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We will be soon be celebrating our 90th birthday. Since 1920 we have worked, through education and advocacy, to make America a better place. Walter Cronkite was called the most trusted man in America, and there are many who would say that the League of Women Voters is the most trusted organization in America. We encourage all to be active, informed participants in civic life.

There should be no barriers to voter participation. While preventing voter fraud is important, and we encourage anyone who observes voter fraud to report it to the proper authorities, it cannot come at the expense of suppressing voter participation.

We are probably best known for our Voters Service. We continue to compile Voter Guides for the League of Women Voters such a unique organization. Since our founding by suffragists, the League of Women Voters has worked to encourage and informed active participation in government by registering voters, encouraging citizens to vote, and providing nonpartisan information. We take our mission seriously and work very hard to support Making Democracy Work.

Karen Nicholson, President and Chair

We were busy during the session on many fronts. Aides from legislators and committees called to ask if the League supported specific bills or positions for their bills. Our LWV program chairs followed the issues; the Capitol Corps, our “leg in Austin,” visited legislative offices, attended committee meetings and presented testimony; our members wrote, called, emailed, and visited their legislators about the passage of good government bills and bills that protect the health, safety, and general welfare of all Texans. Our Advocacy Vice President, with support from our state office, worked with a League editor to produce our Legislative Newsletter. We are, indeed, a grassroots organization, and our work during legislative sessions reinforces that.

We will be soon be celebrating our 91st Legislative session and at the State Board Of Education: campaign finance reform; children’s issues including CHIP, Medicaid, and early child- Hood; criminal justice issues including juvenile justice; educa- tion issues including curriculum and testing; election law issues including voting rights and election reform; judicial selection; natural resources issues including air quality and climate change; redistricting; transportation; women’s health.

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