

## **LWVIL Guidelines for Co-Sponsorship of Meetings/Events**

The event should focus on education, advocacy or League expertise in workshops or be of the nature to provide visibility for membership purposes. Examples would be:

- issues-oriented events where the League has a position;
- issues-oriented events where the League is facilitating public dialogue;
- candidates forums and debates;
- workshops done by League members as part of a co-sponsored event; or
- informational/civic action "fairs" where organizations provide literature for the public.

The executive committee should determine the League's participation in the event, either at a meeting or by electronic means, based on the following factors:

- consistency with League's nonpartisan position, issue positions, principles and priorities adopted as strategic goals (Restoring Public Trust in Government, Expanding Voter Participation, Including All Voices in Civic Life and Making Government Fair and Open for All);
- degree of involvement in terms of people and financial resources; and
- value of the League's name to our membership and/or our coalition partners.

It is desirable but not mandatory that the League have input in the planning/organization of the event. League guidelines for participation must be communicated to the co-sponsors. LWVIL Education Fund dollars may not be used for any meetings/events which promote or lobby for specific legislation.

***These are state League guidelines. Local Leagues may wish to apply these same guidelines as they develop their own guidelines for co-sponsorship of meetings and events.***