

LWVIL GUIDELINES FOR JOINING COALITIONS

1. The coalition's major issues should mesh with League positions and be non-partisan, though there need not be a League position on every issue with which the coalition is concerned. The aims of the coalition must not conflict with League positions.
2. The major goals of the coalition should be in accord with League program.
3. The coalition's activities should bring added effectiveness to the overall efforts to achieve the League's organization, advocacy or educational goals.
4. 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.
5. Expenditures for work with the coalition (including staff and volunteer time, as well as cash and in-kind expenses) should be worth the investment.
6. Joining or resigning from a coalition should be a board decision, which may be made by electronic means.
7. The League representative to a coalition should be approved annually by the League board.
8. The League representative to a coalition must have the prior approval of the League president or her designee before making any statement of League position on an issue.

These guidelines are intended as samples for local Leagues to adapt as needed.

Adapted from Sample Coalition Guidelines of the National Board and State Coalition Guidelines of the LWV's of Arkansas and Massachusetts.