

Nonpartisanship

To the editor: In his recent letter, Bill Burnette wrote that the League of Women Voters “presents itself as being nonpartisan” and then asks, “Why does its rhetoric always lean left ...” The League of Women Voters is nonpartisan in that it neither endorses nor opposes political candidates or parties. This does not, however, mean that the league is not political nor that the league does not have positions on many issues that have been and are politicized from voter rights to health care, public education to immigration.

Mr. Burnette asked why the league does not take “a stand for the party you actually support?” and says our national problems are unresolvable because nonpartisanship doesn’t exist at any level.

Ironically, this is precisely the reason why the league is committed to nonpartisanship.

We foster informed discussion on issues that affect citizens and take great pains to then consider all statistics, evidence and opinions before taking any position. Our positions are reached by consensus of our members, and everyone over the age of 16 is warmly invited to join us. Our mission is to empower voters and defend democracy through a well-informed electorate.

If that’s not nonpartisan, we don’t know what is!

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