



November 24, 2020

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Item 25: Ensuring Transparent Selection of Citizens Redistricting Commission Members**  
Sent via email with two pages attached.

Dear Supervisors Barger, Kuehl, Hahn, Solis and Ridley-Thomas,

The League of Women Voters of California was a leader in the movement to create California's independent Citizens Redistricting Commission in order to ensure that the process is transparent, equitable, and free of discrimination; that community members can provide input to shape district maps; that partisanship is minimized; and that our election district maps are drawn fairly. Furthermore, we built in rules to guarantee that Commission members reflect California's diversity.

The League of Women Voters (LWV) believes that to be fair, districts should be drawn in a transparent manner by politically independent special commissions that use unbiased criteria to help keep communities intact and to ensure that everyone is equally represented.

Therefore, the LWV of Los Angeles County supports Supervisor Hahn's motion to livestream the random selection of the first eight Citizen's Redistricting Commission members by the Auditor-Controller's office during a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. This will allow the public to witness the process in a safe and transparent manner.

The LWV of Los Angeles County is in favor of the designated process by which five of the eight selected commissioners be drawn one from each of the five supervisorial district sub pools of qualified candidates and the remaining three drawn from the total pool of candidates. Beyond this, the remaining six commissioner members which are drawn from the remaining pool of candidates should be drawn by the first eight Commissioners in a public livestreamed format also.

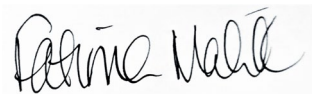
The LWV further requests that the selection by the Commission of staff, demographers and line drawers, as well as attorneys be done in open meetings to which the public has access remotely. In addition, commission deliberations should be open and transparent and there should be no *ex parte communications* among commissioners and between commissions and Supervisors or their staff.

Furthermore, the LWV believes that all the commission meetings and hearings must be livestreamed for the benefit of the public. In addition, translations should be provided in each of the required ballot languages. Commission meetings and hearings should be announced broadly to the public in multiple languages and medias at least 7 days in advance however, the League believes that 14 days of notice would be even more effective. A current easily accessible website must be available to the public to learn about Commission proceedings, to provide access to census tract data for use in drawing maps, to provide access to proposed maps, to submit independently drawn

maps, and to learn about upcoming hearings and meetings. Commission meetings should be held throughout the county to facilitate the participation of a wide diversity of people.

Thank you for working to make the Redistricting process accessible to citizens in the county.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fatima Malik", is placed on a light gray rectangular background.

Fatima Malik, President  
League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County