calling meetings, preparing agendas, chairing meetings). The Board of Directors also recommends the addition of an Executive Committee to conduct pressing business between board meetings, which needs addressing before the next board meeting.

ARTICLE VI. Financial Administration.

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the LWVCNM shall commence on the first day of May in each year.

Sec. 2. Dues.

a. Members shall pay dues in accordance with LWVUS policy. Any member who fails to pay dues within three (3) months after they become payable shall be declared inactive.

b. Any member who becomes a paid life member or a life member under the terms of the bylaws of the LWVUS shall be excused from the payment of annual dues to LWVCNM.

Sec. 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing two (2) fiscal years shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting for adoption on even-numbered years. The budget will be reviewed and adjusted at the Annual Meeting on odd-numbered years. The budget shall include support for the work of the LWVCNM as a whole.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least three months prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year on even-numbered years. The budget will be reviewed and adjusted at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting on odd-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Budget Committee but shall not serve as chair. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting.

Sec. 5. Indemnification of Directors and Officers. The LWVCNM may indemnify each Director and Officer of the LWVCNM, and their heirs, legal representatives and

assigns, against expenses, costs and attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which the Director or Officer is made a party by reason of having been an Officer or Director. The indemnification may include any amounts paid to satisfy a judgment or compromise or settle a claim. The Director or Officer will not be indemnified if adjudged to have been guilty of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the corporation. Advance indemnification may be allowed of a Director or Officer for expenses to be incurred in connection with the defense of the action, suit or proceeding, unless the Director or Officer was not entitled to indemnification by reason of willful misconduct or recklessness in the performance of duty to the LWVCNM.

Sec. 6. Transfers of Property. Subject to Board approval, any two of the following officers, the President, or a Co-President, the Vice-Presidents and the Secretary or Treasurer, shall have the authority to assign, endorse transfer, and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the LWVCNM, any certificate of stock, bond, note, or other property belonging to the LWVCNM. The Secretary or Treasurer shall have the authority to affix and attest the seal of the LWVCNM to any agreement, assignment or other document executed by any officer of the LWVCNM pursuant to authority granted by these Bylaws or by action of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 7. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of dissolution for any cause of the LWVCNM, all monies and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the LWVCNM shall be distributed at the discretion of the Board of Directors, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the LWVCNM and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters® national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under the tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

ARTICLE VII. General Membership Meetings.

Sec. 1. LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall be held between April 1st and May 31st, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall (a) adopt a local Program for the ensuing year; (b) elect officers and directors, and members of the Nominating Committee; (c) adopt an adequate budget and (d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 2. Additional General Membership Meetings. Additional general membership meetings may be called by the Board of Directors or requested by a group of ten members. Advance notice of at least 30 days must be given to all members unless an emergency is declared by the board. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Ten percent (10%) of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum at all general meetings of the LWVCNM.

ARTICLE VIII. Nominations and Election.

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall include both off-board members and two members of the Board of Directors. The chair shall not be a member of the LWVCNM Board and shall be elected at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. Nominations for these positions shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the LWVCNM 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 this committee by any voting member.

Sec. 2. Report of 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 prior to the date of the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the LWVCNM 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 has been secured. Offices with more than one nominee shall compel a secret ballot including all offices to be filled, the results of which will be announced by the nominating committee.

Sec. 3. Election. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX. Program.

Sec. 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National LWVUS Convention constitute the principles for the adoption of the LWVCNM Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the LWVCNM shall consist of those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3. Action by the LWVCNM Annual Meeting. The LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program according to the following procedures:

a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two (2) months prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.

b. The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members one (1) month prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting.

c. A majority vote of the voting members present and voting at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting by the Board of

Directors. Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the LWVCNM Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be adopted by the LWVCNM Annual Meeting, provided that (1) the members at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and (2) the members at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.

d. In the case of altered conditions, changes in Program may be made so long as: (1) the Board of Directors provides information concerning the proposed changes to all LWVCNM members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) final action by the LWVCNM members is taken at a succeeding general membership meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVCNM only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. LWVCNM Action. The LWVCNM may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the LWVUS and of LWVNM.

ARTICLE X. National Convention, State Convention and Council.

Sec. 1. National LWVUS Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVUS Office, shall elect delegates and alternates to that convention in the number, if possible, allotted to the LWVCNM under the provisions of the LWVUS.

Sec. 2. State LWVNM Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to LWVNM Office, shall select delegates and alternates to the convention in the number, if possible, allotted LWVCNM under the provisions of the Bylaws of LWVNM.

Sec. 3. State LWVNM Council. The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to LWVNM Office, shall select two delegates and alternates to the Council under the provisions of the Bylaws of LWVNM.

ARTICLE XI. Parliamentary Authority.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) shall govern the LWVCNM in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. Amendments.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the LWVCNM Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

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