



LWV OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

February 9, 2009

Elaine Howle
California State Auditor
555 Capitol Mall
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Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Bureau of State Auditor Voters First Act Prop II Regional Public Meeting

I am speaking on the behalf of the League of Women Voters of San Diego County which is composed by the LWV of East County, LWV of North Coast, LWV of Escondido and LWV of San Diego (city). Thank you for the opportunity to express comments on processes that need to be established to implement true redistricting reform in California. As you know, the California League of Women Voters was one of the organizations that endorsed Proposition 11 and advocated on behalf of its passage.

In order for the Bureau of State Auditor to create an open and comprehensive process for recruiting voters seeking to apply for the Citizens Redistricting Commission, we believe that there should be extensive outreach to local communities publicizing the process. There should be an application form that covers a wide range of skills and experience. Beyond the obvious categories such as academic background and professional experience, the application form should include such categories as ability to analyze data, and involvement in local or state issues and service on local/state commissions. In addition the application should list any service that could potentially result in disqualification under Voters First Act. A careful screening process of the applications must be prepared in order to ensure that there is no conflict of interest.

Transparency in the selection for the Commission is very important to the public. The State Auditor will need to adopt policies that will allow the public to easily follow the application, screening and selection of the Commission. The public must feel assured that the selection process has been implemented in a completely open manner. The use of all forms of communication including press, radio, television, and the various tools available on the Internet should be maximized. The League of Women Voters of San Diego County pledges to assist the State Auditor in making suggestions a reality in our county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy McCleary". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Nancy McCleary
Co-President
League of Women Voters of San Diego County