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Subject: Support for AB 764 & AB 1248

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County urges you to Sign AB 764 and AB 1248. Redistricting is crucial to our democracy. AB 764 (Bryan & Cervantes) and AB 1248 (Bryan & Allen) would help ensure that local jurisdictions adopt electoral maps that result in fair representation for all Californians.

AB 764 would strengthen the FAIR MAPS Act (FMA), which prohibits partisan gerrymandering in cities and counties and sets standardized redistricting criteria to ensure neighborhoods and diverse communities are kept intact. Specifically, AB 764 would:

- Prohibit incumbency protection in the redistricting process.
- Increase transparency and public engagement.
- Expand provisions of the FMA to include educational and special districts.

AB 1248 would require that the state's larger cities, counties, and educational districts establish independent redistricting commissions (IRCs). Voters and communities should choose their elected representatives, rather than elected officials choosing their voters. IRCs are one tool to ensure that the redistricting process respects and fairly represents communities, neighborhoods, and shared interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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