



September 11, 2019

**VIA Email to Author and the Office of the Governor**

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
ATTN: Legislative Unit

**RE: AB 849 (Bonta) - Elections: local redistricting - SUPPORT AND COSPONSOR**

Dear Governor Newsom:

**The League of Women Voters of California is pleased to cosponsor AB 849 (Bonta)**, legislation that will accomplish comprehensive reform of the laws governing local redistricting in California's cities and counties.

The current laws governing local redistricting are obsolete, illogical, and inconsistent. Drawing on California's success with statewide redistricting, the League supports efforts to standardize the criteria for local redistricting, provide for robust public engagement in the process, provide consistent remedies for missed deadlines, and specify deadlines for local redistricting that create a natural staggering of requirements.

The League of Women Voters has been a longtime proponent of redistricting reform both in California and nationally. As leaders of the process that led to California's current Citizens Redistricting Commission, the state League spent years championing reforms which provide a clear national standard of excellence. Furthermore, local Leagues throughout California work assiduously to encourage public input on local redistricting in cities, counties, school districts, and special districts.

We strongly support this package of reforms. AB 849 will achieve an essential overhaul of California's local redistricting process in cities and counties. Signing it will confirm the state's commitment to a fair, representative, and inclusive democracy at local levels of government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President