General Guidelines/Criteria

NCJW’s Mission Statement:
“The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.”

To accomplish its mission, the National Council of Jewish Women will work on behalf of the following priorities:
- Advance the Well-being and Status of Women
- Advance the Well-being of Children and Families
- Enhance the Quality of Jewish Life
- Ensure and Advance Individual and Civil Rights
- Support a Secure Israel and the Well-being of All Its People

Criteria for Determining Changes to Resolutions
- Is the proposed change consistent with NCJW’s mission statement and does it relate to one of the priorities?
- Is the resolution flexible enough to meet current social issues or is it unduly restrictive?
- Is the resolution broad and enabling, reflecting the goal to be achieved rather than the programmatic means by which to accomplish the goal?
- Is this an issue on which NCJW at the state, local, or national levels has advocated, done research, or undertaken education or community service projects in the recent past?
- Does the resolution articulate a position that is not already covered by an existing resolution or principle?

Criteria for Determining Changes to Principles*
- Is the principle consistent with NCJW’s mission and priorities?
- Is the principle consistent with Jewish values?
- Is it a broad philosophical statement? (This is one way that principles differ from resolutions.)
- Does the principle express an enduring aspiration?
- Is the principle a statement that is not already covered by an existing principle?

*Principles are the fundamental beliefs of NCJW, the guiding tenets of the organization.