



500 St. Mary's Road #14, Lafayette, CA 94549

February 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Pleasant Hill District Elections

Dear Mayor and City of Pleasant Hill Council Members,

The League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley understands that the City of Pleasant Hill received a letter from attorney Kevin Shenkman stating an at-large election system violates the California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA). The letter threatens legal action to enforce the CVRA, which would be very expensive for Pleasant Hill.

The League supports active community engagement and transparency. We encourage the City Council to ask the community for input on district elections before responding to the Shenkman letter. A widely publicized meeting or public hearing on the subject will certainly attract community members and give you valuable information.

The League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley wants voters to be informed about district elections if Pleasant Hill decides to change from at-large elections. LWV Diablo Valley will host two Zoom programs for Pleasant Hill residents to explain the basics of district elections, best practices to draw maps, and to answer questions. The League looks forward to helping you in any way we can to increase voter understanding and engagement in Pleasant Hill.

Respectfully,

Anne Granlund
President, League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley

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