

**RESOLUTION:**

1. Whereas, the League of Women Voters has been an active champion of openness and transparency in government throughout our history, and
2. Whereas, problems arising from the use of electronic voting systems led to the LWVUS adoption of the SARA Resolution that our voting systems be Secure, Accurate, Recountable and Accessible, and
3. Whereas, the principle of Transparency will improve the current SARA Resolution and enhance public confidence in elections, which are the basis of our democracy, and
4. Whereas, election transparency means full public access to all election procedures in order to allow meaningful verification of ballot handling, tabulating, auditing and related election records, and
5. Whereas, furthermore in January 2009, the LWVUS Election Audit Task Force issued its Report on Election Auditing which repeatedly emphasized the critical need for transparency; therefore be it

Resolved that the LWVUS add the principle of Transparency to the SARA Resolution, as adopted at the 2004 LWVUS Convention and amended at the 2006 LWVUS Convention.

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