

## **NO on Proposition 8 Stop the Marriage Ban**

- The League of Women Voters opposes major threats to basic constitutional rights. The right to a civil marriage should be available to all on an equal basis. The California Constitution guarantees marriage equality to all couples. Proposition 8 would exclude one group of people from that fundamental constitutional right.
- Regardless of how anyone feels about the issue, people should not be singled out for unfair treatment under the laws of our state. Those committed and loving couples who want to accept the responsibility that comes with marriage should be treated like everyone else.
- Domestic partnerships are simply not enough. Domestic partners do not have the same rights as spouses in many situations, such as when one partner requires medical attention or when life-and-death decisions must be made.
- Fundamental constitutional rights and freedoms should not be decided at the ballot box. No one would consider supporting an initiative aimed at taking the right to vote away from a group of citizens. Taking away the right to marry from gays and lesbians should be just as unacceptable.
- The League believes in equal rights and equal opportunity for all. Taking away marriage rights for gay and lesbian couples but not others will subject not only gay and lesbian couples but also their children to different and unequal treatment.

**Vote NO on Proposition 8 — to protect equality, freedom and  
fairness for everyone.**