**LWVNYS Policy on Open or Empty Chairs in Candidate Events**

It is extremely important that all leagues throughout New York state speak with one voice, have clear and consistent policies, and adhere to our nonpartisan policy. Therefore "open or empty" chair candidate meetings will not be allowed at any level of League for any elected position. Any League sponsored public event that invites a candidate for elected office will be considered a candidate meeting. A candidate meeting with only one candidate physically present is an "open or empty" chair candidate meeting. *(Adopted by State Board July 2017)*

**LWVNYS Policy on Candidate Events for Primaries**

Any league holding a candidate meeting for a party primary for elected office, must offer to hold a candidate meeting for any party that has a primary for that elected office. This will ensure that the League is not perceived as supporting or opposing a party. *(Adopted by State Board July 2017)*

All of Road to the Voting Booth, Part I, II and III, are available on the state League website under Voter Services.

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**Revised Video-recording policy sample**

1. The content of this forum is owned by the League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns.

2. Only the videographer authorized by the League may record this forum.

3. Any use of the authorized recording requires the advanced approval of the League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns, except other local leagues may post the recordings on their websites. Only licensed media, including TV, radio, and newspapers, are entitled by FCC regulations to air portions of this recording. Anyone else who airs this recording may do so only in its entirety.

4. No one is permitted to edit footage for campaign purposes.

5. The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns will post recordings of forums in their entirety on League media.

6. All party chairs and candidates will sign a release form stating that they have read and accepted the conditions stated above.