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VIA Online Portal to Author, Assembly Committee on Elections, and Assembly Committee on Local Government

The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4240
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1807 (Cervantes) – County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Cervantes:

The League of Women Voters of California writes in strong support of AB 1807, which would align the requirements for the Riverside County Redistricting Commission with elements of California's local redistricting law, the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions Act ("FAIR MAPS Act (FMA)").

The League of Women Voters of California supports a state redistricting process and standards that promote fair and effective representation with maximum opportunity for public scrutiny and engagement. We believe responsibility for redistricting should be vested in an independent commission with diverse membership that is representative of the public at large and protective of minority group interests. We applaud your work to establish the County of Riverside Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2023.

The League strongly supports this bill to align Riverside County's redistricting with the criteria for establishing new districts established in the FMA, add prohibitions on ex parte communications, and strengthen post-service commissioner restrictions. Importantly, AB 1807 will also ensure that the Commission materials are translated into all applicable languages for the Riverside community.

For these reasons, the League of Women Voters of California strongly supports AB 1807. Thank you for your work to help ensure fair and effective redistricting in Riverside County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Doute". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephanie Doute
Executive Director