



The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Citizen Education Fund

### **Democracy and Change: Newly-elected President**

2008 was a historic presidential election year. The excitement generated by the candidates' campaigns inspired people to vote in large numbers. Now that the new president has been declared, it is time for him to act on the promises made during the campaign.

#### **Question for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Imagine that you were to have a 15-minute conversation with the president. What would you talk about? What topics would you ask him about and how do you think that he would respond?

#### **Question for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

What do you feel should be the main concern of the president in this first year in office and why?

#### **Question for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

What top two priorities should the President accomplish in the first two years of his term? What do you feel would be the most effective method for accomplishing these ideas?

#### **Question for 18-24 year-old Division**

In the U.S. Constitution, there is a system of checks and balances between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the federal government.

Do you believe that the system of checks and balances has been maintained, or is there currently an imbalance in power between the branches? What effects could this distribution of power have on the president and his ability to pass his agenda during his term in office?