



August 28, 2022

**VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author**

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1848 (Bryan) – Redistricting – REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature AB 1848 (Bryan)**, which would require that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC) use population numbers adjusted to reallocate people incarcerated in state prisons to their last known address when drawing new district lines.

While the current CCRC complied with [Cal. Elec. Code Section 2003 \(d\)](#)'s request to count incarcerated people as residing at their last known place of residence, rather than at the institution of their incarceration, AB 1848 requires future Commissions to make this adjustment to ensure fair and equitable representation for all Californians.

The problem with counting incarcerated people as residing in the locality where they are imprisoned is that such localities receive more representatives, and the localities where incarcerated people came from and will return to receive fewer representatives, than is warranted. Since California's prison population is disproportionately comprised of people of color, AB 1848 addresses an inequity

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that adversely impacts political representation among California's Latino and African American populations.

Voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. Both the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 require that the redrawing of districts must not dilute the effective representation of minority citizens.

"One person, one vote" means that districts that include or exclude people who don't or do live there, respectively, are wrong.

**For these reasons, the League of Women Voters of California strongly supports AB 1848 (Bryan) and requests your signature. Thank you.**

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