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VIA Online Portal to Author and Assembly Committees on Elections and Local Government

The Honorable Steven Glazer
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 594 (Glazer) – Elections: local redistricting – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Glazer:

The League of Women Voters of California writes in support of SB 594, your legislation to clarify the redistricting process for counties and special districts. It specifies that plans for California counties may be adopted by either ordinance or resolution, and that "adoption" of the plans means passage of the ordinance or resolution specifying the new district boundaries. It additionally clarifies that, after each decennial census, special districts are required to redistrict before their next election.

The League of Women Voters believes that redistricting at all levels of government should include opportunities for robust public participation. The projected delay in receiving the census data needed to draw new maps means that the time for public input will already be abbreviated. SB 594 provides a clarification that the timeline for counties will not be even shorter than necessary, and further clarifies that special districts are required to redistrict after each census.

The League of Women Voters of California supports SB 594 as a necessary clarification to the laws regulating redistricting in California counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Moon Goldberg
President