

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education, employment and housing for all persons in the United States regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability. (LWVUS *Impact on Issues, 2006-2008*, pp. 57-58).

Since 1993 the LWNYS has strongly supported legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, credit, public accommodation, education, etc., the so-called Gay Civil Rights Bill. Since its introduction, this legislation has passed the Assembly early in both sessions—1994 and 1995—but was held in the Senate Republican conference.

The League also actively supported the “Private Clubs” Bill to prohibit discrimination in evaluation application for membership in places of public accommodation, resorts, or amusement (except in distinctly private clubs). In the 1994 legislative session, this legislation passed both houses and was signed into law.

For employment opportunity, please refer to the Pay Equity section of this document, which is located on pages 161 – 163.