



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOMMENDS — SUPPORT PROP. 11 ON NOVEMBER 4!

Prop. 11 is needed to help break partisan gridlock in Sacramento.

- Partisan gridlock prevents our state lawmakers from effectively addressing our most pressing issues such as the state budget, health care, education, the impending water crisis, and the environment.
- Contributing to this ongoing problem is the fact that legislators are not accountable to voters because they draw their own district lines to ensure their reelection.

Prop. 11 holds politicians accountable.

- Proposition 11 will change the way legislative districts are drawn. Under the current system, legislative races have a 99 percent re-election rate, giving little incentive for lawmakers to be accountable and responsible to voter wishes.
- Proposition 11 creates fairly drawn, competitive legislative districts, forcing legislators to respond to voter concerns or risk losing reelection.
- Proposition 11 ensures that communities of interest—counties, cities, neighborhoods and communities—are not divided simply to guarantee the reelection of incumbent legislators.

Prop. 11 ensures a nonpartisan, open process, with clear criteria.

- Prop. 11 creates a 14-member independent citizens commission to draw legislative districts, under strict, nonpartisan rules.
- Individuals with conflicts of interest are excluded from the commission.
- The commission will consist of five Democrats, five Republicans, and four members not associated with either party.
- Rules for the commission require an open and transparent process.
- Districts formed by the commission must respect city and county boundaries, neighborhoods, and communities, and protect minority representation.

Prop. 11 has broad based and diverse bipartisan support.

In addition to the League of Women Voters of California, Prop. 11 is supported by AARP California, California Common Cause, Governor Schwarzenegger, former State Controller Steve Westly, Governor Gray Davis, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, ACLU of Southern California, Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, California Church IMPACT, California Democratic Council, California Chamber of Commerce, local community and business groups, and many more.

Why the League Supports Proposition 11

This proposal meets all the criteria that the League of Women Voters wants to see:

- An independent citizens commission that has members who are qualified and balanced among the major parties, while also providing for others to participate, and representing the diversity of our state's population.
- Clear criteria, in priority order, for establishing districts—not only abiding by the U.S. Constitution and the federal Voting Rights Act but also recognizing communities of interest and the political boundaries of cities and counties.
- An open and public process—with public hearings, sufficient notice to those who want to participate, committee deliberations in public and all records posted on the Internet. Proposed maps will be available for public review and comment prior to any decision.

Please go to www.YesProp11.org or www.lwvc.org for more information.