

Who Should Run for Upcoming Municipal Elections?

The League of Women Voters of Greenwich hopes that **YOU** will.

On November 5, 2019, Greenwich voters will elect candidates to run important Town functions. 12 members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, 4 members of the Board of Education, and 230 members of the Representative Town Meeting are up for election. For the first time in almost 15 years, there will not be an incumbent First Selectman candidate. Members of these boards make decisions that impact local property taxes, children's education and a host of other critical issues impacting the environment, health and the safety of our Town and its residents.

Except for the Board of Selectmen, all other board members serve without pay, donating their time and talents to form a truly volunteer government for our Town. Both Republican and Democratic Town Committees are searching for candidates to fill these spots.

Now is the time to consider nominating yourself as candidate for one of these important boards. A truly representative volunteer government requires residents to step up and volunteer their services.

What does it take to become a candidate?

- Belief in your values, confidence that you can make a difference and have the time to commit to the effort;
- Support from family and friends;
- Understanding that at a local level proceedings are very much hands on and visible;
- Desire to give voters a choice and support democracy;
- Willingness to work for and with people to help Greenwich continue to be a well-managed community

How to Become a Candidate?

Town Committees select their slate of candidates. Unaffiliated candidates are also welcome to run. The League of Women Voters of Greenwich has published a Guide on *How to Run for Public Office* which is available on this website (How To Run For Office under LWVG Publications) or can be obtained by calling 203 352-4700. Now is the time to step up and become an active participant in our government. You will meet and engage with people whose lives you may be affecting.

How Will the League of Women Voters Help?

The League of Women Voters is a non-profit non-partisan organization dedicated to increasing citizen participation in government. As such, we

- * Present fair and unbiased Candidates' Forums and/or Debates. Every candidate is given the same information, questions, access, and availability.
- * Publish a Voters' Guide providing information on candidates in a strictly nonpartisan manner. The Guide is published as an insert in the *Greenwich Time* and available on the League website as well as other news media websites. A separate electronic guide for RTM candidate will also be published.
- * Work to get-out-the-vote to increase participation in local elections, traditionally a low voter turnout event.
- * Hold public forums on important issues facing the voters.

The League's goal is to provide information to voters so they can make intelligent, informed decisions on Election Day. If you choose to run, your candidacy will be presented in a fair and equitable way. We look forward to a strong participation from citizens in the governmental process.

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