



**Measure U - San Mateo County Charter Amendment Measure
Reapportionment of Supervisorial Districts
SUPPORT (YES VOTE)**

Shall the San Mateo County Charter be amended to require that supervisorial districts be reapportioned following each federal decennial census by an independent redistricting commission pursuant to applicable provisions of the California Elections Code?

Under California law, the commission must follow a ranked set of districting criteria. Of these, the highest priority is equal population. The commission must also avoid splitting or diluting communities of interest whenever possible, preserve the geographic integrity of cities and census tracts where practicable, draw districts that are contiguous with clearly identifiable boundaries, and create districts that are reasonably compact.

LWV Position on Redistricting in Brief:

The League of Women Voters believes that responsibility for redistricting should preferably be vested in an independent special commission, with a membership that reflects the diversity of the unit of government, including citizens at large, representatives of public interest groups, and members of minority groups.

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