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Mock Elections Held for Students at 14 High Schools in DuPage County

Hosted by Leagues of Women Voters of Elmhurst, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle/Bloomingtondale, and Wheaton

September 27, 2018—ROSELLE, Illinois—The League of Women Voters in partnership with the DuPage Election Commission, and Governmental Business Systems (GBS) held mock elections for students and teachers in 14 high schools across DuPage County during regular school hours the week of September 17, 2018. Schools participating in the mock elections included: Addison Trail, Community HS District 94, Glenbard East, Glenbard North, Glenbard South, Glenbard West, Lake Park-East, Lake Park-West, Metea Valley, Naperville North, York, Waubonsie Valley, Wheaton North, and Wheaton/Warrenville South.

The DuPage Election Commission delivered sample ballots and actual voting equipment including voting booths, a ballot box and an optical scanner to the 14 schools. Student voters received the “I Voted Sticker” after completing the ballot and feeding it into the optical scanner. Social studies teachers from the High Schools worked closely with League representatives to maximize student participation. Students used sample ballots to vote for Congressional representatives from the 5th, 6th, 8th, and 11th districts along with Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Treasurer.

Students experienced the entire voting process – from registering to vote to casting ballots. One Glenbard West student said she was glad she was able to “practice” voting because now she won’t be nervous when she votes in November. Teachers like the “authentic” voting learning experience.

For more than 98 years, the League of Women Voters has been a grassroots, nonpartisan, civic organization dedicated to increasing voter awareness, education and civic participation. The League has a long history of community involvement and leadership, including sponsoring nonpartisan election activities, such as candidate debates and town hall meetings on important public issues. Bringing the mock election experience to the students provides a hands-on learning experience and increases civic awareness.

The enclosed excel spreadsheet shows the official results of each mock election sorted by the participating high school.

About The League of Women Voters® of Roselle/Bloomingtondale

Formed in 2012, The League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingtondale provides information on topics that improve our local, state and federal government. The League works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. With more than

95 years of experience and almost 800 local and state affiliations, the League is one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations. The League does not support, endorse or oppose political candidates. Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages and all League meetings are open to the public.

For a list of upcoming meetings and events, or to become a member of the League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingtondale, please visit www.lwvrb.org or call 630-283-2894. And don't forget to 'like' the League on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lwvrb. For more information on the US League of Women Voters, visit www.lwv.org, or the Illinois League of Women Voters, visit www.lwvil.org.