

Charter Agreement — [County] County Chapter, League of Constitutional Voters

1. Grant. League of Constitutional Voters Corporation ("the League") grants a [provisional / permanent] charter to the [County] County Chapter ("the Chapter"), effective [date], to conduct the League's programs within [County] County, Washington, under the League's name, Articles, Bylaws, and insurance. The Chapter is an unincorporated operating division of the League and not a separate entity.

2. Charter members and officers. The Chapter is chartered on the application of the [ten or more] members listed in Schedule A, who have designated as initial officers: Chair [name]; Vice Chair [name]; Secretary [name]; Treasurer [name]. Each officer certifies completion of League Basic Training and signs the Article I acknowledgment attached as Schedule B.

3. Nonpartisanship. The Chapter adopts Article I of the League Bylaws in full. The Chapter shall not endorse, rate, rank, score, support, or oppose any candidate or party, shall not take positions on public policy, and shall treat every ballot-qualified candidate in every covered race identically, keeping the invitation and response logs the Bylaws require. The Chapter acknowledges that any violation of Article I is cause for immediate suspension of this charter.

4. Programs. The Chapter shall conduct the three core programs — monthly meet-and-greets, quarterly Learn to Run workshops, and the annual Empty Ballot List and filing-week program — to the League's Equal-Treatment Standard, and at least one activity each year under each of the League's other pillars (The Constitution; Americanism and Citizenship; Children and Youth).

5. Standard bylaws and rules. The Chapter operates under the League Bylaws. The Chapter may adopt standing rules not inconsistent with them, provided that the first two articles of any Chapter rules are identical to Articles I and II of the League Bylaws. The Chapter shall not create its own bylaws, incorporate, obtain an employer identification number, open a bank account except as a sub-account authorized by the League Treasurer, or enter any contract exceeding \$500 without League approval.

6. Dues and funds. Members in [County] County pay dues to the League. The League allocates sixty percent of annual dues from Chapter-affiliated members to the Chapter and retains forty percent, subject to a floor of \$8 per member to the League, or as otherwise fixed under the Bylaws. Chapter funds are League funds; the Chapter Treasurer shall follow the League's dual-signature, receipt, and reporting rules and is covered by the League's fidelity insurance.

7. Reports. The Chapter shall file a quarterly activity and membership report within thirty days after each quarter and an annual program report by January 31, in the League's form.

8. Name, marks, and materials. The Chapter may use the League's name and marks only in the form "[County] County Chapter, League of Constitutional Voters" and only for League programs, and shall use the League's event, voter-guide, and Empty Ballot List templates without alteration of the equal-treatment elements.

9. Training. Every Chapter officer and every person who moderates a Chapter event or edits a Chapter voter guide shall hold the training required by Article X of the Bylaws.

10. Term; permanent charter. A provisional charter is issued for one year. The Chapter may apply for a permanent charter after ninety days upon completing the conditions in Bylaws Article VII, Section 3. A permanent charter continues until suspended, revoked, or surrendered.

11. Suspension and revocation. The League may suspend or revoke this charter for cause under Bylaws Article VII, Section 6, after written notice and thirty days to respond. Upon suspension, revocation, or surrender, all Chapter funds, records, member data, and property remain the League's and shall be delivered to the League Secretary within fifteen days.

12. Delegate. The Chapter shall designate one delegate to the Annual Assembly (the Filing Week Summit) and, when a state board exists, to the state board.

Signed for the League: _____ President · _____ Secretary · Date _____
Signed for the Chapter: _____ Chair · _____ Vice Chair ·
_____ Secretary · _____ Treasurer · Date _____

Schedules: A (charter members) · B (Article I acknowledgment) · C (Equal-Treatment Standard) · D (startup kit: Bylaws, Chapter Officer Guide, event templates, voter guide format, checklists).

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Schedule B — Article I Acknowledgment (signed by every chapter officer, annually)

I have read Article I of the Bylaws of the League of Constitutional Voters and the Equal-Treatment Standard. I understand that in any League role I may not endorse, rate, rank, score, support, or oppose any candidate or party, or take any position on public policy in the League's name; that every ballot-qualified candidate in a covered race must be treated identically; that the logs must be kept; and that if I become a candidate for public office or take a paid or titled role in any campaign or political committee, I will take a leave of absence from every League role until the election is certified. My personal political activity in my own name is my own.

Name _____ Role _____ Signature _____ Date _____
