

## EXHIBIT 6

### **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DAWSON AND PICKENS COUNTIES NONPARTISANSHIP POLICY**

#### **1. STATEMENT OF NONPARTISAN POLICY**

The League of Women Voters (LWVUS) is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote the informed and active participation of citizens in government. As a chapter of the LWVUS, the League of Women Voters of Dawson and Pickens Counties (LWVDP) does not support or oppose candidates for public office, but acts only on those issues chosen by the membership for study and action. The LWVDP believes that political parties are essential to the American system of government and participation of informed citizens is beneficial to the political parties and to the system.

#### **PURPOSE OF NONPARTISAN POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to protect the credibility of the LWVDP as a nonpartisan organization that does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. Only to the extent that the public and its elected officials are convinced of the LWVDP's genuine nonpartisanship, will the LWVDP be able to render effective voter service activities and gain a wide base of support for its positions on governmental issues.

#### **2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR NONPARTISAN POLICY**

The LWVDP board has responsibility for maintaining the nonpartisanship policy of the LWVDP.

#### **3. GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS ON NONPARTISAN POLICY**

The following board members shall resign to take an active and/or visible role in a campaign for a political candidate, to run for or hold elected office, or to chair or administer fundraising or political campaigns: President; Vice President(s); Secretary; and Treasurer. Other board members who plan to engage in active and visible political activity shall notify the LWVDP board. She/he shall resign or desist the activity if the LWVDP board decides that the activity would affect the community's perception of the LWVDP nonpartisan policy.

Board members may join political parties, attend fundraising events and make campaign contributions.

The political activities of a spouse or relative of a board member are to be considered separate and distinct from the activities of the board member.

Board members may present questions for a ruling about specific situations to the state board where the foregoing policies do not resolve the question. Decisions made by the state board are binding.

Members other than board members are encouraged to be politically active but not in the name of the League.

4. RESIGNATION POLICY

When a board member resigns to work actively for a candidate or to run for office, an announcement shall be made in the LWVDP newsletter/e-letter and through normal venues. The replacement shall be announced at the same time, if possible.

5. POLICY FOR ANNUAL REVIEW

The LWVDP Nonpartisan Policy shall be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Any changes shall be discussed at that time and, if approved by the voting members present at the AGM, adopted into the Policy. The Policy shall then be published in the LWVDP newsletter//e-letter.