Atlanta League of Women Voters

Slogan: VOTE AS YOU PLEASE, but VOTE

OBJECTIVES:
To study governmental affairs.
To create and clarify issues at elections, taking emphasis away from personalities and putting it on platform.
To act as a clearing house and co-ordinating agent for all individuals and groups interested in improving government.
To interpret governmental affairs to the public.
To supply the information necessary for busy voters to participate intelligently in government.
To secure a majority of voters who are intelligent and informed.

METHOD:
(The League is a non-partisan organisation. The League never supports candidates. The League back certain principles of good government after no less than a year of study.)
The League keeps political records of all city and county policy determining officials.
The League sends questionnaires to candidates on all important issues, and publish the questions and their answers, together with their political records. (Newspapers are now asking for and publishing this information to a larger group of citizens.)
The League publishes a political directory of all state, county, and city officials.
The League's representative attends all public meetings of governmental bodies.
The League for years has held candidates' luncheons, where the public may see and hear all candidates; recently they have presented candidates to the public on a radio program.
The League sponsors Get-Out-the-Vote campaigns, arousing public interest and public opinion at primary and election time.
The League conducts regular Wednesday morning study groups, open to the public, on local, state, national, and international affairs.
The League publishes a monthly bulletin of local political information, "FACTS," which goes to our entire membership, and is sold on the news stands.

PLATFORM:
(Space makes it impossible to print the entire platform of the local, state and National League of Women Voters. The following are excerpts.)
One-Unit Government for Atlanta and Fulton County: elimination of the overlapping functions of local governments.
Civil Service: The merit system to replace the spoils system in all branches of government.
Home Rule.
A short Ballot ... the election of only policy determining officials and appointment of all administrative officials.
Revision of the local tax situation by the survey method.
Adequate records and a systematic purging of the registration lists.
Plan for permanent, sound and adequate support of Public Welfare on a county basis.
Non-political Director of Public Safety to have complete charge of Atlanta Police and Fire Departments.
Elimination of the number from the ballot in the county elections.
County Democratic Executive Committee: smaller committee; rules prohibiting primaries before September 1st; preferential count in primaries to avoid run-overs.
Election at large of all policy determining officials of City and County, thereby eliminating sectional politics.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
(The League studies and then advocates reform. After years of agitation by the League, other groups and individuals become interested and help push the reforms into laws. Below are listed selections from the accomplishments of the League since its organization in 1919.)
A single and permanent registration system for all elections and primaries.
The abolition of the fee system in Fulton County.
Conducted two Council-Manager Campaigns.
Circulated propaganda leading to city graft investigation.
Reduction in the size of City Council and Board of Education, by reducing the number of wards.
Removal of the number from the ballot of the City, thereby providing for a real secret ballot.
Secured a reduction in size of the City Democratic Executive Committee, public sessions of this body, and laws regarding same.
Secured laws preventing City Primaries before September 1st.
Successful campaign in 1938 for a late County Primary.

MEMBERSHIP: League members are men and women interested in improving government. The League is helping citizens to understand better the complicated machinery of government; realizing that if we are to retain the Democracy under which we live, intelligent men and women must take an active part in governmental affairs.

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