



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CALIFORNIA

June 24, 2015

The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Chair  
Committee on Elections and Redistricting  
California State Assembly  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0001

**Re: SB 505 (Mendoza)—SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas:

The League of Women Voters of California is pleased to support SB 505 (Mendoza) which would eliminate the requirement that California's Voter Bill of Rights be worded as specified, and would instead authorize the Secretary of State to revise its wording as necessary to ensure understanding by the public.

The League of Women Voters of California supports measures that will protect every citizen's right to vote and ensure government's responsibility to protect this right through regulations and procedures that encourage an informed and active electorate. The voter should be provided with relevant, accurate, and easily understandable information on elections, election issues, and candidates.

The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, under the direction of project manager Jennifer S. Pae, recently completed research that strongly supports the use of plain, accessible language instead of technical terms in voter education materials. The LWVCEF *Best Practices Manual for Official Voter Information Guides* highlights materials designed to “make information easy to read” and “written in a language voters can understand” as best practices.

We urge Assembly members to support this bill in committee and on the Assembly floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Helen L. Hutchison'.

Helen L. Hutchison  
President

cc: Senator Tony Mendoza

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