



**League of Women Voters of New Jersey
Gubernatorial Succession Study**

9/15/05

Local Leagues, MAL units, and individual MALs are asked to submit an answer to the following question on gubernatorial succession to the state League office by **October 7, 2005**. You may send your response to the state office by regular mail or e-mail. The addresses are noted below.

Number of members polled _____
Number of members in your League _____

Do you support the November 8th, 2005 ballot question that establishes the office of Lieutenant Governor and revises gubernatorial succession?

“Yes” votes _____
“No” votes _____

Comments

Please email your League’s response with “Gubernatorial Succession” in the subject heading to danzeyburnham@lwvnj.org.

Please mail your response to Gubernatorial Succession, The League of Women Voter of New Jersey, 204 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Please see second page for an explanation of the process.

A Word on the Process

LWVUS's guidelines for reaching member agreement for a League position are published on page 58 of *In League* (available in the *Members Only* section on www.lwv.org). *In League* states that "questionnaires and other direct member agreement techniques" are an option for reaching member agreement. "The Board may decide to send a questionnaire to the entire membership to solicit the views of each member directly.... It [the questionnaire] can be of the yes/no/but variety and it may or may not invite comments."

Due to the immediacy of this issue, we are using a yes/no questionnaire to determine membership agreement for the first stage of the Gubernatorial Succession Study.

The LWVNJ Board and Study Committee understand the pressure this "quick" questionnaire places on local Leagues. However, we hope that you all can appreciate the import of having the League take a position on New Jersey's electoral process. For this questionnaire to succeed, we need responses from two-thirds of our Leagues, so your participation is vital.

Please consider different ways to get your member's feedback if a face-to-face meeting is not possible before October 7, 2005. For example, your president can email the study guide and questionnaire to all members (or request them to go online to get the materials at <http://www.lwvnj.org/members/gssc.shtml>) Request a vote and comments by email or telephone. Tally these votes and comments and send the form to LWVNJ.

As with a traditional consensus meeting, a majority of member participation is not a necessary qualification for member agreement. Votes and comments are only needed from those who chose to participate.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Roberta Spray, Study Chair at rcspray@optonline.net (973-299-0919), or Louise Murray, LWVJ Board Program VP, at LouiseAMurray@aol.com (973-538-7143).

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to hearing from you.