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Message:

I support and stand with, The League of Women Voters of Texas, who support action to achieve an effective method for drawing boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts. The League supports the formation of an autonomous, Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission following the decennial census with the initial responsibility of formulating a redistricting plan designating boundaries for the U.S.

congressional districts and the state House and Senate districts. Criteria and standards for drawing district boundaries include the following:

Districts must be apportioned on the basis of equal population Districts must be geographical and contiguous Consideration must be given to ensuring that the districts be compact, that district lines coincide with boundaries of local political subdivisions, and that districts not be drawn to dilute the voting strength of minority populations or drawn with the intent to favor or disfavor a political party or incumbent Efforts should be made to avoid splitting residential subdivisions and large residential complexes into more than one district.

Districts must not be apportioned on the basis of numbers of electors, but on total population (a qualified elector is any person eligible to vote in a state election in Texas; federal apportionment law is based on total population.) The redistricting process must include:

Specific time lines for the steps leading to adoption of the redistricting plan and Public hearings on the plan proposed for adoption.

The time for Texas to stop designing districts for the sole purpose of retaining Republican-GOP rule and suppressing the votes of Texans who neither look like them nor have their wealth, is now.