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May 24, 2021

Marin County Board of Supervisors
Marin County Civic Center
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: 2021 Redistricting Process

Dear Board Members:

The League of Women Voters believes our political maps should represent the people who live within them. To that end, we look forward to supporting your efforts in implementing a robust and transparent redistricting process. This letter outlines the League's recommendations for that process.

As soon as possible, the County should establish, implement and publish an outreach strategy to gather meaningful public input in developing the new maps. The delay in receipt of the final census data should not be allowed to impede this process.

The published outreach strategy should reflect the goals listed below:

- Protect and maintain communities of interest;
- Include at least one public hearing regarding the proposed consultant who will develop the map(s);
- Include at least one public hearing regarding the proposed outreach plan for the redistricting process;
- Ensure the consulting firm and redistricting process as a whole offers accessible online and in-person opportunities to provide input regarding communities of interest and the impacts of proposed lines, as well as other comments, questions, concerns, and ideas related to the proposed maps;
- Include accessibility approaches that remove physical, technological, language, and other barriers to public participation, including work schedules and family commitments;
- Include, for each of the five districts, accessible communication activities with opportunities for engagement before and after proposed maps are created

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- Leverage the trusted messengers and communities of interest infrastructure used to ensure a complete 2020 census count, Municipal Advisory Councils, Interfaith Networks, and other existing network/neighborhood infrastructure to communicate about how and why to participate in the redistricting process;
- Provide adequate funding and personnel to accomplish these goals in partnership with community volunteers; and
- Provide meeting notices at least two weeks in advance, including notices of applicable Supervisor and Redistricting Committee meetings.

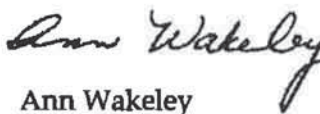
Finally, we recommend that the County establish a citizens redistricting commission or committee with a well-defined role and, further, that this advisory group follow the statutory rules for a Citizens Advisory Commission, namely, excluding any person who is an elected official of the County or a family member, staff member, or paid campaign staff of an elected County official.

We will promote the use of the *Local Redistricting Checklist: For city and county governments of California*, a Common Cause publication, in assessing the redistricting process.

Thank you for considering these suggestions.

Sincerely,


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Chair, Local Redistricting Committee
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Ann Wakeley
President

Attachment: *Local Redistricting Checklist: For city and county governments of California*