

INCORPORATION UPDATE

In February 2018, the Board unanimously voted to incorporate LWVODC. Incorporation provides numerous benefits to nonprofit organizations, as outlined in NC General Statutes § 55A, and is recommended by LWVUS. We were incorporated in November 2018, and our entity's name for all purposes is now League of Women Voters Orange Durham and Chatham Counties, Inc. For informal communications, we can use "LWVODC, Inc.", as distinguished from "LWVODC".

Our new entity needs Bylaws, which the Board has decided to base on the existing LWVODC Bylaws, with some changes. The existing LWVODC Bylaws contain boilerplate provided by LWVUS that includes language doesn't apply to our organization, so we have made suggestions to clarify that language in the LWVODC, Inc. Bylaws. In addition, in the existing LWVODC Bylaws, the timeframe for taking members off the roster for non-payment of dues does not reflect LWVODC's practice. The Board also recommends including language in the LWVODC, Inc. Bylaws that spells out some of the LWVUS best practices described at <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/recruitment-engagement/best-practices> and that were not referenced in the existing LWVODC Bylaws.

The proposed Bylaws for LWVODC, Inc., along with a description of the differences from the LWVODC Bylaws, will be posted on the LWVODC web site Member Information page in February. Members are invited to provide comments on the proposed LWVODC, Inc. Bylaws to Pat McDaniels, which will be presented to and vote on by the Board. Any additional changes to the LWVODC, Inc. Bylaws approved by the Board will be posted on the web site Member Information page. The membership will be asked for a vote to approve of the LWVODC, Inc. Bylaws at the Annual Meeting in May.