

The League's statement on fair, respectful, and transparent elections in Newton

*We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate. —League of Women Voters vision statement*

To honor this vision and to protect the strength of our local democratic process, the LWV of Newton urges all residents involved in Newton's electoral process, whether as a voter, supporter, organizer, or candidate, to...

- Encourage respect for candidates and voters in all that you say and do.
- Maintain a high-level of integrity and reliability in all campaign activities
- Ensure that communications are relevant, truthful, and fact-based.
- Become educated on the issues that are important to Newton's residents.
- Be open to honest debate.
- Maintain civility as we focus on our shared interest in Newton's future.

As we encourage everyone to participate in our democracy, we likewise encourage all to show one another courtesy and respect – when speaking, listening, online, and otherwise engaging--especially where there may be disagreement.